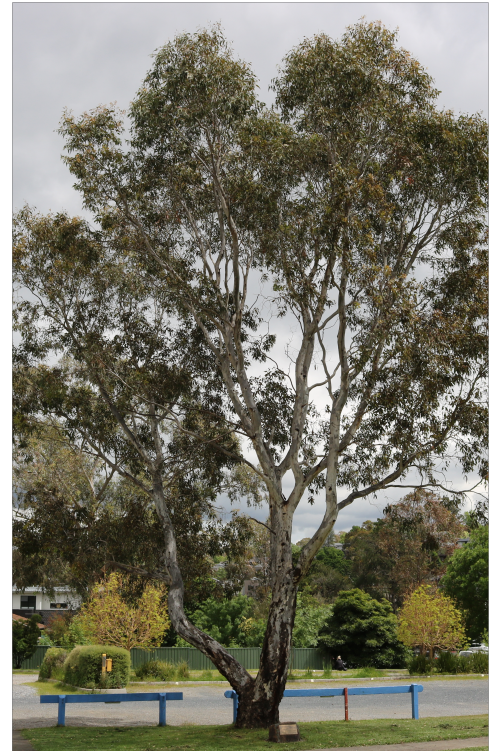


Mooroolbark (St. Margaret's) Uniting Church

All Saints Day Sunday Service

1 November 2026

Rev. Jinseon Park



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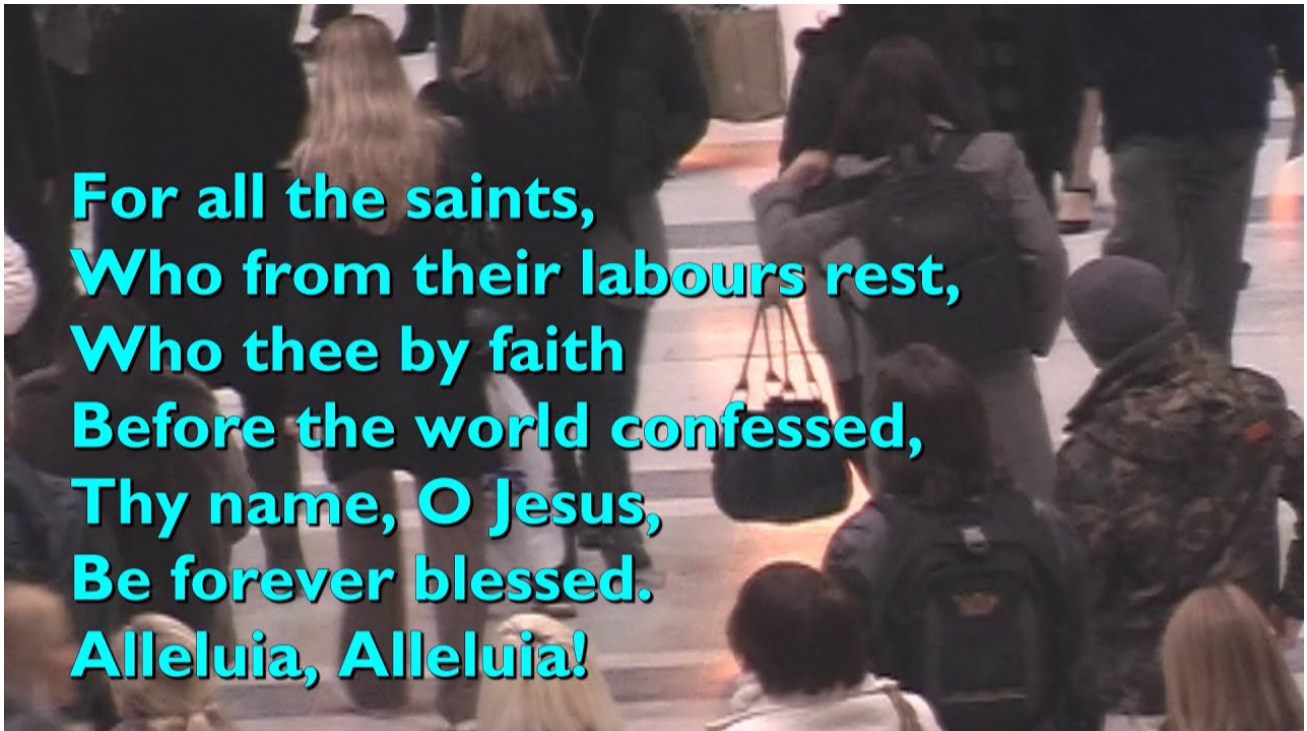
We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, the traditional custodians of this land on which we gather. We give thanks for their deep spiritual connection to creation, for their care of earth, sky, and waterways through countless generations. As we worship in this Season of Creation, may we walk gently on this land, honour the wisdom of the First Peoples, and join together in protecting the gift of God's creation.

