

Gospel: Listen for words of faith in the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus had told them to meet them. They saw Jesus, and worshiped. But some of them doubted.

Jesus came to them and said:

I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples.

Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you.

I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.

For the challenge of the Good News:

We give thanks.

Epistle: Listen for words of faith in Paul's letter to the early Christ community in Corinth; and in words from the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church.

From second Corinthians:

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to Godself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Godself, not counting their trespasses against them, but entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making an appeal through us; we encourage you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God.

From the Uniting Church Basis of Union

'God in Christ

has given to all people in the Church,

the Holy Spirit

as a foretaste of that

coming reconciliation and renewal,

which is the end in view for the whole creation.

The Church's call is to serve that end:
to be a fellowship of reconciliation...'.
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For the call to reconciliation and renewal:

We give thanks.