



ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

197 Macquarie St, Sydney

An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action

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Pentecost 8

Morning Worship

Led by Rev. Ken Day and Mr David Barrow

SOME HELPFUL NOTES FOR YOU ABOUT THE WAY THIS WORSHIP SERVICE FLOWS:

- **CHILDREN** are welcome here. If you have a pram, there are aisles beside the walls where you can 'park' your pram, if that helps. Also, there is more pram space at the back of the church where there is a wider gap. Children do not disturb us, and we are very happy for you to explain to your children what is happening during the service.
- We stand to sing. In the Order of Service it will say other places **WHERE WE STAND UP**, if you are able.
- **HYMNS** are numbered and found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*, or printed in the Order of Service.
- If the **LORD'S SUPPER** (communion) is being celebrated, (there will be a white cloth on the communion table) everyone of every age and background is welcome to share in the supper with us. We serve bread (and gluten free bread is available if you indicate to the server) and grape juice.
- **TEXT IN BOLD** is to be said by the congregation.
- It is the tradition at St Stephen's to refrain from talking during the **PRELUDE** and **POSTLUDE** as these form part of our worship.
- After the service has concluded, you are most welcome to join us downstairs in the hall for **MORNING TEA**. Please use the stairs at each end of the vestibule.
- **TOILETS** are located downstairs below the vestibule. A baby changing table is located in the women's toilet area.
- For those with **IMPAIRED HEARING** a hearing loop is available in the church. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position.

The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

Berceuse

Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937)

Call to Worship

Processional Hymn 142.....*Glory be to God the Father*
(Regent Square)

Please be seated

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

God from whom nothing is hidden
and who knows the motives of our hearts,
forgive us our sins,
and declares to us the joyful truth
that we are a liberated people.

Thanks be to God.

*We stand to sing the **Doxology:***

Doxology 772 *Worship, honour, glory, blessing* (Austria)



Wor - ship, ho - nour, glo - ry, bless ing, Lord we of - fer
to your name; young and old, their praise ex - press - ing,
join your good - ness to pro - claim. As the saints in
heaven a - dore you, we should bow be - fore your throne;
as your ang - els serve be - fore you,
so on earth your will be done.

Please be seated:

Welcome

Ministry and mission news, celebrations and pastoral prayer.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Service of the Word

Anthem

Lead Me, Lord

Text: Psalms 5:8, 4:8

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810 - 1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Prayer for Illumination

Bible Reading

Our Gospel Reading is from **Luke 10:25-37**

Listen for the Word of God to you:

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going

down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Hymn 699A new commandment (*A new commandment*)

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Offering Hymn 657*God of freedom* (Tune: Picardy 497)

Prayers of the People

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray:

**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.**

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 629.....*When I needed a neighbour v1, 4, 5, 6, 7.*
(Neighbour)

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.

Sung Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

Prelude in G minor, BuxWV 148
Dieterich Buxtehude (1637 - 1707)

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Bible Readings taken from the *New Revised Standard Version* (1989)