SAFE CHURCH STATEMENT

The Uniting Church in Australia believes that all people are made in the image of God, and as such we accept every individual regardless of race, age, creed, sexuality and gender. As a Christian Community we believe that God reaches out to us in love and acceptance and that our relationships with each other should express love and respect and not be abused.

■ THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

INTROIT HYMN TIS 455 For All the Saints



WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of yesterday, today and tomorrow,
You hold us in your love.

God of those who have gone before us,
You remember every name.

God of those who gather here today,
You welcome us as we are.

In our remembering and our hoping,
You are with us.

Let us worship God,
With thankful hearts and living hope.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Holy God,
you are the God of Abraham and Sarah,
of Mary and the disciples,
of saints whose names are known throughout the world,
and of countless others whose names are known only to you.

You have been faithful through every generation.
Your Spirit has moved through ordinary people,
through their courage and their weakness,
through their words and their actions.

For your faithfulness through the ages,
we praise you.

God of mercy,
today we remember that our own lives are brief.
We have received so much from those who came before us,
yet we sometimes live as though everything begins and ends with us.

We hold tightly to what we know,
and find it difficult to make room for what is new.
We forget that faith is something we have received,
and something we are called to pass on.

There are things we wish we had said,
relationships we wish we had cared for,
and moments we cannot bring back.

In your mercy, receive our regrets,
our unfinished stories,
and the things we find difficult to forgive,
even in ourselves.

Remind us that our lives are held in your hands,
and that your forgiveness is greater than all we have left undone.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's mercy does not leave us where we are.
In Christ, there is grace for what is past,
and courage for what lies ahead.

May we live faithfully with the time and love entrusted to us. Amen.

HYMN TIS 154 Great is your faithfulness



GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS



■ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God whose image we bear, speak to us now.

We bring our ears and our hearts. We are listening.

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

EARLY WORD

Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

*For the Word that reminds us whose we are,
and the hope that holds us beyond death,
Thanks be to God. Amen.*

SERMON

HYMN “Shall we gather at the river”



Shall We Gather at the River

With Lyrics



THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of all generations,
we thank you for those whose lives have touched ours.
For the faith they shared,
the kindness they showed,
and the things they taught us without even knowing.

We give thanks for those who began both our congregations.
They laid the bricks.
They prayed here before we came.
They kept faith through hard seasons.
We stand on ground they prepared.

We remember those whose faces we have seen today,
and others whose names we carry quietly in our hearts. *(Silence)*

For those who still feel the pain of loss,
may memories bring comfort,
and may your presence bring peace.

**God of every generation,
Keep us in your love.**

For the saints among us today

Loving God,
we pray for your people gathered here,
ordinary people, with different gifts,
different struggles, and different stories.

We remember those who are ill,
those who are tired from caring for others,
and those facing uncertain days.

Give us eyes to notice one another,
and hearts willing to share each other's burdens.

As our two congregations begin a new journey together,
help us to honour what each brings,
and to grow in trust and friendship.

**God of every generation,
Guide us in your love.**

For the saints of the future

Faithful God,
we pray for the children and young people among us,
and for those who will come after us.

What kind of church will they inherit?
What will they learn of your love from the way we live today?

Give us wisdom to nurture their faith,
courage to make room for their voices,
and generosity to share what has been entrusted to us. *(Silence)*

May we leave them more than buildings and traditions.
May we leave them a living faith,
a community where they are welcomed,
and a love that reaches beyond these walls.

