

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Admission to Communion

24th August 2025

9.30am



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**St Andrew's
Church
WALKERVILLE**

St Andrew's is a Christ-centred,
sacramental, inclusive, thinking,
praying and prayerful, mission-
oriented faith community

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (said)

9.30am Holy Communion (sung)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev'd Tracey Gracey

School Chaplain: The Rev'd Rachel Chapman

This morning we welcome Troy Battista Condina, Henry James Draca, Oliver Jack Obbiettivo & Christian Alex Obbiettivo, who are being admitted to communion.

Music before service – St Andrew's String Quartet – Yisen Zhao, James Yan, Tina Yang, Poppy Pan; Veronica Ryan (teacher)

Processional Hymn (please stand if able)

- 1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever will be.**

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

- 2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**
- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Thomas O. Chisholm (1866–1960)

Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

God's spirit be with you.
And also with you.

Sentence of the Day

There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all. *Ephesians 4: 4-6*

Parish Prayer

**God our Father, you have made us members of Christ
and of his church in this parish.
May our worship be the offering of our hearts and lives to you.
Help us to reach out in welcome to newcomers and visitors,
to encourage and care for each other in friendship and fellowship,
and to grow in grace, love and unity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

School Prayer

**Almighty God, may your Holy Spirit bless St Andrew's School.
Give to the Students guidance and support.
To the Staff, strength and patience.
To the Parents, a sense of enjoyment and participation.
To the Board, wisdom and purpose.
May your Love influence all we do,
so that others, through this School, may learn of your goodness
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Gathering prayer

Loving God,
**You call us by name and welcome us with love.
As we celebrate with Troy, Henry, Oliver and Christian taking new
steps in faith, open our hearts and minds to your presence.
May this be a time of joy, renewal, and growing connection with you.
Amen.**

Confession

For the times we were mean,

Forgive us

For the times we were deceitful,

Forgive us

For the times we had unkind thoughts,

Forgive us

For the times we did not give,

Forgive us

For the times we did not act,

Forgive us

For the times we did not speak up,

Forgive us

Absolution

God forgives you

Forgive yourself

Forgive others.

Children's Talk – Rev'd Rachel Chapman

First Reading: 1 John 4: 7-12 – to be read by Lisa Cirocco

After the reading

May your word live in us

And bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalms 139

¹ Lord, you have searched me out,
so you know all about me.

² **You know when I sit down and when I get up.
You know my thoughts from far away.**

³ You know where I go and where I lie down.
You know everything I do.

⁴ **Lord, you know what I want to say,
even before the words leave my mouth.**

⁵ You are all around me – in front of me and behind me.
I feel your hand on my shoulder.

- ⁶ I am amazed at what you know;
it is too much for me to understand.**
- ⁷ Your Spirit is everywhere I go.
I cannot escape your presence.**
- ¹³ You formed the way I think and feel.
You put me together in my mother's womb.**
- ¹⁴ I praise you because you made me in such a wonderful way.
I know how amazing that was!**
- ²³ God, examine me and know my mind.
Test me and know all my worries.**
- ²⁴ Make sure that I am not going the wrong way.
Lead me on the path that has always been right.**

Gradual Hymn

- 1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us –
shine on me, shine on me.**

Refrain:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!*

- 2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness –
shine on me, shine on me.**
- 3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story –
shine on me, shine on me.**

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

Gospel Reading: John 3: 1-6 – to be read by Alison Draca

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John,
chapter three, beginning at the first verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel the reader says

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon – Rev'd Tracey Gracey

Affirmation of Faith (please stand if able)

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions (please sit or kneel) – prepared by
Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The response to each petition is:
God of grace, hear our prayer.

After the intercessions:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Presentation of candidates for Admission to Communion

Today we welcome Troy, Henry, Oliver and Christian who have been learning about the meaning of Holy Communion – what it means to gather at Jesus' table, to remember his love, and to share in the bread and the wine. They come today ready to take this step, to receive Holy Communion with their church family.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Loving God,

We pray for these young people as they take this special step in their faith. May they grow strong in your love, and may your Spirit bring joy, peace, and kindness to their lives.

Amen.

Invitation and Commitment

Sharing in Holy Communion is a special part of being a follower of Jesus. It reminds us that we belong to him, that we are loved and forgiven, and that we are part of God's big family.

