

Welcome to Worship

Balmain Uniting Church

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The Presence of God



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This weeks Lectionary Readings:

2 Samuel 6:1-5,
12b-19

Psalms 24

Ephesians
1:3-14

Mark 6: 14-29

Acknowledgment of Country

This land is God's land and God's Spirit dwells here. We acknowledge the Gadigal clan of the Eora nation, traditional custodians of this land with God. We commit ourselves to working for reconciliation and justice for all people and all creation.

Let us collect in silence.

— A Silent Collect —

Lighting the Christ light.

Christ is the light to the world.

And the darkness has not over come it.

Call to Worship

Bringer of new beginnings, in every day and in ever space,

You God, invite us to live in a new Way.

We come, from all of our homes and in all of our spaces to share in your presence.

Beyond the screen, beyond all time and space, and beyond all knowing,
You connect us.

You connect us to what has been,

What is now, and what will be.

We welcome your presence.

We love your grace.

We have come that we might worship you.

Come, God of hope, come.

Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

Gentle Spirit, Merciful God, Loving friend.
Be present with us now, as we wish to hear your wisdom.

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We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your
Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in
your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

Episcopal Book of Common Prayer

Words of Assurance

All are welcomed into the grace of God.
It is one of justice, kindness, love and humble journeying together.
It is through the invitation of Christ that;
We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

We pray thanks;

For what do we give thanks today?

Amen.

Hymn / Song:

The Liturgy of the Word

All Age Conversation

2 Samuel 6:1-5
New Revised Standard Version

David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem

6 David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. **2** David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. **3** They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio,^[a] the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart **4** with the ark of God;^[b] and Ahio^[c] went in front of the ark. **5** David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs^[d] and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

Mark 6:14-29

New Revised Standard Version

The Death of John the Baptist

14 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus'^[a] name had become known. Some were^[b] saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." **15** But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." **16** But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod^[c] had married her. **18** For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." **19** And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, **20** for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed;^[d] and yet he liked to listen to him. **21** But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. **22** When his daughter Herodias^[e] came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." **23** And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." **24** She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." **25** Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." **26** The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. **27** Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's^[f] head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, **28** brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. **29** When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

In this we hear the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon - The Presence of God

Grace, peace and mercy are yours from the triune God, Creator, Christ and companion forever. Amen.

God may your word live in us and bear much fruit to your glory.

Hymn/ Song:

Prayers of the People.

God of the trinity, lover of the world,
We commit our prayers for others, your world and ourselves today.

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In your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

...

Open our eyes,
heal broken hearts and spirits,
teach us how to feed the hungry and provide shelter to those in need,
how to speak words of peace, and offer hope.
in all that we do and all that we say.

Amen.

Song

Prayers over the offering

We send out love and blessing with these gifts as they reach out into the places in the world in which they are needed. May they be a sign of hope and bring healing to the world.

Amen.

The Sending forth of the people of God

Commissioning and Blessing

We are God's children,
Forgiven, loved and blessed,
Sent that we might be bearers of hope and joy in the world.

**May the love of God enfold you,
The presence of Christ surprise you,
And the breath of the Spirit give you joy.**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Amen