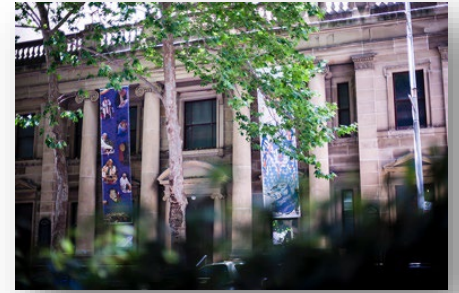


Pitt Street Uniting Church  
*A Congregation of the Uniting Church in Australia*  
*Founded 1833*



## **Sunday Gathering**

15 February 2026

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### ***TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY***



*Transfiguration by Armando Alemdar Ara*  
Source: <http://www.armando.co.uk>

## Welcome to Pitt Street Uniting Church

This is a place of welcome for all people regardless of race, sex, creed, age, cultural backgrounds, sexuality, gender identity or intersex status.

Wherever you are on your journey, where you have come from and wherever you are going to, whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here.

All we ask for is mutual respect.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in **bold**. We will sing hymns without announcement. Stand if you are able, but feel free to remain seated if that is more comfortable for you.

A quiet activity area is available at the north side of the church for young children.

## MUSICAL PRELUDE

# We gather people of Earth and Spirit

## HYMN

Lyrics: Mary Pearson  
Tune: Thornbury TiS 456

We wait upon the mountain,  
our hearts and minds confused,  
to penetrate the mystery  
of love by light suffused.  
The darkness of our living  
obscures our sight till we,  
with fear changed into boldness,  
find life in Christ set free.

We find new inspiration  
in glimpses of your grace;  
we see once more before us,  
your love with human face.  
We see again the mystery  
of Christ on earth, and find  
life given for the needy,  
and poor of humankind.

## GATHERING

We gather in this sacred space,  
to entrust ourselves and the world;  
to the Spirit of Love and to each other.

**To find peace and healing  
in the joy of music and words,  
in the stillness of prayer,  
and in the Spirit's enfolding love.**

We gather to explore our faith.  
We gather together to renew our strength  
that we may continue the journey.  
Let us celebrate the beauty and diversity of life  
held in Divine Presence.

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## ACT OF RECOGNITION – TOWARDS JUST RELATIONSHIPS

For thousands of years Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have walked in this land. Land taken without their consent, treaty or compensation. We pay tribute to their long history of continuing relationships with land and waters. We acknowledge the Gadigal as the original custodians of the land on which we meet.

**We honour the culture, heritage and spirit of First Nations peoples. This land always was, always will be their land. Sovereignty was never ceded. We pay our respects to their elders past and present for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes for justice for their people.**

## HYMN

Lyrics: Mary Pearson  
Tune: Thornbury TiS 456

No selfish place of safety  
will keep us in the light;  
it's only in life's valleys  
we truly find our sight,  
O help us heed the prophets,  
and clear our eyes to see:  
the way you show before us,  
where now our steps should be.

*Please be seated.*

## WELCOME

*Budyeri Gamarruwa (greetings)*

## OPENING RESPONSES

The glory of God transforms the everyday!  
**The light of God transforms familiar faces!**  
May God's presence shine through the commonplace.  
**God is with us in our pain and struggle,**  
may God's presence give us courage and peace.  
**God is with us in our joys and celebrations,**  
**we give thanks for the blessings of God.**

May God's light, shining through the face of Christ,  
embodied in compassionate community,  
illuminate all our days!

*Solo first then together.  
Remain seated to sing.*

## TAIZÉ CHANT

*sung twice*

Stay with me, re - main here with me, wat - ching and  
4  
pray - ing, wat - ching and pray - ing.

Stay with me,  
remain here with me  
watching and praying  
watching and praying.

## PRAYER OF AWARENESS

Spirit of Christ, present with us always  
shine your healing light in our inner lives  
so we may see more truly who we are.  
May we affirm the goodness we bring  
and let go the things that hold us back  
from our true calling.