It also reminds us that God is with us in every part of life.

You were baptised into this family.

Now you are choosing to take part in the meal Jesus gave us.

So I ask you:

Do you want to be admitted to Holy Communion?

Candidates: **We do.**

Welcome by the Church Community

We say together

We welcome you with joy and love.

We promise to pray for you,

to support you as you grow in faith,

and to share in the journey with you.

Together we are the Body of Christ.

Together we follow the Way of Jesus.

Amen.

Admission & Blessing

Troy, Henry, Oliver and Christian, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who is our Creator, revealer and sustainer of life.

I welcome you to share in the Holy Communion.

The Lighting of the Candle

Troy, Henry, Oliver and Christian, may you continue to shine God's light and love in all your words and actions.

Final Prayer

Loving God,
Thank you, that you invite us to your table.
Thank you for these young people
who want to learn and grow in the way of Jesus.
As they share in the bread and wine,
may they know they are loved,
may they grow in faith,
And may they walk in your ways
sharing your peace and love with the world.
Amen.

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Hymn – during this hymn the bread and wine for Holy Communion will be presented, and the Collection taken

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.
3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day.
4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day.

Traditional

Prayer over the Gifts (please remain standing if able)

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever.

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God,

we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.

You have given it to us to care for,

so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

We thank you that when we turned away from you,

you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,

and bring us back to you. He showed us how to love you

and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

We thank you that on the cross Jesus took away our sin,

all that keeps us from each other and from you.

He frees us from hate and fear, from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

And so with everyone who believes in you,

with all the saints and angels, we rejoice

and praise you, 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.

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:

Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The Breaking of Bread and Communion

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

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Administration of Communion

Those newly Baptised and Admitted will receive communion first.

All who wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to form a single-file line and kneel/stand at the Altar rail when a space is available. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please also come forward and indicate this by bowing your head.

Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

We kindly ask that you receive the bread and wine separately rather than dipping the wafer into the cup.

During Communion, the String Quartet from St Andrew's School will play.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of joy and celebration, we thank you for welcoming us into your family through water and bread. Strengthen us to live as your people, loving and sharing in your name. **Amen**

Most loving God,

you send us into the world you love.

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Notices – see page 17

Final Hymn (please stand if able)

1. God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.
2. We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.
3. Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life, and
find our future there.

Elizabeth J. Smith (1956–)

Blessing

May the grace of God shine upon you,
May the justice of God challenge you,
May the mercy of God encourage you,
May the courage of God support you,
May the generosity of God surprise you,
May the blessing of God surround you.

Dismissal

Look at your hands,
God's own for the world.

Look at your feet,
God's own for the world.

Look into your heart,
God's own for the world.

This is God's world,
and we will serve God in it.

Go with God's peace and love.
We go in peace and love. Amen

Organ Postlude – we sit in reflection

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Please remember in your prayers this week:

Maggie Crewes; Rhonda Gilmour; Don Gilmour; Allan Edgar;
Kathy Edgar; Rosalie Harding; Emily Harding

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*Following the 9.30am service:
Morning Tea in the Parish Centre*

All welcome.

If you are new today, welcome!

We would love to have your details so that we can keep you up to date
with the life of the parish.

Contact forms are available at the back of the church – please ask one of
our friendly welcomers, and return the completed form to them.

You can request a name tag on the sheet at the back of the church.

Many thanks.

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Notices

In the Parish

- ❖ **CONFIRMATION:** If you or a family member would like to explore Confirmation or being received into the Anglican Communion, please speak with Tracey to find out more as she will be holding Confirmation classes on the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th September at 5pm.
- ❖ **HEBRON CHILD RESCUE CENTRE UPDATE:** Linda Pirie provided the following update to her article included in last week's pew sheet: 'The centre has many day-to-day practical needs such as clothing and hygiene items. St Andrews' School is starting a partnership with this important work, beginning with supplying toothbrushes and soap, and moving to provide other needs as the partnership grows.' Copies of the updated article can be found at the back of the Church.
- ❖ **LUNCHTIME ORGAN CONCERT:** Greg Crawford will be giving a free organ concert on Thursday 28th August, 1pm at Pilgrim Uniting Church on Flinders St. The programme includes Stanley, Bach, Mendelssohn and Howells.
- ❖ **ABM NEW GUINEA MARTYRS DAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 6PM:** Sung Eucharist at St Cuthbert's Prospect will be held to honour the memory of the New Guinea Martyrs and celebrate the ongoing service of the Anglican Church of PNG. A light supper in the Parish Hall will follow, please RSVP for catering purposes by 29th August via info@abmission.org.au or 1300 302 663.
- ❖ **FILM AFTERNOON - Regal Theatre, Kensington Rd, Kensington Park. Sunday October 5th at 2pm. Film: Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale.** Bookings are open at trybooking.com/DCWGP
- ❖ **DONATIONS: Offertory envelopes** for the current year are available on the table near the Choir Vestry at the back of the Church. If you wish **give electronically**, please donate to this account:
Account name: St Andrew's, Walkerville; *BSB:* 633-000;
Account number: 144 103 314; *Reference:* "Offering" + **your name** please.

