



# WODEN VALLEY UNITING CHURCH

**Trinity Sunday**



**10 a.m. Worship Curtin and Goodwin Monash  
15 June 2025**

***Jesus practiced radical inclusion! All are welcome here.***

**We Gather as People of God**

The Gong is sounded three times as we settle to be present in this time of worship

*Prelude (a time for quiet preparation - please be seated)*

## **Acknowledgement of First Peoples**

We acknowledge that we are worshipping on the land of the Ngunnawal people. They made their land sacred, as we have made this place sacred. We honour their elders - past and present - and continue to work for reconciliation and justice for all.

## **Lighting the Community Candle**

**Come light, light of hope and love, give light to creation**

**Enlighten our hearts and show us your truth.**

**Call to worship** - Lets join together

Trinity of love,  
Father, Son and Spirit,  
Holy God, Three Yet One,  
**We worship you in spirit and in truth**

God our maker,  
Jesus our redeemer,  
Spirit our comforter,  
**We worship you in spirit and in truth**

Way of all being  
Truth of all knowing  
Life of all things  
**We worship you in spirit and in truth**

**Hymn** Love Is The Touch Of Intangible Joy Tune TIS 547 Slane

1. Love is the touch of intangible joy;  
love is the force that no fear can destroy;  
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

2. Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;  
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;

love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

**3.** Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;  
love is the will to be whole once again;  
love is the trust of a friend on the road:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

**4.** Love is the Maker, and Spirit, and Son;  
love is the kingdom their will has begun;  
love is the pathway the saints all have trod:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

## **Welcome & Introduction**

### **Poem for Living Attentively**

In the Beginning, not in time or space,  
But in the quick before both space and time,  
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,  
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,  
In music, in the whole creation story,  
In His own image, His imagination,  
The Triune Poet makes us for His glory,  
And makes us each the other's inspiration.  
He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,  
To improvise a music of our own,  
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,  
Three notes resounding from a single tone,  
To sing the End in whom we all begin;  
Our God beyond, beside us and within.

### **Passing the Peace**

The Love of God, the Peace of Christ and the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**Response: And also with you.**

## **Hymn Praise With Joy The World's Creator** John Bell Tune: Praise, My Soul, TIS 179

1. Praise with joy the world's creator,  
God of justice, love and peace,  
Source and end of human knowledge,  
Force of greatness without cease.  
Celebrate the Maker's glory,  
Power to rescue and release.

2. Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,  
Frees the captive, finds the lost,  
Heals the sick, upsets religion,  
Fearless both of fate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ's constant presence –  
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,  
Liberating truth from pride,  
Forging bonds where race and gender,  
Age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure –  
Foolishness none dare deride.

4. Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,  
One God in community,  
Calling Christians to embody  
Oneness and diversity.  
Thus the world shall yet believe, when  
Shown Christ's vibrant unity.

## **We Reflect on the Word for our time**

### **Readings from the Bible and the World Around Us**

#### **Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31** The Excellence of Wisdom

8 Does not wisdom cry out,  
And understanding lift up her voice?  
<sup>2</sup> She takes her stand on the top of the [\[a\]](#)high hill,  
Beside the way, where the paths meet.  
<sup>3</sup> She cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city,  
At the entrance of the doors:  
<sup>4</sup> "To you, O men, I call,  
And my voice *is* to the sons of men.

"The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way,  
Before His works of old.

<sup>23</sup> I have been established from everlasting,  
From the beginning, before there was ever an earth.

<sup>24</sup> When *there were* no depths I was brought forth,  
When *there were* no fountains abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains were settled,  
Before the hills, I was brought forth;

<sup>26</sup> While as yet He had not made the earth or the <sup>[e]</sup>fields,  
Or the <sup>[f]</sup>primal dust of the world.

<sup>27</sup> When He prepared the heavens, I was there,  
When He drew a circle on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup> When He established the clouds above,  
When He strengthened the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup> When He assigned to the sea its limit,  
So that the waters would not transgress His command,  
When He marked out the foundations of the earth,

<sup>30</sup> Then I was beside Him as <sup>[g]</sup>a master craftsman;  
And I was daily *His* delight,

Rejoicing always before Him,

<sup>31</sup> Rejoicing in His inhabited world,  
And my delight was with the sons of men.

