

BLESSING

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, superficial relationships, so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equity and peace.

BLESSING

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with the foolishness to think that you Can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

ELEVATION

U2CHARIST

Welcome to Aspley-Albany Creek Anglican Church for this U2charist. We hope you will feel at home here and will enjoy this Service.

Feel free to sing and dance during the songs.

Most of the spoken words in the Service come from the Iona Community – a Christian community in Scotland which is committed to social justice.

BEAUTIFUL DAY

OPENING RESPONSES

Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time:
Be with us in this time

Saviour of the world, healer of the nations
Be with us in this place.

Breath of all that lives, of people near and far:
Stir within our lives.

Maker- Spirit-Son, God of here and now:
Be present in our worship, that we may find new ways to be present in your world

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray.
**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WALK ON

CONFESSION

God is love and we are his children
there is no room for fear in love
we love because God loved us first.

**O God, you are always true to us in love
and we are left wanting to say sorry,
for our faithlessness to you and to one another,
for our forgetting of the poor and the broken, for our failure to cherish
creation.
Give us life, O God, to change and enable us to change, that we may
live.**

ABSOLUTION

May God forgive you,
Christ befriend you
And the Spirit renew,
And change your life.

Amen

YAHWEH

ISAIAH 58:1A, 6-10

Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor
into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide
yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring
up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall

INVITATION

We who are many are one body
For we all share in one bread.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is to be made ready
for those who love Him and who want to love Him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have
been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have
tried to follow and you who have failed.

ONE

WHERE THE STREETS HAVE NO NAME

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment,
this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.**

**Take us, renew and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.**

**Lead us on.
Take us with you. Amen.**

And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine; may we who receive them, as Jesus said, share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said, 'Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He shared the cup with them and said, 'This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ and to remember all he has done for us:

Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

LORDS PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us
from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

VIDEO PRESENTATION

Matthew 25:31-40

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

PRIDE IN THE NAME OF LOVE

SERMON

PRAYERS OF CONCERN FOR THE WORLD

Creator God, your love is free, your compassion unconditional, and your mercy infinite. You shower upon us gifts abundant. Grant that we may discover the joy they bring, and inspire us to serve and to love out of that joy. Open our lips, O Creator, that we may proclaim your benevolent truth and your call for justice in all the world.

Creator God, open our lips

Open our hearts, O Giver of Gifts, to be transformed by the mighty outpouring of your compassion, so that our will may be to serve others, with humility, integrity and urgency, remembering that in you we are ONE.

Giver of gifts, open our hearts

Open our eyes, O Sanctifier of Life, to the hurts and needs of others that challenge us to ministry, especially the 100 million children without education, the one person in seven without clean drinking water, the 38 million people with HIV/AIDS. Teach us to see where our own abilities and resources—and the world's deep hunger—meet

Sanctifier of Life, open our eyes

Open our hands, O Spirit, to be your instruments of witness. Help us to work without caution, serve without recognition, to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God

Spirit, open our hands.

Open our memories, O Redeemer of All, as we remember those who have died, the children who die every 3 seconds of hunger, the 500,000 women who die in childbirth each year, and the thousands who have died of HIV/AIDS

Redeemer of all, open our memories

THE PEACE

Not an easy peace,
not an insignificant peace,
not a half-hearted peace,
but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ
is with us now.

Let us share it with each other.
Peace be with you.

And also with you

I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God,
we thank you for this world of wonder and delight. You have given it to us to care for, so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.
Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you, you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us, and bring us back to you. He showed us how to love you and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross Jesus took away our sin, all that keeps us from each other and from you. He frees us from hate and fear, from all that destroys love and trust.
Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**