

renewal

GOD'S STORY | OUR STORY ▪ **SYNOD 38**

Celebration of Ministries Service

**Albert Street Uniting Church
319 Albert Street, Brisbane**

1.00pm, Thursday 15 May 2025



The Uniting Church in Australia
QUEENSLAND SYNOD

Housekeeping

Call to worship – Psalm 100

Rev Bruce Moore

Make a joyful noise to the Lord,

Let us worship the Lord with gladness and come before his presence in song.

Know that the Lord is God

He has made us, and we are his;

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

Give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good, his love endures forever

And his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn: Let us Sing to the God of Salvation

Verse 1

Let us sing to the God of salvation

Let us sing to the Lord our rock

Let us come to his house with thanksgiving

Let us come before the Lord and sing!

Chorus

Praise our Maker praise our Saviour

Praise the Lord our everlasting King

Every throne must bow before him

God is Lord of everything!

Verse 2

In his hand are the earth's deep places

And the strength of the hills is his

All the sea is the Lord's for he made it

By his hands the dry land was formed

Verse 3

Let us worship the Lord our Maker

Let us kneel to the Lord our God

For we all are the sheep of his pasture

He will guide us by his powerful hand

Verse 4

Let today be the time when you hear him!
May our hearts not be hard or cold
Lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion
As his people did in time of old

Acknowledgement of Country

Rev Aunty Roberta Stanley

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Rev Ian Smallbone

Assurance of pardon

Rev Ian Smallbone

Bible readings:

Rev Dominic Chan

Hebrews 12:1-2

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,[a] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of[b] the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Philippians 3:7-14

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Hymn: Great is your Faithfulness

Verse 1

Great is Your Faithfulness oh God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with You
You never change Your Compassions won't fail
As you have been You forever will be

Chorus

Great is Your Faithfulness
Great is Your Faithfulness
With every morning new mercies I see
All that I need Your Hand has provided
Great is Your Faithfulness Lord to me

Verse 2

Summer and winter springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Your great Faithfulness Mercy and Love

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace everlasting,
Your own sweet Presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings are mine with ten thousand beside

Introduction of Retiring Ministers

Rev. Ian Smallbone

Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane

Rev Petrus (Peter) Blauw (*Apology*)
Rev Douglas (Doug) Foster
Rev Thomas (Tom) Kerr
Rev Kaye Ronalds

Presbytery of Carpentaria

Rev Barry Cox (*Apology*)
Rev Mark Dewar (*Apology*)
Rev Garry Hardingham (*Apology*)
Rev Myeong (Priscilla) Hee Seo

Presbytery of Central Queensland

Rev Ann Hewson

Presbytery of Mary Burnett

Rev Anna Ashby
Rev Dr Anita Monro (*Apology*)
Rev Dr Pienaar Schalk

Presbytery of South Moreton

Rev Peter Elliot
Rev Beth Nicholls

Presbytery of The Downs

Rev Dona Spencer

Response on behalf of Retired Ministers

Rev. Doug Foster

Introduction of Newly Ordained Ministers

Rev. Aunty Roberta Stanley

Presbytery of South Moreton

Rev Michael (Mike) Hands
Rev Levon Kardashian (*Apology*)

Presbytery of The Downs

Rev Anne (Annie) Baker

Presbytery of Moreton Rivers

Rev Dominic (Dom) Chan

Response on behalf of Newly Ordained Ministers

Rev Annie Baker

We remember our Deceased Ministers

Rev Mike Hands,
Rev Ian Smallbone &
Rev Aunty Roberta Stanley

**Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane/
Northern Synod**

Rev Dr Michelle Cook
Rev Dr Marjorie Neil

Presbytery of Carpentaria

Rev Gordon Burley

Presbytery of Central Queensland

Rev Lynette Falkenhagen

Presbytery of Mary Burnett

Rev Kevin Bachler
Rev Mervyn Genrich

Rev Beverley Ham
Rev Douglas (Doug) A Jones
Rev Allan Lanham
Rev Dr Alan Morrison
Rev Dr Noel Park OAM
Rev Raymond (Ray) Townsend

Presbytery of Moreton Rivers

Rev Alaric (Gale) Hall
Rev Patricia Darby
Rev Cecil Geyer
Rev Michael Veary

Presbytery of South Moreton

Rev Robert (Bert) Adrain
Rev Dr William (Bill) Adams
Rev John Hooper
Rev George (Len) Forrest

Presbytery of The Downs

Rev Dr Noel Kentish
Rev Arthur (Jim) McLean

Prayers for Others

Rev Mike Hands,
Rev Ian Smallbone &
Rev Aunty Roberta Stanley

Hymn: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Verse 1

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Verse 2

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the living waters flow:
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

Verse 3

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside:
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Blessing

Rev. Bruce Moore

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honour all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Blessing Song: May the Feet of God Walk with You

May the feet of God walk with you,
And his hand hold you tight
May the eye of God rest on you,
And his 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 his love bring you home.

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