Loving Christ,  
we open ourselves to your forgiveness and love  
may we be aware of the boundless grace you offer us.  
Holy One, Spirit of Life, renew our vision  
strengthen our will to serve in the world  
through the inspiration of Christ.

**Amen.**

May the silence which we have shared  
quieten us,  
touch our need,  
bring us peace,  
refresh our courage,  
enlarge our wonder.

*Solo first then together.  
Remain seated to sing.*

## CHANT

*sung twice*

Lynda Katsuno: Canada

From the Spir - it have we all re - ceived, grace up-on grace.

From the spirit  
have we all received  
grace upon grace.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND RENEWAL

There is grace in the midst of life,  
grace that finds and frees us,  
grace that heals and makes whole,  
grace that liberates and leads us  
to live and love anew.

**Alleluia! Amen! Thanks be to God!**

## GLORIA

*sung twice*

~ = 80

Glo - ri - a glo - ri - a, in ex-cel - sis De - o!

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gloria gloria, in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

## SHARING A SIGN OF PEACE

Christ is our peace, reconciling us together with all creation.  
May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Amen!**

*We are invited to greet those around us,  
sharing a sign of peace.*

## Listening for Words of the Spirit

### HEBREW BIBLE

Listen for words of faith in the Hebrew Scriptures from the book  
of Exodus 24:12-18

For the search for wisdom in ancient times.

**We give thanks.**

### GOSPEL

Listen for words of faith in the Gospel of Matthew 17:1-9

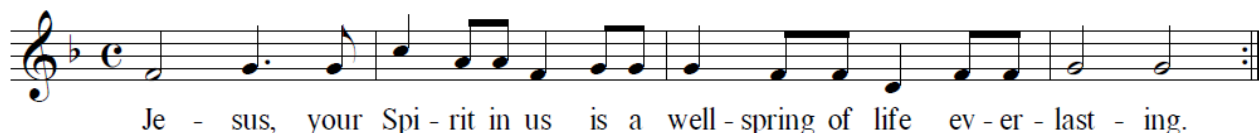
For the Word that was in the beginning  
for the Word that invites and inspires,  
for the Word embodied in us.

**We give thanks.**

*Remain seated to sing.*

### TAIZÉ CHANT

*sung twice*



Jesus your Spirit in us,  
is a well-spring of life everlasting.

## REFLECTION

Jolyon Bromley

### *Paths of the Spirit*

*As we sing the chant "In God Alone", you're invited to come forward and select a stone to add to one of the four paths as a symbol marking your way on your spiritual journey.*

## TAIZÉ CHANT

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. The lyrics are: "In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my soul can find its rest. find its rest and peace. In". The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line at the end.

In God alone, my soul can find rest and peace,  
in God my peace and joy,  
only in God my soul can find its rest,  
find its rest and peace.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During our prayers of the people, in response to the words *God of Love* we sing together:

**O Holy, O blessed,  
O God hear our prayer.  
O Holy, O blessed  
O, God hear our prayer.**

O Ho - ly, O bles - sed, O God hear our  
 prayer, O Ho - ly, O bles - sed, O  
 God hear our prayer.

God of love and light, God of transformation,  
 we lift up our world to you and pray that your peace and grace  
 might touch its troubled places.  
 We pray for all people living through war and violent conflict.  
 We ask that your comforting presence  
 may be felt by those who grieve  
 and by those who live in constant danger.  
 May they know your peace that passes understanding  
 and may your gospel of peace transform those conflicts.

God of Love  
**O Holy, O blessed**  
**O, God hear our prayer.**

We pray for oppressed people everywhere.  
 People who feel their lives are not their own.  
 People who have to live as best they can  
 with decisions made by others.  
 We pray they might know the freedoms to be found in you,  
 and that your gospel of liberation  
 break the chains that bind them.

