

# Welcome to Worship

## Balmain Uniting Church

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#### This weeks Lectionary Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalms 24

Ephesians 2: 11-22

Mark 6: 30-34,  
53-56

## ***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***

Our God, you have travelled throughout all existence,  
And you meet us here again today.  
Open our minds to your living presence  
For we long to know you more,  
To hear your word  
And understand it deeply in our souls.

***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***

Here the stories of long ago,  
Of God's presence throughout all situations.  
Let us hear again, today,  
That we do not journey alone.  
We rest in God,  
We are held by the Spirit,  
And in Christ,  
We are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We pray thanks;*

Companion on our journey,  
We thank you for our pathway with you.  
Sometimes it is rocky and uneven.  
At times there are mountains of awe  
And valleys of darkness and confusion.  
And yet, you honour us with your presence.  
We sometimes are distracted

By the pathway of rocks, heights and depths.  
Yet today, we wish to give thanks,  
For it is us who turn from your face.  
Thank you for your constant presence  
As we wish to journey in your company.  
*Amen.*

***Hymn / Song: Holy Ground <https://www.facebook.com/nrccuniting/videos/205933534173877/>***

***The Liturgy of the Word***

***All Age Conversation***

***Reading***

***Psalm 24***

The Leader of the Congregation calls for the gates to be opened:

**Lift up your heads, O Gates!  
And be lifted up, O Ancient Doors!  
That the King of Glory may come in.**

The Temple Guard/Priest responds, calling out to the people,  
**Who is the King of Glory?**

The People reply with energy,  
**The LORD, strong and mighty,  
The LORD, mighty in battle!**

The Leader repeats his call,  
**Lift up your heads, O Gates!  
And be lifted up, O Ancient Doors!  
That the King of Glory may come in.**

The Temple Guard/Priest repeats the challenge, calling out to the people,  
**Who is the King of Glory?**

The people reply,  
**The LORD of hosts**  
**He is the King of Glory!**

Mark 6:30-34  
New Revised Standard Version

### **Feeding the Five Thousand**

**30** The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. **31** He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. **32** And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. **33** Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. **34** As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Mark 6:53-56  
New Revised Standard Version

### **Healing the Sick in Gennesaret**

**53** When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. **54** When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, **55** and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. **56** And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

In this we hear the Word of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ***Sermon -***

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



***Hymn/ Song: an Instrument of peace: The porters Gate***

***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.

***Prayers over the offering***

Generous One, help us to offer what we can, when we can; to know when we can share with resources, and to know when we can share with love. May what we bring be offered to build up your realms in ours.

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**