

NOTICES - UCA Anniversary Combined Service with Lane Cove

Uniting - Sunday 23 June 9:30 am.

- **Movie/ Pizza Nights** - Tuesday 2 July 6:30 pm.

OFFERING - *Freely we have received; let us freely give.*

HYMN: 429 *“Break Now the Bread of Life”*

PRAYER

Holy God, we offer our thanks and praise.

And so, in remembrance of all You have done for us, we take this bread and this cup, and offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, made worthy by the perfect offering of Christ our great high priest.

By Your Word and Holy Spirit, bless these gifts that we may truly share Christ’s body and blood, and become, by grace, His body given for the sake of the world.

BREAKING THE BREAD

We break this bread and take this cup so that we can share in the life of Christ. God’s gifts for God’s people.

THE COMMUNION

Receive this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. *Amen!*

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. *Amen!*

HYMN: 530 *“Now Let Us from this Table Rise”*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

DISMISSAL

We thank You God that You have fed us with this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all humanity. We offer ourselves to You as a living sacrifice. *Amen!*

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PENTECOST 3

9 June 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP

As disciples of Christ - *We are learners, together.*

As disciples of Christ - *We are people on the Way.*

As disciples of Christ - *We care for one another.*

As disciples of Christ - *We serve, we share, we pray.*

In this time together, *may God's presence transform us.*

In this time together, *may God's presence transform the world!*

PRAYER

However desperate we feel, however grim the challenges, Your Spirit, O God, lifts us up. The tide of Your grace surges among us. You are Lord of our life, constant in compassion, full of surprises. Refresh us, restore us, renew our commitment to You and to the Way of Jesus, through whom we pray. Amen!

HYMN: 111 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gift-giving God, we confess that we do not always know our own worth, that we can forget our capacity for greatness and squander opportunities for righteousness. You offer us gifts for service in Your world, and yet we can neglect Your gifts, store them away in the closet, shove them under the stairs, and give away to others the gifts You have chosen especially for us. May we have wisdom to know our gifts, courage to open them up, and dedication to use them for Your glory. *Amen!*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to carry on the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

HYMN: 745 *“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to You, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

*for our families, friends, and neighbours,
and for those who are alone.*

For this community, our country, and the world;

for all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

For the just and the proper use of Your creation;

for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

for those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

for all who proclaim the gospel, for all who seek the truth and for all who serve God in the church.

We pray for our own needs, and for others for whom You have called us to pray.

Silence.

Hear us Lord;

for Your mercy is great.

We thank You, Lord, for all the blessings of life.

We will exalt You, O God our king;

and praise Your name for ever and ever.

We give You thanks for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for the promise of Your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

In Christ You have called us to eternal glory;

to You be praise for ever and ever.

Glorious God, You have heard the prayers of your faithful people; You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.

Grant our requests as may be best for us.

This we ask in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen!*

HYMN: 431 *“Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken”*

BIBLE READINGS -

Ruth West

1 Samuel 8:1-22 (*Pages 268-269*)

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (*Page 1144*)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

SERMON: “People Choose! – Rejecting God” Krikor Youmshajekian

HYMN: 580 *“Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us”*