

# Balmain Uniting Church

## August 21st



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

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Today's Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 13:10-17

### **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**

God calls to us, as to Jeremiah;  
Before I formed you in the womb,  
I knew you. I knew you.

And so we come  
In to the presence of the creator,,  
Known by a knowledge that is love.  
This is a call to purpose,  
Our purpose;  
Of worship,  
Of joy,  
Of love,  
Of hope  
And of peace.  
Amen.

**Hymn/Song: Love Divine all loves Excelling Tis 217**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with your salvation;  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast.  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be.  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore they temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation;  
true and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God we come,  
Bent and burdened,  
In need of you, the healer.

Forgive us,  
For when we deny our needs,  
For when we deny the needs of our neighbours.  
When we are put to shame,  
Selfishness, pride,  
Open our eyes to your wonder,  
And our hearts to generosity and love.

Amen

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus see you,  
And calls you again.  
Lift your faces,  
Accept this blessing of peace,

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

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

*From Psalm 103*  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
And all that is within me,  
Bless God's Holy name.  
Bless the Lord, o my soul,  
And do not forget all their benefits.  
Who forgives all your iniquity?  
And who heals your diseases?  
Who redeems your life from the pit?  
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy?  
Who satisfies you with good as long as you live?



## Hymn / Song: O God You Search Me AOV 31

### **O', God, you search me, and you know me**

All my thoughts lie open to your gaze  
When I walk or lie down, you are before me  
'Ever the maker and keeper of my days

### **You know my resting and my rising**

You discern my purpose from afar  
And with love everlasting, you besiege me  
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are

### **Before a word is on my tongue, Lord**

You have known its meaning through and through  
You are with me beyond my understanding  
God of my present, my past and future, too

### **Although your Spirit is upon me**

Still I search for shelter from your light  
There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you  
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight

### **For you created me and shaped me**

Gave me life within my mother's womb  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you  
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new  
Mmm, all creation is made new

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Readings**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

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### **Jeremiah's Call and Commission**

**4** Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

**5**

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

**6** Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” **7** But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

8

Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the Lord.”

9 Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

10

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

*In this we hear the word of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Luke 13:10-17

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### **Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman**

**10** Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. **11** And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. **12** When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” **13** When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. **14** But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” **15** But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? **16** And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” **17** When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

### **Sermon**

Grace, peace and mercy are yours from God triune, Justice, Mercy and Wisdom,  
forever . Amen.

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

### **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 : From Heaven you Came (Servant King) AOV77**

From Heaven You Came, Helpless Babe,  
Entered Our World, Your Glory Veiled;  
Not To Be Served But To Serve,  
And Give Your Life That We Might Live.

This Is Our God, The Servant King,  
He Calls Us Now To Follow Him,  
To Bring Our Lives As A Daily Offering  
Of Worship To The Servant King.

There In The Garden Of Tears,  
My Heavy Load He Chose To Bear;  
His Heart With Sorrow Was Torn,  
'Yet Not My Will But Yours,' He Said.

This Is Our God, The Servant King,  
He Calls Us Now To Follow Him,  
To Bring Our Lives As A Daily Offering  
Of Worship To The Servant King.

Come, See His Hands And His Feet,  
The Scars That Speak Of Sacrifice,  
Hands That Flung Stars Into Space  
To Cruel Nails Surrendered.

This Is Our God, The Servant King,  
He Calls Us Now To Follow Him,  
To Bring Our Lives As A Daily Offering  
Of Worship To The Servant King.

So Let Us Learn How To Serve,  
And In Our Lives Enthroned Him;  
Each Other's Needs To Prefer,  
For It Is Christ We're Serving.  
This Is Our God, The Servant King,  
He Calls Us Now To Follow Him,  
To Bring Our Lives As A Daily Offering  
Of Worship To The Servant King.

## **Announcements and Offering**

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### **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