

A SHADE TREE PLACE

I need a place, a shade tree place
I need a place a new cool waterhole
I need a place, a shade tree place
A sanctuary for my very soul
I need a place where I can go

I need a place, a shade tree place
I need a place where the swallows swoop low
I need a place, a shade tree place
Today it seems such a long way,
Way down the road
I need a place where I can go

Something there, inside of me,
Is trying to wake me up
Something there, is shaking
my shoulders to see
The rocks and the trees and the centipede

Land O land, you keep calling to me,
Come and sit with me a while
Land O land, you keep calling to me,
To rest in the grace with the lorikeet

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BLESSING

Generous God,
in our world some hunger for food,
and others for meaning or rest;
you have blessed this place and time,
where we have been fed in many ways;
bless us now, as we go on –
sharing food for the journey,
refreshment for the weary,
companionship on the way. **Amen**

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SALLY'S OPEN GARDEN

Sunday 22 November, 1.00 – 4.00pm
29 Mackellar Cres, Cook

GARDEN WORKING BEE

All welcome to help create the
bio-diversity corridor at St Ninian's!
Wednesday 25 November, from 9.00am



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contemplative church

THE REIGN OF CHRIST
21 NOVEMBER 2020
ONE LOVE

WELCOME – Sarah Bachelard

OPENING RESPONSES

Creator of community,
we gather in your name.

Giver of our daily bread,
we thank you for all that nourishes us.

God, our constant Companion,
be present in all our sharing.

ACKNOWLEDGING COUNTRY

GATHERING PRAYER

Living God,
you have called us to receive and
practise gifts of hospitality, silence,
discernment, reconciliation and
adventure. Help us so to walk in these
ways that the world may be blessed,
to the praise of your glory and grace.
Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

Let us listen for the word of God.

Matthew 25. 31-46

REFLECTION

CONFESSION

Lord,
you know our good intentions
and we know what you ask us to do ...
but for those times when we have been
 too busy
 hard-hearted
 lukewarm
to tend to our neighbours,
we ask your forgiving love.
**Prepare us for your way, O Lord,
your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Lord,
you know our deepest desires
and we know the vision of your kingdom...
but for those times when we have been
blocked by parts of ourselves we
 misuse or neglect,
 struggle to let go of,
 believe are not good enough
and so not shared what is ours to offer,
we ask for your transforming love.
**Prepare us for your way, O Lord,
your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Lord,
you know our potential
but what is your purpose for our lives?
In our uncertainty
help us trust in your faithfulness.
**Prepare us for your way, O Lord,
your kingdom come, your will be done.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Lord is here,
God's Spirit is with us.

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, holy, holy,
God of mercy, giver of life;
earth and sea and sky and all that lives,
declare your presence and your glory.**

**Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (A PARAPHRASE)

**Loving source of our life, God of us all,
reverenced may you be,
may your justice come,
your will for the world be realised.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Free us from that which binds us,
as we become those
who unbind others.
Do not let our suffering overcome us,
and save us from the power of
destruction.
For you are ever present and your love
is true, now and forever. Amen**

COMMUNION

MEDITATION

To meditate, sit still and upright. Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Silently, interiorly begin to say a single word. We recommend the prayer-phrase, 'Maranatha'. Say it as four syllables of equal length. Listen to it as you say it, gently but continuously. Do not think or imagine anything – spiritual or otherwise. If thoughts and images come, these are distractions at the time of meditation, so keep returning simply to saying the word.

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CLOSING RESPONSES

Brother Jesus, our friend and guide,
we have been guests at your table;
come with us wherever we go
and be present in all we share.

**Summon out, in we whom you have
fed, generosity of spirit,
that all the hungry may be nourished,
and earth's barren places made fertile
with food, faith, hope and love. Amen**