## **John 16:12-15**

<sup>12</sup> "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

<sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

## **A Poem by Joel McKerrow - The Earth is Hushed**

There are moments when I am still enough  
and the earth is hushed  
and the silence lingers  
that I catch a glimpse  
of something beyond explanation.

And it is not that I am staring at the exceptional.  
It is not some bush aflame.  
It is the dullness of the everyday  
The slow trickle of a stream.  
The crumbling stone.

The way she looks at me.  
It is the curve of her mouth.  
Hand brushing hand.

Wisp of bird feather. There is memory of riding bikes in Philadelphia. I have never seen her smile like that before. I have captured it on film, the sunlight of a fading day, she was free, I was free, the trees leaned in close. I swore I heard God.

### **A Poem by Catherine - Air, fire, water, clay**

What are you like  
And how shall I describe you?  
To whom shall I compare you?

You are the Lord of sound and song,  
You hover upon the air  
And give us breath.

You are the Lord of warmth and splendour,  
You burn with majesty  
And give us power.

You are the Lord of movement and dance,  
You flow with grace  
And give us refreshment.

You are the Lord of shape and sculpture,  
You cannot be contained,  
And yet you reside within our clay.

For the word of God in Scripture, For the word of God among us, For the word of God within us....

**Response: Thanks be to God**

## **Reflection**

### **Silence for Personal Reflection**

## **We Respond to the Word**

**Hymn/Song** She Sits Like A Bird Shirley Murray Tune: Thainaky, TIS 418

1. She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,  
Hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;  
She sighs and she sings, mothering creation,

Waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

2. She wings over Earth, resting where she wishes,  
Lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;  
She nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,  
Nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

3. She dances in fire, startling her spectators,  
Waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;  
She weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,  
Nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

4. For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,  
Gifted to each person in eternal love;  
She is the key opening the scriptures,  
Enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

### **Offering reminder**

Our offerings for the celebration of life in this place and beyond. *The offering bowl is placed near hall entrance/exit for individual donations and we acknowledge that other donations are made e.g. electronic & in-kind*

### **Prayers of the People**

**Response:** *Come, Holy Spirit, renew the whole creation*

**Song: She Comes Sailing On The Wind** Gordon Light

### **Refrain**

She comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun;  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
her song rings out thro' the night,  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

1. Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,  
Like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.  
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,  
Like a mother breathing life into her child.

2. Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight,  
When the spirit filled their dreams with life and form.

The deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,  
And then down the ages still She flew on.

### **Refrain**

3. (To a) gentle girl from Galilee, a gentle breeze She came,  
A whisper softly calling in the dark,  
The promise of a child of Peace, whose reign would never end,  
Mary sang the spirit song within her heart.

4. Flying to the river, she waited circling high  
above the child now grown so full of grace.  
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,  
and she carried him away in her embrace.

### **Refrain**

5. Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,  
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,  
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,  
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.

### **Refrain**

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## **We Go out into the World**

### **Words of Mission**

May the God of love who shared his love  
strengthen us in our love for others.  
May the Son who shared his life  
grant us the grace that we might share our life.  
And may the Holy Spirit indwelling in us  
empower us to be  
only and always for others. **Amen**

### **Blessing**

Go in peace  
And may the Holy God surprise you on the way,  
Christ Jesus be your company



And the Spirit lift up your life. **Amen**

**The Candles are extinguished**

**Postlude**

**Leader:** Joan Palmer

**Reader:** John Campbell and another

**Music:** Helen Swan

**'This week' at Woden Valley Uniting Church**

*Notices*

*Significant birthdays, anniversaries or events (eg: decade birthdays)*

**Fellowship**

*Morning tea is now served.*

*You are invited to share in the time of fellowship.*

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<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/weekly-worship/2025-june/sunday-15-june-2025-trinity-sunday-year-c> Poem: The Earth is Hushed by Joel McKerrow Hollowed out Lungs P135