



ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday 31st January 2021

Epiphany 4

“Advance Australia Where?”

Notices and Welcome

Introduction and Call to Worship

We Light the Christ Candle

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering to Praise God

Hymn 672 Lord of Earth and all creation *“Westminster Abbey”*

Thanksgiving Prayer **“Our Country”**

How grateful we are to live in this land!
To have so many freedoms and so few fears:
To travel such a coastline
And glimpse such wide horizons,
Lord God, we thank you for our land.

It is such an ancient land,
The rocks wrinkled and worn,
As millenia have passed,
It is such a new country,
With fresh city faces,
Lord God, we love the old and the new.

This land stretches from
the cold southern ocean,
to the warm tropical seas
with their coral reefs;
From the barren stony desert
To the watery carpet of mangroves.
Lord God, we delight in such a land.

For the peace of our country and
Enough for everyone to eat,
For the diversity of our people
And all their varied gifts,
And for the challenge to seek a full
Reconciliation with our country's first people.
**We are grateful and pray for all who work
For our nation's integrity and peace**

Bernard Thorogood "Chapel Prayers"

Declaration of Forgiveness

God is love. Through Christ, your sins are forgiven. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all:

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of the Peace with those near us.

Listening to God's Word

Responsive Reading Psalm 111

¹ Praise the LORD, I will extol the LORD with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

² **Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ **They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name.

**¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise. Amen**

First Lesson 1 Corinthians Chapter 8 Verses 1 – 13 Stephen White

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. ² Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. ³ But whoever loves God is known by God.^[a]

⁴ So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.” ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), ⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

⁷ But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸ But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

⁹ Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol’s temple, won’t that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹² When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if

what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn 135 All things bright and beautiful “*All things bright and beautiful*”

Second Lesson Mark Chapter 1 Verses 21 – 28

Elizabeth White

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Lord Jesus Christ we give you our praise.

Musical Interlude “I still call Australia home” Schools Spectacular 2014

Sermon

“Advance Australia Where?
“Football, meat pies, kangaroos and Holden cars?”
Lawrence Peak

Responding to God’s Word

Hymn 261 Lord, you are the light of life to me “*Fairmead*”

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Annette Burne

When the one who prays says “**Lord bless us all**” you are invited to respond

“May your Holy Spirit guide our lives.”

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 this day 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 forever.

Amen.

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여
이름이 거룩히 여김을 받으시오며
나라이 임하옵시며
뜻이 하늘에서 이룬 것 같이
땅에서도 이루어지이다.
오늘날 우리에게 일용할 양식을 주옵시고
우리가 우리에게
죄 지은 자를 사하여 준 것 같이
우리 죄를 사하여 주옵시고
우리를 시험에 들게 하지 마옵시고
다만 악에서 구하옵소서
대개 나라와 권세와 영광이
아버지께 영원히 있사옵나이다. 아멘

Closing Hymn 231 At the name of *Jesus*
“Camberwell”

Zoom Benediction “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” John
Rutter

Closing Prayer

Father we pray for ourselves and our land Australia. May we be light
shining out, showing your love, grace and peace for all to see. Amen

Blessing 778 Shalom to you now *“Somos del Señor”*

Organ Postlude

Organist

John Hughes

