



## **Order of Service**

**Leader: Judith**

**Story: Brian**

**Reader: Chris W**

**Reflection: Reverend Kent Crawford**

**Prayers: Christo**

### **Welcome –**

Welcome to worship at St David's on this second Sunday in Lent in 2022. Whether you are here in the Church or watching from another place, you are all very welcome.

### **Greeting -**

Lent is traditionally the period of 40 days which comes before Easter. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and penitential preparation before the momentous events of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent with prayer, fasting and bible readings, Christians undertake a modern version of Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

### **Lighting Christ's Candle**

We light this light to remind us that God in Three Persons is here with us.

### **Moment of Stillness**

As we begin our service, let's take a moment to be still and aware of God's presence within and all around us.

### **Acknowledgement of First Peoples**

As we gather to worship God, we acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of this country on which we gather today; the Gadigal and Wangal people. And we pay our respects to their Elders past and present, together with all descendants.

**We commit ourselves to support Voice, Treaty, Truth – justice for First Nations Peoples.**

### **Call to Worship**

We have come at the invitation of our God, called into his place, called into this time, called into the presence of God. We come at the invitation of our God – the God whose call echoes across ages; resounding in space yet intimate and personal.

This is the voice that calls us to encounter:

- to encounter with grace beyond telling
- to encounter with healing and transformation
- to encounter that calls us to stillness and to awe
- the power that transforms
- the love that cherishes us into changing.

### **Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, we come into your presence with adoration this morning in the name our risen Savior Jesus Christ. We make a joyful noise to you, O Lord, and we bring our prayers of praise because you are our great and merciful God. We praise you because you graciously sustain the world you have created by the support of your power. In your tender care you provide for the needs of your creatures and for us, your people. Your power is a lamp unto our feet and light for our path. Please let your light shine on us forever.

### **Song:**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Loving and merciful God, all the fancy words in the world expressed in eloquent prose, decorated with motion, spoken with conviction, cannot compete with a heartfelt 'sorry' when all other words fail. There are times when we are all too aware of our limitations, conscious of sin and the distance it creates between us. Sometimes 'sorry' is all our heart can bear to say aloud. It is only you who can read and understand the language of our hearts. Only you who can translate our 'sorry' into the prayer we would have prayed if we had the words within us.

### **Words of Assurance**

Then you forgive us and having forgiven, surround us in an embrace of love drawing us close to your heart as it was always meant to be. Thank you, Lord that you listen to hearts as well as voices and that you forgive.

In the knowledge of the awesome grace and sacrifice of Jesus Christ... we give thanks. We give thanks for hope and healing, claiming all that you have promised to us. We give thanks for the opportunity to be in prayer, to speak with you, our everlasting God.

With contrite hearts, we know that our God of love and power has forgiven us and freed us from our sins, healed and strengthened us by his spirit, and raised us to new life in Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

### **Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let's share with each other the sign of Christ's peace

### **Song:**

**Moment for Young at Heart - Brian**

## **Bible Readings - Chris W**

John 9: 1-12

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We<sup>[a]</sup> must work the works of him who sent me<sup>[b]</sup> while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

## **Reflection - Reverend Kent Crawford**

### **Moment of Stillness**

### **Prayers of the People - Christo**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 in the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.  
Now and forever.  
Amen**

### **Community News -**

#### **Offering Prayer**

Giver of all good things, let your grace flow through us; a generous stream, unstoppable, refreshing, abundant. We release these gifts into your river of love, to enhance your good works flowing out to all the world. Amen.

#### **Closing Song:**

**Benediction**

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement grant you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Threefold Amen**