



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the triune God, the Creator of heaven and earth and God's ownership of all things (Psalm 24:1). In God's sovereignty, God has allowed other groups to migrate to these shores. We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nations Peoples and are thankful for the community that we share together now.

Cantor's Welcome

Cantor: Thank you for joining our Service today as we enter the second week of Lent. We especially welcome those who are joining us via our livestream. We also especially welcome the friends and family of Brumby Allan who have come to give thanks for his birth. I invite you to stand to sing our opening hymn.

Song: There's a Spirit in the Air

There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today.

When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.

Live tomorrow's life today.
When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today.

There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.'

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Welcome

People of God! Why have you come?

We have come to celebrate God's healing presence among us.

Servants of God! Why have you come?

We have come to be refreshed, to be renewed, to be sent out.

Children of God! Why have you come?

We have come to worship our God together.

Then let us do so with joy and gladness. With all of our hearts we cry,

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: **as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

Sentence

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 3:20)

Prayer of Approach

Deacon will lead us saying, Let us prepare our hearts for worship, Gracious God, once again you have called us together in this place.

**Here we open our hearts and lives before you,
here we seek to hear Your life-giving Word.**

God in this time of song and prayer and speech, **open our very souls to receive your challenge, open our wills to accept your instruction.**

**Turn our mourning into dancing,
replace our garments of sorrow with robes of joy.**

And when our time of worship is ended,

**lead us back out into the world to share the Good News
with the world around us.**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ who brought healing love to the world. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, you called Abraham to leave his father and mother and go out into the unknown. Abraham was faithful to obey your call, trusting in you to show him the way: give to your Church this same faith that we may follow you with courage, obedient to follow your Spirit's call. We follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The HOPE 25 Prayer of the Season

God of Hope, you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world; by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service; that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

The first reading is from the book of Genesis, chapter 15, verses 1-8 then 17-18.

¹After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

²But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

⁴Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." ⁵He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁶Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness. ⁷He also said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it." ⁸But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"

¹⁷When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking fire pot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the animals Abraham had offered the Lord. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm of the day number 27, verses 1 to 4 and 13-14.

We will read in alternate verse.

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

**²When the wicked advance against me to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

**⁴One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

¹³I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

¹⁴Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

The second reading comes from the book of Philippians, chapter 3 commencing at verse 17 through to chapter 4 verse 1.

¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

⁴Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Song: May God's Blessing

May God's blessing surround you each day
As you trust Him and walk in His way.
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

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Hearing the Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 9 verses 28-36. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁸About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. ³¹They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

³²Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Br Bill Nicolle will lead our reflection

Offertory Hymn: The Servant King

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...

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...

So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone Him,
each other's need to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

This is our God...

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Gifts and Offerings

Thanksgiving for the birth of Brumby Michael Ian Allan

The birth of a child is a cause for celebration. Many people are overcome by a sense of awe at the creation of new life and want to express their thanks to God. Today we take the opportunity for parents and families to give thanks for the birth of their child and to pray for their family life.

This service is not the same as Baptism (sometimes called Christening), which is the sacrament of initiation into membership of the Church, the Body of Christ. If anyone here is interested in exploring the Christian faith, or finding out more about preparation for Baptism, please see me at the end of the service.

Let us begin: We gather today to give thanks for this child, Brumby Michael Ian, with his family and friends, and to support his parents in their responsibilities with prayer and love. God became one of us in Jesus, and understands all that surrounds the arrival and upbringing of children. It is God's purpose that children should know love within the stability of their home, grow in faith, and come at last to the eternal city where his love reigns supreme.

The works of the Lord are great **his mercy endures for ever.**

Mary gave birth to a child and called him Jesus

he has saved his people from their sins.

He is called the Prince of Peace **his kingdom will last for ever.**

Loving God, you hold all things in life and call us into your kingdom of peace; help us to walk the path of your truth and fill our lives with gratitude and faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving and Blessing †

Keenan and Brooke, together with Brumby, I invite you to come forward to give thanks for the birth of Brumby.

Do you receive this child as a gift from God? **We do.**

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his blessing? **We do.**

God our creator,

we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love.

We thank you for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the beginning of life. We thank you that we are known to you by name and loved by you from all eternity. We thank you for Jesus Christ, who has opened to us the way of love.

We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The minister says to Keenan and Brooke:

What name have you given this child? **His name is Brumby Michael Ian Allan**

The minister lays hands on the child, saying

As Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them, so now we speak God's blessing over Brumby's life.

Heavenly Father,

we praise you for his birth; surround him with your blessing that he may know your love, be protected from evil, and know your goodness all his days.

I anoint you, Brumby Michael Ian Allan, with oil in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May God's blessing abound in your life from the top of your head to the soles of your feet. May you grow to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, so that one day you profess his Lordship over your life. **Amen.**

People of God, would you join me in praying,

Heavenly Father, May he learn to love all that is true, grow in wisdom and strength and, in due time, come through faith and baptism to the fullness of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The minister prays for the parents:

May God the Father of all bless Keenan and Brooke and give to each grace to love and care for Brumby. May God give them both wisdom, patience and faith, help them to provide for Brumby's needs and, by their example, reveal the love and truth that are in Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Presentation of a Bible and Prayers for Keenan and Brooke

A Bible is presented to Brumby's father, Keenan, with these words, spoken by Bill Nicolle,

As a representative of the men in this parish, we'd like to bless you with this Bible, the Word of Truth inspired by the Spirit of God.