God of Love  
**O Holy, O blessed**  
**O, God hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are sick and suffering at this time.  
 All who find it hard to pray  
 through the distractions of pain and discomfort.

All whose minds and hearts are unsettled.  
May our prayers lift them into your light and love  
and may your gospel of healing move in their lives.

God of Love

**O Holy, O blessed  
O, God hear our prayer.**

Spirit of God, Giver of Life  
be with each one of us.  
Breathe into us your Spirit  
transform us with your love;  
and inspire us with courage to live  
more fully with compassion and joy.  
**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF JESUS**

*We pray together in the spirit of Jesus, in these words, or in those of our own language or tradition:*

**God,  
you are life for us,  
holy be your name.  
Your new day come, your will be done,  
on earth as in your vision.  
Give us this day our bread for the morrow;  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Strengthen us in the time of test,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the power and the splendour  
and fulfilment are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## **OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Let us now share our offerings  
as an expression of our love and concern for the world God  
loves.

*Musical interlude.*

*Please stand, as you are able, as the offering is carried forward.*

We give thanks for the gifts brought to the table,  
and gifts given to support the mission of the Church  
through automatic payment.

Let us pray:

**Loving God, this is our moment of recommitment  
symbolised in these gifts  
brought here for blessing  
and dedicated to your love for all people.  
Amen.**

## **We go out to the world God loves**

**HYMN**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Tune: St Denio

TiS 143

Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,  
and wither and perish: but nought changes thee.

Creator of glory, creator of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
of all thy rich graces this grace, God, impart –  
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

## **SENDING OUT**

We are called to be the people of God.  
Let us go from here on the path of transformation.  
Walking peacefully and with faith.  
Go into this week with deep assurance and hope.

## **BLESSING**

May the blessing of the eternal and transcendent Presence,  
the blessing of the One who shines in our daily life  
transforming it with sacred light  
and the blessing of the Spirit  
who leads us into life-giving truth and new life,  
be with us all, now and always.

**Amen.**

## **SUNG AMEN**

African American

## **COMMUNITY GREETINGS**

*Welcoming newcomers and visitors*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

May the feet of God walk with you,  
and his hand hold you tight.  
May the eye of God rest on you,  
and her ear hear your cry.  
May the smile of God be for you,  
and his breath give you life.  
May the Child of God grow in you,  
and her love bring you home.

## **MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

Greg Woolnough

*Those attending onsite are warmly invited to stay for the  
Quarterly Luncheon.*

*Those attending by Zoom are warmly invited to stay for a  
community time online to meet with others and share news.*

## **BANK DETAILS FOR ELECTRONIC OFFERING**

*Account name: Giving Direct*

*BSB: 634-634. Account: 100025916*

*Reference: your name*

*Donation Tap Point is available at the back of the Church.*

*Contact the Church Office if you would like information  
about planned giving.*

*We give thanks for the gifts of food (for the Wayside Chapel  
and Exodus Foundation) and money brought to the table,  
and gifts given to support the mission of the church through  
automatic payment.*

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

\*Christ/Christa/Christx is used in our liturgy to point to the reality that the risen Christ is beyond gender and evidenced in communities following the Way of Jesus.

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Prayer of awareness based on Psalm 50: 1-6

Prayers of the People by Allison Gentle

O Holy O blessed words by Patrick Mayberry

Jesus' Prayer paraphrase by David B. Royer and Jonathan C. Nelson in Ruth C. Duck, ed. *Flames of the Spirit*.



You are invited to join the Walking Together group in participating in a major fund raiser for Jarjum College in Redfern.

The project Mob on the Move runs from 15th February to 15th March and involves sponsorship for walking a chosen number of kilometres during that period.

We can register as individuals for the walk and then nominate the team we are representing or we can simply sponsor anyone on the team. You can donate here:

<https://www.mobonthemove.com.au>

The website is very easy to navigate and we are registered as Pitt Street UC Walkers. Please see Sue Gehrig or Jo Bowen for any questions.