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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost @ Ashburton-Burwood UCA 23rd August 2026



We Gather

Welcome **Glenys Borland**

Opening Hymn **Alan Bailey**

TIS 107 "Sing praise and thanksgiving"

Selected by Anne Forrest

Acknowledgement of Country

Glenys Borland

We acknowledge all First Peoples of the beautiful lands on which we live and celebrate their enduring knowledge and connections to Country. We honour their wisdom and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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Call to worship **Glenys Borland**

Come, let us worship the living God.

We come with open hearts and willing spirits.

Jesus asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

We come to follow Christ and to become his people.

Build us together as your church, Lord.

Come, let us worship God.

**We worship God with joy and thanksgiving.
Amen.**

Peace **Rev. Yoo Mi Park**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Gracious and living God,
you are the source of all life
and the One who calls us into your presence.

We praise you for your faithfulness,
your mercy and your unfailing love.

We thank you for Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Saviour and Lord.

Yet we confess that we do not always see
Jesus clearly.

Sometimes we make him fit our expectations.
Sometimes we seek a faith that serves our
own needs.

Sometimes we forget that the church belongs
to Christ, not to us.

Forgive us when we close doors
instead of opening them.
Forgive us when we seek control
instead of serving.
Forgive us when fear prevents us
from following where Christ leads.

Renew our minds and hearts,
and teach us again who Jesus is
and what it means to be his people.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear these words of grace:

God does not abandon us when our
understanding is incomplete.

Christ continues to call us, shape us and renew
us.

**Through God's grace, we are forgiven
and invited to begin again.
Let us receive God's forgiveness with
gratitude and walk forward in the freedom of
Christ. Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Praise [Alan Bailey](#)
TIS 129 "Amazing Grace"

We Listen

Val Nixon, Tom Thorpe

Your word is a lamp to our feet.
A light to our path.

Romans 12:1-8 p.1123 in pew Bibles

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Matthew 16:13-20 - p.972 in pew bibles
Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Lord, may your word live in us.
And bear much fruit for your glory.

Sermon: Who do you say that I am?

We Respond

Hymn of Response [Alan Bailey](#)
TIS 690 "Beauty for Brokenness"

Selected by Anne Forrest

Notices [Glenys Borland](#)

Prayers of the People [Andrew Wilkinson](#)

The Lord's Prayer

We are sent

Offering invitation

We offer our gifts today as an expression of our gratitude to God.

As Christ has given himself for us, let us offer what we have for the work of God's reign.

Hymn of Sending [Alan Bailey](#)
TIS 658 "Here I Am, Lord"

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God,
receive these gifts
and use them for your reign.

Receive also our lives,
our time and our gifts.

**Make us faithful members of Christ's body
and generous servants of your people.
In Jesus 'name. Amen.**

Commission and Blessing

We have heard Jesus' question:

"Who do you say that I am?"

Go now and live your answer as Christ' people in the world.

We go in the name of Christ.

**We will listen with compassion,
serve with love, and share Christ's hope.**

May Christ be the centre of your life.

May God renew your minds

and strengthen you to discern what is good.

May the Holy Spirit untie us as one body in Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Sung Blessing [Alan Bailey](#)

TIS 778 "Shalom to you now"

Postlude

Minister: Rev Yoo Mi Park

Worship leader: Glenys Borland

Prayers: Andrew Wilkinson

Narthex/Count Leader: Graeme Stone

Door, Greeting, Offering: Jenny Stone

Organ: Colin Prohasky

Pianist: Anne Forrest

Song Leader: Alan Bailey

Readers: Val Nixon, Tom Thorpe

Computer/Sound: Angus Borland

Power Point: Angus Borland

Youtube Link: Richard Hedding

Flowers: Maree Silver & Lindley Webb

Morning Tea/Clean Up: Max Procter, Floss

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