

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 2ND MAY 2021 – SHEPPARTON UNITING CHURCH

Introit: 231 (TiS) 'At the name of Jesus'.

Call to Worship:

Acknowledgement: I pay my respect to the traditional custodians of the land on which I live, work and worship. To the elders and members of the Yorta Yorta nations, past present and emerging.

Hymn: 589 (TiS) 'Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult'.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Confession:

Declaration of Forgiveness:

Doxology: 772 (TiS) 'Worship, honour, glory, blessing'.

Young church: 'Basil the branch'.

Readings: Mark 1: 29 – 39, Mark 2: 4(b) – 15.

Sermon: Rev Tony Davies

Holy Communion:

Hymn: 525 (TiS) 'You we praise, high priest and victim'.

Narrative of the Institution:

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanks and praise, are rightly yours,
our Lord and God, for you alone are worthy.

In time beyond our dreaming you brought forth light out of darkness, and in the love of Christ
your Son you set man and woman at the heart of your creation.

You loved the world so much that you sent your only Son to bring us life eternal.

Dying he destroyed our death, rising he restored our life.

And so, we praise you with faithful of every time and place, joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you that you called a covenant people to be a light to the nations. Through Moses you taught us to love your law, and in the prophets, you cried out for justice.

In the fullness of your mercy you became one with us in Jesus Christ, who gave himself up for us on the cross. You make us alive together with him, that we may rejoice in his presence and share his peace.

By water and the Spirit, you open the kingdom to all who believe, and welcome us to your table: for by grace we are saved, through faith.

With this bread and this cup, we do as our Saviour commands: we celebrate the redemption he has won for us.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ. Make us one with him, one with each other, and one in ministry in the world, until at last we feast with him in the kingdom.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, in your holy church, all honour and glory is yours, Father almighty, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*Together*)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The breaking of the bread:

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Lamb of God:

Jesus, lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us your peace.

Distribution of the elements:

Notices & Concerns:

Offering:

Prayers of the People:

Loving and merciful God, you sent your Son into the world that all might have life through him: we pray for the whole family of nations. For all who endure poverty, starvation, oppression or war; we pray for peace between nations and for a just sharing of the earth's resources, that we may live as sisters and brothers, children of the same God.

You sent your Son to be the Saviour of the world: we pray for your world-wide church. We pray for all who bring alive the Scriptures, for missionaries, teachers, theologians, writers and preachers; we pray for unity among Christians, that together we may proclaim the gospel and live as sisters and brothers, children of the same God.

You sent your Son into the world that we might know your love for all people: we pray for this community. We pray for our families and friends, those we meet in our daily lives, for the hungry and homeless and those without work; we pray for a community that values and cares for all its members, that we may live as sisters and brothers, children of the same God.

You sent your Son into the world to heal the sick, console the sorrowing and satisfy the hungry with good things: we pray for all in need. We pray for all who are lonely and sad, for those in grief or despair and for the sick; we pray for compassion and generosity to respond to the needs of others, that we may live as sisters and brothers, children of the same God.

God of love, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hymn: 530 (TiS) 'Now let us from this table rise'.

Blessing:

779 (TiS) 'May the feet of God walk with you'.