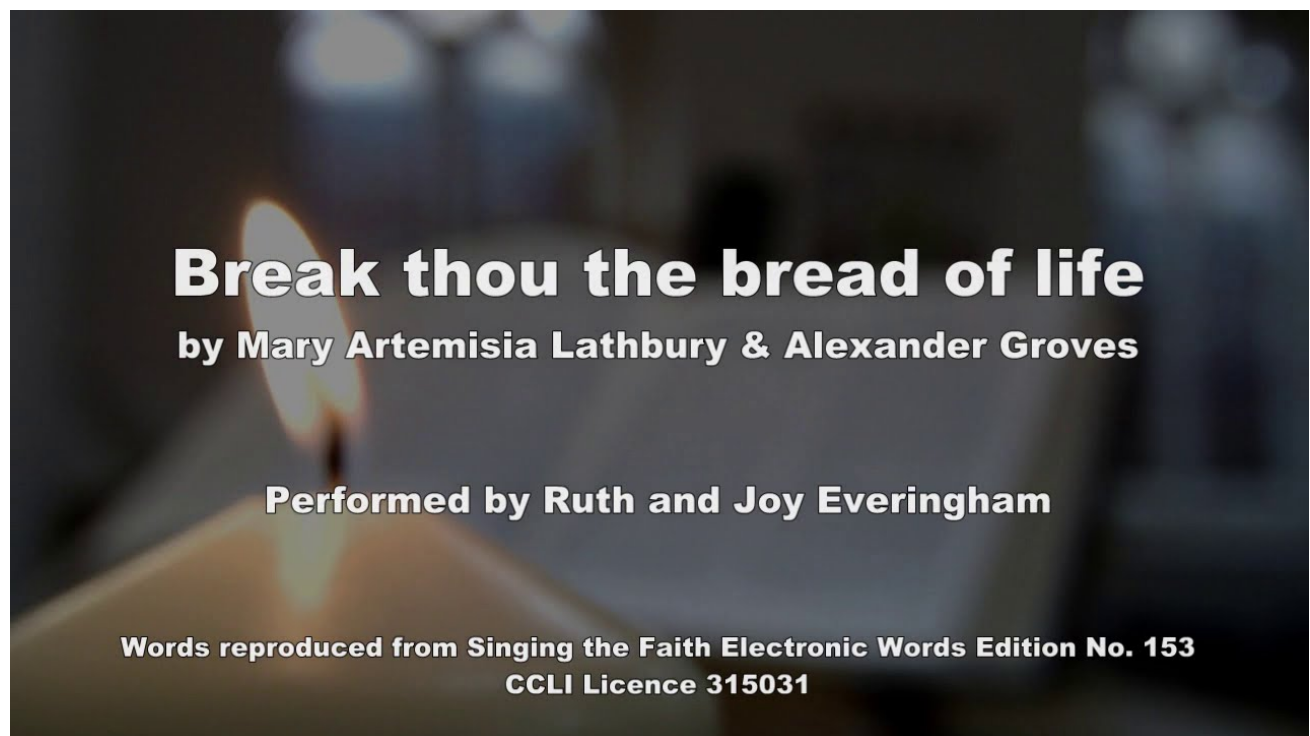
**God of every generation,
Lead us into your future.**

As we come to Christ's table,
gather us into one communion,
with those who have gone before,
those who walk beside us,
and those who are yet to come. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEDICATION OFFERING

Generous God, we bring these gifts from all that you have given us.
Bless them and use them to bring hope and love to others.
As we remember those who have gone before us, may we continue their faithful service
in this church and in the wider community. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN TIS 429 Break Thou the Bread of Life



Break thou the bread of life

by Mary Artemisia Lathbury & Alexander Groves

Performed by Ruth and Joy Everingham

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HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Holy and gracious God,
it is right that we give you thanks and praise.

You are the giver of life,
the maker of heaven and earth.
From generation to generation,
you have called people to walk in your ways.

You led your people through the wilderness,
spoke through prophets,
and remained faithful even when they lost their way.

In Jesus Christ, you came among us,
sharing our human life,
our joys and sorrows,
even our suffering and death.

Through his resurrection,
you have opened the way to new life,
and given us a hope that death cannot take away.

And so, with all your people on earth,
with the saints who have gone before us,
and with the whole company of heaven,
we join in the everlasting song of praise:

***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.***

On the night before he died,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it.
He gave it to his disciples, saying,
“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and shared it with them, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, whenever you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine.

As we share this meal,
unite us with Christ
and with your people of every time and place.

May this bread be for us a sharing in Christ's love,
and this cup a sign of your grace.

Make us one in faith, hope and love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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 forever. Amen**

DISTRIBUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Taste and see that God is good. Eat this bread.

Sharing love, we will never be hungry.

Happy are those who take refuge in God.

The cup is blessed.

Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

NOTICES AND SHARING



THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

BENEDICTION

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
Those who went before us handed us this faith.
Now carry it into the world.
Live it with care for one another.
Pass it on.

May the God of every generation
bless you and keep you,
today and always. Amen.

HYMN “Go Now in Peace”

