

DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Variations on 'Amazing Grace'*. Denis Bédard
(Please remain seated until the end of the postlude)

NOTICES

During October 2-10th 2021, the Catholic Church organised an Australian Plenary Council to discuss the role of women in the church; healing the wound of abuse; listening to First Australians plus those on the margins of society; and promoting an integral ecology of life for all, our common home, the Earth. Auburn sent a prayer to Immaculate Conception Church in Hawthorn to support them at the Plenary Session. This is the email reply:
Dear Steve,
Thank you on behalf of the Hawthorn Parish for your thoughtfulness in contacting us about the Plenary Council. I have forwarded your message to Fr Des Dwyer, our parish priest. I was personally touched by your kind words and sentiments. Warm regards, Berny (Bernadette Kirwan)

Thursday 18 November 3pm Duldig Studio, 92 Burke Rd, Malvern East - a visit to the museum and sculpture garden organised by the Friends of the Tower. See Wendy to join the group, numbers limited.

Sunday 21 November: Church Lunch (more details next week).

Sunday 21 November: Tower Open 4-8pm bookings are essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/BVFJU>
There will be a **Rover Car Display** in the gardens and the church will be open for viewing – no booking required.

Flowers Today: Heather Suriano
Reader Today: Anne Friend
Readings: next week
1 Samuel 1:4-20
Ephesians 10:11-14. 19-25

Next week: Pat Rogerson
Next week: Bruce Macrae
1 Samuel 2: 1-10
Mark 13: 1-8

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Auburn (Oxley Road) Uniting Church, Hawthorn

We are worshipping on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nations. We acknowledge them as traditional owners and custodians. For millennia they have cared for the land through their law, customs and spirituality. We pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging and commit ourselves to working for reconciliation and justice.

Sunday 7th November 2021

Service Today
10am Worship Service
Rev Steve Crump

Next Sunday
10am Worship Service
Rev Steve Crump

Welcome to all who worship at Auburn today.
The order of service proceeds without announcement.
Responses by the congregation are in bold type.

Please wear a mask, sign in for contact tracing purposes.
Sit 2 metres apart from non-members of your household.

Pentecost 24

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Liebster Jesu wir sind hier*
(Blessed Jesus we are here). JS Bach

INTROIT: *Word of God*

Word of God, come down on earth,
Living rain from heaven descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

*Words: James Quinn (1919 – 2010);
Music: J. R. Ahle (1625 – 73)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.
Unless the Lord protects the city,
those who watch over it stay awake in vain.
Let us worship God.

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
2nd Thursday in the
Pawsey Room

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

HYMN 103: *A mighty stronghold is our God*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION -

God of grace and truth, when we hear Jesus criticising the behaviour of the scribe in the gospel today, we wonder what has changed. People still exploit others, still demand preferential treatment, still abuse positions of leadership. We are ashamed to admit that this does not only happen in society at large, it happens also within the church.

Forgive any practices of ours which glorify our self-importance rather than glorifying you.

Empowering God, forgive us when we parade our piety and insist on preferential treatment, forgetting that Jesus emptied himself of power so that he could be the servant of all and Saviour of all.

Forgive us when we care more for outward appearances rather than inner dispositions shaped by tolerance and love.

Merciful God, forgive us when our priorities and our policies outside and within the church are contaminated by a hunger for money and power, rather than graced by generosity and mercy.

Forgive us when our attitudes extol those who have much to give and put down those who have little to give.

God of justice and peace, forgive any behaviour of ours which is experienced or perceived as hypocritical - any actions which lack integrity and justice. Renew and refresh us with the gentle and selfless Spirit of Jesus, so that we know what it is to be his followers not only in name, but in reality.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

We read in Hebrews that Jesus "entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.... He has appeared once for all...to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself." The good news is therefore, that in and through Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN 129: *Amazing grace*

OLD TESTAMENT: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

PSALM 127 (*Words: UiW p. 342*)

Refrain: The Lord protects and blesses; give thanks for evermore.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:24-28

ANTHEM: To be a Pilgrim:

Words: John Bunyan (1628 – 88); Music: Nicholas Burt (b. 1962)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. The LORD raises up the poor from the dust, to make them inherit a seat of honour. Alleluia. (*1 Sam. 2:8*)

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

SERMON

HYMN 454: *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER

NOTICES (AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 432: *Christ is made the sure foundation*

BENEDICTION:

Go into this week,
secure in the everlasting love of God
renewed by the sacrificial love of Jesus
empowered by the active love of the Holy Spirit