



# Surfcoast Uniting Churches

3rd May 2020

Worship together is available via video services on the web each week from 9:00am

[www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.surfcoast.unitingchurch.org.au)

**This Sunday we will share together Holy Communion in an online format. If you are joining in this time of Communion, you will find the liturgy included below.**

Dear All,

Before the time of the service you will want to prepare a slice or a small loaf of any kind of bread to share and a cup or small cups of juice — perhaps grape or cranberry — or wine, with or without alcohol. Set these elements in the living room or kitchen where you experience worship electronically with our faith community. Perhaps you want to put them on a lovely cloth or fabric that reminds you of a special time or person. Perhaps light a candle or place a flower or the photograph of someone you wish to bring into the circle of faith beside the bread and the cup. My voice will be heard throughout the liturgy as I participate as 'leader' and the peoples' 'unison'. I see this as participating with and as one of you. Thank you for your preparation. Please know that you do not have to participate in online Communion due to the challenge it poses to your theology on how the sacrament is to be received. For those who will be present, I seek a blessing upon each and everyone of you. I also seek feedback on how you feel about sharing in this sacrament online.

## HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation

### Prayer of Consecration

Leader: We have bread and cup and heart. Our church community is dispersed in distance but we are one in Christ. In your many kitchens, and living rooms, rest your hands lightly upon these elements which we set aside today to be a sacrament. Let us together ask God's blessing upon them and upon us and upon those who are in our prayers this day.

### Unison:

**Gentle Host, you prepare a table before us in the threatening presence of virus. You anoint our hearts, bless our bread and our cups overflow. Surely as we shelter in this place we find both the goodness of community and mercy to those most vulnerable. Now and all the days of our lives we claim that this house — these many houses where we dwell and also our precious church building, are, indeed, the house of God.**

**Send your Spirit of life and love, power and blessing upon your children who are staying at home so that this Bread may be broken and gathered in love and this Cup poured out to give hope to all. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you. Amen.**



### Words of Remembering

### Sharing of the Elements

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

**Unison: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.**

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

**Unison: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us pray in thanksgiving for this meal of grace, rejoicing that, in the holy dispersion of virtual worship, we claim the risen Christ's love is not limited by buildings made with human hands, nor contained in human ceremonies, and celebrating the God's shepherding that carries us into the unknown, to listen and follow, to lead and be led, to feed and be fed.

### Unison:

**Saviour, like a shepherd lead us, how much we need your tender care.**

**In your pleasant pastures feed us so we are strengthened for your use and bless us to be a blessing to others.**

**Loving Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray. Amen**



**Roma Julian** has been very busy sewing these beautiful warm lap rugs to give to those in need @ **Uniting**.



Remember you can drop in anything like this or food essentials at the Harpers.

## Community Messages:

**Plan ahead** to support Op-shops, markets and our church stall when the building is complete, when we are free to gather again. Start potting up those cuttings, making jam and sewing saleable items. Jane's marmalade from the lemon's in her garden is ready to go!



The **Book Shop @ Bellbrae** is open by appointment only. Browsers are welcome one by one and leave the money on the table. Call Carleen on 0415 173 794

Remember to keep saving your **STAMPS!**

**Position Vacant soon:** Robin Dennis will be concluding his term at Link Treasurer this year so we are looking for a replacement to train.

Please contact Ro Thompson.

## Prayers for the people and our World Easter 4: Acts 2 42-47. Psalm 23. 1Peter 2: 19-25. John 10 1-10

Loving God, we give you thanks for the way you have blessed medical teams to care for those who face acute illness, harmful incidents and ongoing medical needs. We lift before you Sylvia and John Peck for your gracious blessing of recovery and protection. Give to Sylvia rest as she recuperates at home and to John strength as he cares for Sylvia. Thank you for the healing mercies already bestowed upon her. **Lord hear our prayer.**



Father we pray for Bill McKenzie and all he and his wife are challenged with at this time. We pray that Bill's mind be blessed with a gentle peace knowing that you never leave him. May his reliance on you be strengthened as he navigates changes to his health and body. Would you please bless the doctors and nurses caring for him with ongoing compassion and wisdom. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the lives and service of the police who so tragically lost their lives this past week, and pray for their families during this time of grief. We continue to pray for all our health care workers, for our scientists, for those working in jobs in order to keep the rest of us comfortable with heating, and food. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord we pray for our world, struggling to fight this virus, for those who lives have been taken, for families that grieve, for those who are ill and struggling with isolation, for those experiencing domestic violence.. Lord we ask that your love embrace us all and that peace may reign. **Lord hear our prayers. Amen**

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**Bellbrae:** Bellbrae Uniting Church. School & Anglesea Roads, Bellbrae

**Torquay:** Torquay Uniting Church, 27 Anderson Street, Torquay

**BELLBRAE BRIC-A-BRAC OP SHOP & BOOK ROOM :** Uniting Church Hall, School Road, Bellbrae. Ph: 5261 5139

**USUAL OPERATING HOURS:** Thurs & Fri 10am to 4pm. Sat 10am to 1pm. **SORTING DAY:** Tuesday 1 to 4pm

**NOTE: All our churches & the OPshop are currently closed as per COVID 19 restrictions**