

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE FOR OUR WORLD**

Life Together  
Reaching Out  
Justice and Compassion

We welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
May God's peace be with you as we worship together at St David's.



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## GATHERING

In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life,  
the name of Christ, the pulse of life,  
and the name of the Spirit, the breath of life. Amen.

**Holy! Holy! Holy!**

**Earth is filled with God's presence.**

Christ, we come into your presence today to worship in this sanctuary  
called Earth,

**A planet filled with your presence,**

**quivering in the forests,**

**vibrating in the land, pulsating in the wilderness,**

**shimmering in the rivers.**

God, reveal yourself to us in this place and show us your face in all creation.

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence. Amen.**

## PROCESSION AND SONG

### **The River is here**

1. Down the mountain the river flows,  
and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.  
Through the valleys and over the fields,  
the river is rushing and the river is here.

*Chorus: The river of God set our feet a-dancing,  
the river of God fills our hearts with cheer,  
the river of God fills our mouths with laughter,  
and we rejoice for the river is here.*

2. The river of God is teeming with life,  
and all who touch it can be revived,  
and those who linger on this river's shore,  
will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.

*Chorus: The river of God set our feet a-dancing,  
the river of God fills our hearts with cheer,  
the river of God fills our mouths with laughter,  
and we rejoice for the river is here.*

3. Up to the mountain we love to go,  
to find the presence of the Lord.  
Along the banks of the river we run,  
we dance with laughter giving praise to the Son.

### **Blessed be the name of the Lord**

1. Blessed Be Your Name  
in the land that is plentiful,  
where Your streams of abundance flow,  
blessed be Your name.  
Blessed Be Your name,  
when I'm found in the desert place,  
though I walk through the wilderness,  
blessed Be Your name.  
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise,  
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say:

*Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name.*

2. Blessed be Your name,  
when the sun's shining down on me,  
when the world's all as it should be,  
blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name,  
on the road marked with suffering,  
though there's pain in the offering,

blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise,  
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say:

*Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name. (repeat) (ends)*

*Bridge: You give and take away,  
You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say:  
Lord, blessed be Your name.*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We invite the country to worship with us:

**wild flowers and mysterious mushrooms,  
swirling grasses and golden wattle.**

We join the land as it trembles before God:

**with tremors and earthquakes,  
whirlwinds and volcanoes.**

We invite the farmlands to sing with us:

**wheat fields, orchards and vineyards,  
red gums, gardens and wetlands.**

We join with all the fauna of the fields in praising God:

**kangaroos, emus and bandicoots,  
echidnas, eagles and magpies.**

We invite the ground to stir deep below:

**life-giving microbes restoring the soil,  
beetles and worms preparing our food.**

We celebrate the song of the soil!

**Sing, soil, sing!**

*We invite you to name land creatures to join us in worship.  
We name, silently or aloud, other creatures of parts of the land and invite them to join us in praising our Creator.*

We celebrate the song of the soil!  
**Sing, soil, sing**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Leader:** Let us affirm our faith together.

**Women:** We believe that God creates all things,  
renews all things and celebrates all things.

**Men:** We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with  
God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin.

**Women:** We believe that God became flesh and blood, became  
a piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ,  
who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered  
and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all  
creation.

**Men:** We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of  
creation reconciling all things to God, renewing all  
creation and filling the cosmos.

**Women:** We believe the Holy Spirit renews life in creation,  
groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits  
with us for the rebirth of creation.

**Together:** We believe that with Christ we will rise and with  
Christ we will celebrate a new creation. Amen.

## **KIDS SPOT**

## **FREDDOS**

## **CELEBRATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

### **Aaronic Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you his peace.

## **WORD**

Psalm 8 (Jessica)

Isaiah 40:21-31 (Kaye)

John 1:1-4, 9-14,16-18 (John)

## **CONTEMPORARY REFLECTION**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **LOVE FEAST WITH MILK AND HONEY & OFFERING**

## **PEACE WALK**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ☞ 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Ella AGM @ 7 pm
- ☞ 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> October- **School Holiday Kids Club**
- ☞ 16<sup>th</sup> October –Carers Week Combined Service @ 9:30 am
- ☞ 23<sup>rd</sup> October AGM Combined Service @9.30 am

## SONG

### Father's World

1. This is my Father's world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.
2. This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

*Ch: This is my Father's world  
the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world  
he shines in all that's fair  
in rustling grass I hear him pass;  
speaks to me everywhere.*

3. This is my Father's world.  
O let me never forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.
4. This is my Father's world:  
Should my heart be ever sad?  
The Lord is King; let heavens ring,  
Let all the earth be glad!

## BENEDICTION

***Worship Resource***

[www.seasonofcreation.com](http://www.seasonofcreation.com) Second Sunday in the Season of Creation (Australian Version 1) Land Sunday

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***Worship Team***

Leader: Adam

Reader: Jessica, Kaye & John

Presider: Steve

Prayers: Thelma

Kids Spot: Sian

Greeter: Marian & Joyce

Music: music team