

- **Christmas Eve Service:** Friday 24 December 7:00 pm.
- **Christmas Day Service:** Saturday 25 December 9:00 am.

**OFFERING** - *Help us to give freely as we have received freely from You.*

### **COMMUNION - THE INVITATION**

Dear friends, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love Him and trust Him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, and who desire to live in obedience to Him, are now invited to take with gladness from the table of the Lord.

### **PRAYER**

Father, we thank You that You feed us in these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We thank You for the assurance of Your goodness and love, and that we are living members of His body and heirs of His eternal kingdom. May the Holy Spirit be upon us now, that as we receive this bread and wine we may know the presence and power of Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **BREAKING THE BREAD & COMMUNION**

We break this bread and take this cup, God's gifts for God's people.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We thank You, Lord, that You have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN:** 599 *"Take My Life and Let it Be"*

### **BLESSING**

The grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, the Holy Spirit keep you, this day and for ever. **Amen!**

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## **Longueville - St. Andrew's Uniting Church**



**PENTECOST 24**  
**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**7 November 2021**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Earth and all it contains is the love of God in tangible form, let us give thanks today and all days!

*Praise the Lord!*

This day is a gift from the God of gifts.

*Praise the Lord!*

This moment is a holy moment, let us treasure it.

*Praise the Lord!*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

We thank You and praise You God.

You are the God from whom all blessings flow.

Every moment we experience grace upon grace.

This is the world You make for us; this is the world You hold out to us; this is the world into which You continually and generously welcome us in every moment.

The Psalm says that You are the God who executes justice for the oppressed; gives food to the hungry; opens the eyes of the blind; lifts up those who are bowed down; watches over strangers; upholds the orphan and the widow.

You are the God of grace and we give you our thanks. *Amen!*

**HYMN: 745** “*Seek Ye First*”

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, Your Psalm says, ‘unless the Lord builds the house...’

We know that You build the world and our lives, but we live so often as if it is our responsibility to build and that if we don’t, we won’t have what we need and want.

We so often don’t trust that You have built our world.

We live as if Your son Jesus never told us that You care for us as You do the birds of the air and the lilies of the field.

O, we of little faith.

Forgive us God of infinite goodness and grace.

Forgive us for not living in the truth of the abundant love that You show us in every moment in the world we inhabit.

Forgive us for not living in joy, we pray!

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, be at peace because our God is a God of infinite love, grace and patience. God waits for us to open ourselves to joy.

We can do that, now and in every moment, because we are forgiven people! We live in grace and we are loved! Amen!

**HYMN: 155** “*O Lord my God, When I in Awesome Wonder*”

## BIBLE READINGS

Psalm 127:1-5 (Page 614)

Mark 12:38-44 (Pages 1005-1006)

**SERMON:** “*Genuine Heart, Grateful Spirit, Generous Attitude*” **Rick**

**HYMN: 751** “*What Does the Lord Require of You?*”

- NOTICES**
- Our church doors will be reopened on Sunday 21 November for worship and on Sunday 28 November we will celebrate St. Andrew’s Day, invite the neighbours to join the worship and offer free Sausage Sizzle between 11:00 am and 12:00.
  - Krikor is on leave 2-17 Nov. Today Pastor Rick Johnson is sharing with us Lane Cove Uniting’s Sunday Service. For 14 November, our dear friend Bob Minton, has offered to prepare the Service and the message.
  - **Lane Cove Music** - Tue 7 Dec 7:30 pm at LCM Anglican Church - Sydney Eisteddfod Pollard Awards.
  - Meet with the Lane Cove Council new candidate **Bridget Kennedy** on Wednesday 10 November 10:00 am in the War Memorial Hall. Time for Q & A. Tea/coffee will be served.
  - **Lower North Shore Zone Advent Study Series**, “*Signs of the Times: Christ and Climate*”, Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson, Begins Thursday 11 November 7:30 pm and continues each Thursday until 2 Dec at Crows Nest Uniting and on Zoom.
  - **Christmas Carols’ Service** - Sunday 12 Dec 9:30 am.
  - **Food & unwrapped Gifts for Exodus** - Please give certain tinned food: vegetable soup, baked bean, fish, ham, meat, chicken. NO pasta, rice or crackers. All in by 12 December.
  - **Movie/Pizza Night** - 6:30 pm Tuesday 14 December. The movie “*Downton Abbey*” will start at 7.15 pm.