It is the good news of God's love and the revelation of Jesus Christ, His Son.

Use it as your guide, your instructional manual in life.

I would like to pray for you Keenan in your role as Brumby's Father,

Heavenly Father,

your design for fathers is to be the pillar of support in families, the provider, and the essential support in child-rearing. We ask that you give Keenan strength, and perseverance, so that he may raise Brumby despite the difficulties every parent faces. Remove all fear and worry that they have about fatherhood and let them focus on your faithfulness and providence for them. We ask that you bless Keenan with wisdom and discernment and ask for protection for their health. May your faith, Keenan, grow more and more brighter in the coming years and months.

Amen

A Jesus Storybook Bible and knitted toy is presented to Brumby's mother Brooke, spoken by Elizabeth Bissaker, or Jenny Dacombe,

As a representative of the Mother's Union, committed to supporting mothers all around the world, we'd like to pray for you Brooke,

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the gift of motherhood. We know the loving sacrifice that mothers' innately show towards their children. They are the ones who nurture and guide us in your ways. Bless Brooke with joy, strength, and love to continue her selfless devotion to her family. May Brooke know your love and care. May she experience your closeness in times of loneliness and tiredness. Give to Brooke the spirit of wisdom and love, that she may teach Brumby by word and example to follow in the way of Jesus Christ our Saviour. In their home, give them the joy that comes from being faithful followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Responses of Support

The minister addresses the supporting friends, saying

Will you do all that you can to help and support Keenan and Brooke in the bringing up of Brumby?
With the help of God, we will.

The minister addresses the whole congregation and say

As God's gathered community, will you do all that you can to help and support this family? **With the help of God, we will.**

Let us pray together,

God our loving Father,

we thank you for the gift of this child, entrusted to our care.

May we be patient and understanding, ready to guide and to forgive,

so that through our love they may come to know your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. Complete the work you began in us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we may live as we have been called, and honour you every day of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for the World and Our Community

The intercessor on the roster may prepare prayers or the following litany may be used:

Heavenly Father, your Spirit makes us your children.

You set us free from fear and promise us the inheritance of eternal life in Christ.

We long for the fulfillment of Christ's glory, the revelation of God's children for all creation. We pray for this creation, sitting between the frustration of what is and the coming birth of what is to come. Make your hope visible in us, and make our lives a force for the renewal of creation.

Come, Holy Spirit. **Fill the earth with your glory.**

God of all hope, we pray for what we have not seen, and we call on you for the needs that are closest to our hearts. Heal, comfort, and give hope.

Come, Holy Spirit. **Fill the earth with your glory.**

God of compassion, we pray even for what we don't know.

Let your Spirit search deep within our hearts and pray for us with groans too deep for words.

Come, Holy Spirit. **Fill the earth with your glory.**

Sovereign God, gather all things and all events together in your love, for the good of your beloved people and your sacred creation. Guard and guide our future.

Come, Holy Spirit. **Fill the earth with your glory.**

Fill the earth with the image of Jesus Christ, through whom and in whom all things were created, by whom all things are redeemed. **Amen.**

We conclude by praying as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Deacon: Friends, the invitation to the Lord's Table is larger and broader than any of us could ever imagine.

Confession and promise of forgiveness

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off. Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in repentance and faith.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:**

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

we repent and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.

**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Deacon: Please stand to hear God's promise of forgiveness.

Receive forgiveness in the name of our God. You are not only his servants, but sons and daughters in the family of God. He has chosen you and has not rejected you: do not fear, for he is with you; do not be dismayed, for he is your God. He will strengthen you and help you; he will uphold you with his righteous right hand; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

As we prepare to approach Christ's table of communion,
let us rejoice and be glad for the peace we have received.
For we have been made the body of Christ. **His Spirit dwells amongst us.**
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Sharing time: When was the last time God really made His presence obvious?

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Spirit of the Lord is most certainly with you **And also with you.**

Therefore, lift up your hearts and hands. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

For it is right to give God our thanks and praise.

We praise your greatness, O Lord, and our spirits rejoice in you, our Saviour.

You looked with favour on your unlikely servant Mary,
and she delivered a blessing for all generations.

You, the Almighty, have done great things, and your name is ever holy.

From the depth of your compassion, you gave life to Jesus, your Son.

He was tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and
obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

By his grace we are now able to triumph over every evil,
and to walk in the way of his love.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and this wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

'Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples saying,

'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death,
his resurrection and exultation, and his promise to be with us forever.
With this bread and this cup, we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come upon us now with your Holy Spirit,
and let your power overshadow this meal, O Most High.
Fill us so that all who eat and drink at this table may be strengthened
by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel
of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you,
Father in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body in Christ. **For we all share in the one bread.**

Come and let us share in the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ and let us feed on him in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Announcements: Please refer to the church newsletter for notices.

Commitment to live out our worship of the Lord

Compassionate and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us and have reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of fasting and prayer, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love.

Father, **you send us out with confidence in your word to tell the world of your saving acts, and in so doing our lives bring glory to your name. Amen.**

The Benediction and Blessing

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; pray for the sick; give honour to all; 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 among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: To God be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son
and give Him the glory! great things He has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
and every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord...

Great things He has taught us,
great things He has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord...