



# ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

197 Macquarie St, Sydney

*An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action*

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***MORNING WORSHIP***

***Lent 2***

Led by Rev. Ken Day



**L E N T**

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## **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**

*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier BWV 731*

J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

*Please stand at the entry of the minister and remain standing for the...*

## **Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Call to Worship**

### **Hymn 232**

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus*  
(Ebenezer)

# Prayers of Confession

*During this confession, there will be times of silence, followed by singing:*

## ***Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison*** (Lord, have mercy)

*The choir sings the Kyrie first and then the congregation joins in for the repeat.*



*Then follow the **Petitions**.*

*The choir and congregation sing the **Kyrie** (twice) after each **Petition**.*

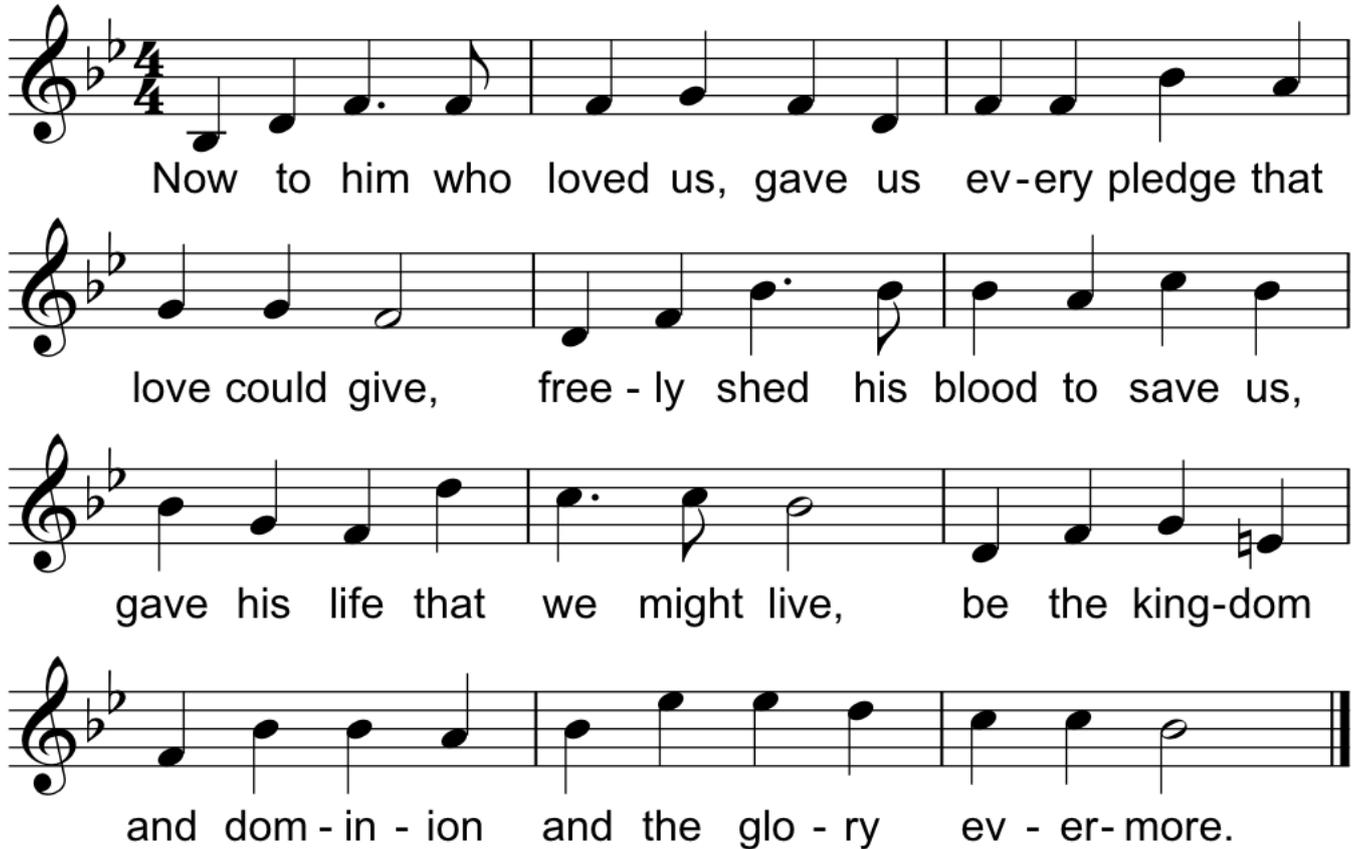
# Declaration of Forgiveness

Even if all others reject you,  
God will not shut you out in anger or abandon you.  
Trust in the Lord, God will save you - body, mind and spirit,  
and enfold you in the wings of mercy.

Sisters and Brothers, our sins are forgiven;

**Thanks be to God**

# Doxology 771 *Now to him who loved us, gave us* (Triumph)



Now to him who loved us, gave us ev-ery pledge that  
love could give, free - ly shed his blood to save us,  
gave his life that we might live, be the king-dom  
and dom - in - ion and the glo - ry ev - er - more.

## 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.**

**Hymn 237**      *Hail Redeemer, King divine!*      (Rex)

### **Collect for Lent 2**

Listen for the word of God to you:

### **Psalm 27**

**1** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**2** When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—  
they shall stumble and fall.

**3** Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

**4** One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

**5** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

**6** Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**7** Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and answer me!

**8** 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'  
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

**9** Do not hide your face from me.  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

**10** If my father and mother forsake me,  
the Lord will take me up because of my enemies.

**12** Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they are breathing out violence.

**13** I believe that I shall see the goodness of the  
Lord in the land of the living.

**14** Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!

## **Anthem**

### ***The Call***

(from "Five Mystical Songs")

*Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)*

*Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 4:1-13*

**21** Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." **22** All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" **23** He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" **24** And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. **25** But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; **26** yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. **27** There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." **28** When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. **29** They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. **30** But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

In this is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn 125

*The God of Abraham praise*

(Leoni)

## Sermon

## *Responding to the Word*

**Hymn**      *Thou didst leave Thy throne*    (Margaret)

1 Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,  
When Thou camest to earth for me;  
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room  
For Thy holy nativity.

*Refrain*

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
There is room in my heart for Thee.*

2 Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,  
Proclaiming Thy royal degree;  
But of lowly birth cam'st Thou Lord on earth,  
And in great humility.

*Refrain*

3 The foxes found rest, and the birds their nest  
In the shade of the cedar tree;  
But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God,  
In the deserts of Galilee.

*Refrain*

4 Thou camest, Lord, with the living Word,  
That should set Thy people free;  
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn,  
They bore Thee to Calvary.

*Refrain*

5 When the heavens arches ring, and her choirs sing,  
At Thy coming to victory,  
Let Thy voice call me home,  
Saying "Yet there is room,  
There is room at My side for thee."

*My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,  
When Thou comest and callest for me.*

*Silent prayer honouring God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, only  
head of the church.*

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## Offering

## Prayer of Dedication

### *The Sending Forth of the People of God*

**Hymn 779**      *May the feet of God walk with you*  
(Aubrey)

## Blessing

## Dismissal

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

## Threefold Amen

## Organ Postlude

*Cortège*

Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937)

Adapted from *Uniting in Worship 2* (2005)  
Bible Readings taken from the *New Revised Standard Version* (1989)