

Welcome to Worship



Balmain Uniting Church January 17th

Epiphany 2

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This weeks Lectionary Readings:

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

The Gathering of the people of God

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land which we gather. We give thanks to their Elders and Leaders, who might be past, present and emerging. We commit ourselves to the work of justice and liberation.

Call to Worship

This is the time and this is the place;
God moves among us, calling us to follow.

God speaks, inviting us to listen.

Come, let us encourage one another in Fatih,
Listen for God's word in our midst,
And help one another to respond to God's call.

We come together to meet God here.

Come and see, with openness and attentiveness,

For Christ meets us here.

Jesus, the one who calls us,
We open ourselves to encounter you here,
Help us to listen for your word among us.
Help us to invite one another to meet you.
Come and move among us, that we might hear your call upon our own lives,
And hear your call upon the lives of others.
For the first time, for the next time and for all time.

Song/Hymn Christ be our light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Many the gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Confession

God of all and everything,

We are thankful for all those who have heard your call and responded with their lives,
For those who have dedicated their lives to creating, to the arts, to care, to wonder, to
science, to education, to wondering, to serving, to being present and so much more, we
give thanks for the generosity of spirit.

For heroes of faith, for those whom your story and theirs are clear and offer guidance. We
give you thanks.

For prophets and seekers of justice, who's lives have shown us paths of truths.

For those who move minds, hearts and spirits, and those who have moved our minds,
hearts and spirits, we give you thanks.

And we remember, those situations where you have called us, quietly or loudly, suddenly or
gradually and all of the ordinary times in between.

God we also confess,
Sometimes we have put limits on the ways you can approach us.
We have designated, convenient and ordered ways of approaching our sacredness,
And we forget that you are in the everyday, ordinary, shopping cart, on street corners, on the
corner of spittle laden mouths, and in the wondering eyes of boredom. We forget that your
call might extend from private and back into public, and in between.
We confess that there are times where we might be tempted to

Words of Assurance

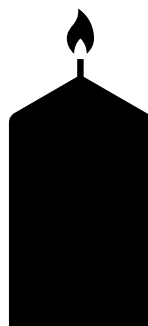
Faithful is the God who calls us and will never fail us.
Hear these words anew today.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

All age Conversation

Sermon

Sermon of Stillness



Prayers of intercession.

God, Hear us as we open our hearts in prayer this day,
We offer them in this space, both out loud and in the quiet of our hearts.

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Love have mercy,

Christ have mercy.

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Abba God, in heaven, hallowed be your name!
May your reign come,
May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us today the bread we need.
And forgive us our debts,
As we hereby forgive those who are indebted to us.
Don't put us to the test,
But free us from evil.

Hymn: Servant Song

Will you, let me be your servant.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are brothers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you;
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

The Sending forth of the people of God

Notices

Commissioning and Blessing

Go and listen for God's word in every part of your lives,
Be attentive to God's voice,
Respond with love, joy and courage;

The blessing of the creator,
The Son,
And the Spirit
Fall upon you today and indeed well up in you everyday.

Let us go out to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ.
Amen.