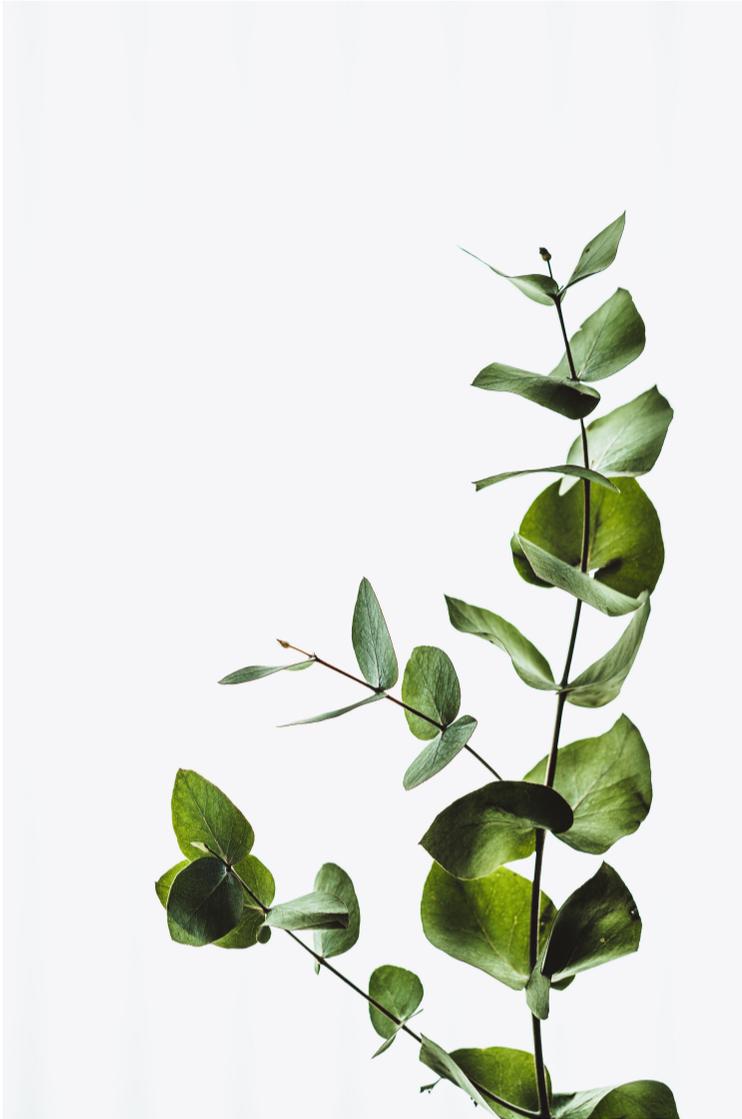


Balmain Uniting Church

July 31st



Fools and Riches

Liturgy adapted: Feasting on the Word, Words for Worship, Uniting in Worship II and Rev. James Aaron

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Today's Readings:

LUKE 12:13-21

Acknowledgment of Country

We begin today by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather here in Balmain, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, and we pay our respects to Elders and leaders, past, present and emerging.

- Let us collect in silence -

— A Silent Collect —
Lighting the candle

Call to Worship

Holy One, come among us again,
come, feed us with your love;
quench our thirst with your wisdom.
Holy One of wondrous works to humankind;

come, listen to our prayers and our singing.

Hymn/Song: TiS 421. 'Where the spirit is, there is freedom'

1. Where the Spirit is, there's freedom,
Where the Spirit is, there is life.
Not in the word can our freedom be nourished,
Not by our things, only by Spirit.
Practice my children, to live by the Spirit,
Drop all your masks, take freedom's clothing!

Where the Spirit is, there's freedom,
Where the Spirit is, there is life.

2. Heaven on earth, here we live, free to
Love and to share, carried by joy,
Practice my children, to live by the Spirit,
Daring today, to taste God's future

Where the Spirit is, there's freedom,
Where the Spirit is, there is life.

3. Wounds will be healed and eyes will be opened,
Imaging God and reflecting Jesus,
Practice my children, to live by the Spirit,
Heaven is here, time is made eternal.

Where the Spirit is, there's freedom,
Where the Spirit is, there is life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We seek to hang on to what we can see;
we feel safe and secure,
believe we are free.

silence

What if we turned our hearts
to the riches *You* hold?
What freedom is *there*
to be found, to be told?!

silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Blessed are those that hear the word of God and obey it! (*Luke 11:28*)
Hear this word: be at peace

Our Sin is forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

We adore you, Holy One,
you lift us up in love.
You set us free from all that binds.
You are our hope,
our joy, our mercy.
We offer you our thanks,
Holy One, Holy Three,
and we rejoice always,
source of love and freedom!
Amen.

Hymn / Song: Hymn / Song: Lord I come to you TIS 685

Lord I come to You
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace
That I found in You.
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love.

Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side.
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me.
Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
by the power of Your love.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Luke 12:13-21
New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The Parable of the Rich Fool

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” **14** But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” **15** And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” **16** Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. **17** And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ **18** Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **19** And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ **20** But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ **21** So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Sermon

Grace, peace and mercy are yours from God triune, Creator, Risen One, and Spirit
forever . Amen. ...

Prayers of the People.

We gather our prayers for each other, the world and the church...

In your mercy
Hear our prayer

...

God we lay the concerns and yearnings of our hearts, spoken and unspoken into
your hands. Help us live with these, help us live out your word,
Make us your hands and feet in your world.
Amen.

Hymn/Song : See I make all things new

Refrain

***See, I make all things new
New as night turns to morning
The Spirit is calling
I'm with you
I make all things new***

Come to me in song
All of creation rejoice!

Refrain

V1. The rivers are bursting with life
The stars in the night sky sing praise
Come to me in joy

V2. Trust in the promise of life
Colour the earth with my love
Come to me in joy
Come to me in song
Open your hearts rejoice!

Refrain

Announcements and Offering

Prayers over the offering

God of generosity,
We offer these gifts as part of the wider gifts of our lives.
Use our being and our living to bring about your kingdom.
That we might be bearers of hope today and the days to come.
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 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.**

Amen