

Notices

Thank you to Rev Steve Crump. Steve's three-month period leading worship at Auburn ends today. We wish him well in his ongoing employment at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and his forthcoming study in bereavement counselling.

Welcome to Alan Chaffee our organist today. As Margaret has requested to slightly reduce her commitment to organ playing in 2019, Alan Chaffee has agreed to play for worship at Auburn about once a month during the year. Until last year Alan was organist/choir director at Collins Street Baptist Church. In his other life he is Professor Alan Chaffee in the Faculty of Science at Monash University.

The new edition of the booklet 'With Love to the World' is available on the resource table – see David Thomas or Daphne for more information.

Reader Today: Avril McHugh
Next Week: Warren Clarnette
Readings next Sunday:
Jeremiah 1: 4-10
1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Flowers Today: Pat Rogerson
Next week: Elizabeth Owens
Psalm 71: 1-6
Luke 4: 21-30



The Auburn Newsletter

Hawthorn Uniting Parish

Sunday 27th January 2019

Service Today
10am Worship Service
Rev Steve Crump

Next Sunday
10am Worship Service
Rev Ross Carter

Sunday Service
10 am weekly

Holy Communion:
monthly:
10 am: 3rd Sunday

Church Lunch:
12 noon in the Hall
monthly 3rd Sunday

Morning Coffee
10.15am monthly
1st Thursday, March
to November, in the
Eileen Pawsey
Room

Church Council:
7.45 pm monthly
1st Thursday in the
Pawsey Room

*NB: Dates and times
may occasionally
change documented
in the pew sheet
notices*

Welcome to all who worship at Auburn today.
Please remain for tea or coffee in the church after the service.
The order of service proceeds without announcements.
Responses by the congregation are in bold type.

Epiphany 3

ORGAN PRELUDE: In Thee is Gladness

(JS Bach)

WELCOME

The heavens declare the glory of God,
the midnight skies proclaim God's handiwork.
Creation utters not a single word
yet its voice is heard to the ends of the earth.

The love of the loving Creator,
the grace of the loving Redeemer,
and the fellowship of the loving Counsellor.
be with you all?

And also with you!

Hymn 427: Lord, your word abiding

PRAYER OF APPROACH

God our Holy Friend, you are the giver of good news
and high expectations. Please bless us as we come
before you. Our thoughts may sometimes to be
freed from self obsession and our crowded feelings
need to make room for wonder and love.

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Give our spirits a glimpse of your glory, that we may be lifted from the mundane to the beauty of holiness.
Through Messiah Jesus our brother and Saviour.
Amen!

Hymn 179: Praise with joy the world's Creator

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Let us make our confession.
Let us pray in sincerity and truth.

Spirit of Christ Jesus, into the poverty of our minds
and the coldness of our hearts,
come with your wisdom and penetrating mercy.

**Create in us clean hearts, loving God,
and renew the true spirit within us.**

Spirit of Christ Jesus, cut through those tight cords
that have bound us to recurring sins and disabling anxieties.

**Create in us clean hearts, loving God,
and renew the true spirit within us.**

Spirit of Christ Jesus, open our eyes to the painful truths
from which we have been hiding, and enable us
to recognise your costly grace.

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and renew the true spirit within us.**

FORGIVENESS

Lord Jesus, you are the true joy waiting to assuage
human restlessness and desire, we thank you
that we are forgiven to a depth we cannot see,
and renewed for a future which as yet
we only dimly comprehend.

You are indeed our Saviour and Lord.
Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!

Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19 (*words UiW p.255, Tone VII.3*)

Refrain: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

Hymn 155: O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

OFFERTORY/OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING / **Lord's Prayer**

Hymn 217: Love divine, all loves excelling (*Tune 590 Blauenwern*)

SENDING OUT

Go out into the world with rekindled confidence and peace:
Give thanks to God in the hard times as well as in the easy days.
There is nothing that can happen which falls outside the realm
of the Spirit of Christ Jesus. **Amen!**

The blessing of the creating, liberating and indwelling God
be always with you,
and also with you. Amen!

ORGAN POSTLUDE: The Heaven's Declare (*Psalm 19*)

Benedetto Marcello

(You are invited to remain seated until the end of the postlude)