Diary Dates

Sunday 24 August	8.00am	Holy Communion (said)
Pentecost 11	9.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
and Admission to Holy Communion		
Wednesday 27 August	9.00am	ArtsNational lecture (Parish Centre)
	9.30am	Office open until 5pm
	2.00pm	Rostrum Club (Parish Centre)
Thursday 28 August	9.00am	School Services (Church)
	7.30pm	ArtsNational lecture (Parish Centre)
Friday 29 August	9.30am	Office open until 5pm
	10.00am	Staff Meeting (Office)
	2.00pm	Cleaning (all facilities)
Sunday 31 August	8.00am	Holy Communion (said)
Pentecost 12	9.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
Monday 1 September	6.00pm	City of Adelaide Lions Club (PC)
Wednesday 2 September	9.30am	Office open until 5pm
	2.00pm	Faith and Fellowship (PC)
Thursday 4 September	9.00am	School Services (Church)
	7.30pm	Home Fellowship (Newells')
Friday 5 September	9.30am	Office open until 5pm
	10.00am	Staff Meeting (Office)
	2.00pm	Cleaning (all facilities)
	7.30pm	Bellringers' practice (Church Tower)
Saturday 6 September	9.00am	Diocese Ministry Formation Group (all facilities)
	5.00pm	Youth Confirmation Session (all facilities)
Sunday 7 September	8.00am	Holy Communion (said)
Pentecost 13	9.30am	Holy Communion (sung)

Readings for next Sunday (Pentecost 12)

1st Reading: Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Psalm 81

2nd Reading: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Rosters for today, Sunday 24th August (Pentecost 11)

Celebrant & Preacher: 8.00 & 9.30am The Rev'd Tracey Gracey

Readers: 8.00am Ray Newell

9.30am Lisa Cirocco; Alison Draca

Prayer Leader: The Rev'd Tracey Gracey

Lay Assistants: 8.00am Darren Fleming

9.30am Wayne Butcher; Virginia Shek

Server: 9.30am Adam Harris

Welcomers: 8.00am Ray Newell

9.30am Robin Coleman; Tony Holloway

Morning Tea 9.30am Jennie Coleman; Donna Coombe;

Yvonne Facy Cake: Yvonne Facy

Rosters for Sunday 31st August (Pentecost 12)

Celebrant & Preacher: 8.00 & 9.30am The Rev'd Tracey Gracey

Readers: 8.00am Janet Martin

9.30am Sally Zimmerman

Prayer Leader: 9.30am Lyn Dow

Lay Assistants: 8.00am Virginia Shek

9.30am Sharon Gray

Server: 9.30am Michael Thomas

Welcomers: 8.00am *Volunteer needed*

9.30am *Volunteer needed*

Morning Tea 9.30am Sharon Gray; Donna Coombe

Cake: Biffy Ormsby

Rosters for Sunday 7th September (Pentecost 13)

Celebrant & Preacher: 8.00 & 9.30am The Rev'd Tracey Gracey

Readers: 8.00am Brian Zwar

9.30am Wayne Butcher

Prayer Leader: 9.30am Virginia Shek

Lay Assistants: 8.00am *Volunteer needed*

9.30am Donna Coombe

Server: 9.30am Jennifer Harris

Welcomers: 8.00am Brian Zwar

9.30am Sandy Facy; Robin Coleman

Morning Tea 9.30am Needra Silva; Sally Zimmerman;

Helen Hancock Cake: Donna Coombe