

# Welcome to Worship

# Balmain Uniting Church

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## Peace and Faith

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liturgy: Uniting in Worship II and Rev. James Aaron

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### This weeks Lectionary Readings:

1 Samuel 17:(1a,4-11,19-23),32-49 or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5,  
10-16  
Psalm 9:9-20 or 133  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

### *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***

God of possibilities  
Be with us on our journey,  
Be with us today.  
As we ponder you,  
As we think on difficult ideas.  
As we seek out the straightforward in the complicated,  
And interpret an old story into our context.  
Be with us on our journey,  
Be with us today.

***Song/Hymn: The Summons (will you come and follow)***

***Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving***

God of all places,  
It is easy to trust you when the sun is shining,  
And things are going well, but life isn't always like that.

But what happens if we falter and fail?  
What happens if we can't hold on?

Be with us God in our questioning,  
Recover us in our loss.

Believe us, when we say we are trying,  
And help us believe you when you say you are there.

Forgive us, when there is something to forgive,  
And help us believe we are forgiven when you do.  
In all this we speak aloud to you.

**Amen.**

## ***Words of Assurance***

We are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We pray thanks;*  
It is a wonderful and pleasing thing  
When we, as God's people,  
Find our way into living harmony and unity  
We should celebrate each time we find ourselves in such a place  
For it is a precious thing.  
It is like being showered with blessings, as the old song goes.  
The goodness pours over us and runs through our hair,  
Onto our face,  
And then washes over our bodies.  
It is like the joy of rain that comes after a long dry spell  
That washes the dust away  
And makes everything look and feel fresh and renewed.  
How fortunate are we that such blessings is ours  
Now and always.  
Amen.

*Based on Psalm 133*

Amen

***Hymn / Song: Siyahumba AOV 133***

***The Liturgy of the Word***

***All Age Conversation***

***Reading:***

**Mark 4:35-41**

**New Revised Standard Version**

## **Jesus Stills a Storm**

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." 36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. 37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" 39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. 40 He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" 41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

## **Sermon**

*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: Amazing Grace TIS 129***

### ***Prayers of the People.***

God,  
We commit our prayers for others, your world and ourselves today.

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In your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

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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.

## ***Notices & Offering***

***Hymn/Song: Comfort Comfort AOV2 12***

### ***Prayers over the offering***

God of all, we pray that what we give today becomes a blessing to those who receive it and a sign that they too are included in your loving realm.  
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**