

We sing

My God is in Jesus (used with permission)

George Stuart
Tune: Kresmer TiS 107

1. My God is in Jesus; the gospel is telling
The story of one who was servant of all;
Whose love and compassion, so rich and so compelling,
Restores the broken-hearted, supports those who fall.
2. My God is in Jesus; befriends the rejected;
Who stands by the victim, disputes with the strong,
And offers a hand to the poor and the neglected;
Who welcomes every stranger, helps outcasts belong.
3. My God is in Jesus; gives hope to the helpless;
Who challenges those who would tread on the meek;
Confronts all oppression; opposes what is ruthless;
Gives courage to the failing and strength to the weak.
4. My God is in Jesus, who shares all our living;
From inside our being we know he is kind.
Compassion displayed in the power of his giving;
My God is in Jesus. Real love is defined.

Notices

Benediction

Go forth in simplicity.
Find and walk the path
that leads to compassion and wisdom,
that leads to peace and ease.
Welcome the stranger and
open your heart to a world in need of healing.
Be courageous before the forces of hate.
Hold and embody a vision of the common good
that serves the needs of all people.

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/benediction/go-forth-simplicity> - downloaded 17.43, 13.08.2024

Progressive Christianity Service

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The "I AM" metaphors of Jesus



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Order of worship

Welcome

Acknowledgement of country

Many have gone before who have honoured God by caring for this land, in the ways they have lived and the stories they have shared. We give thanks for the Kaurna people, who have held as sacred the duty of protecting the Land, and living in harmony with it.

Acknowledgement of diversity

We recognise our diversity and, acknowledging the Uniting Church's Safe Church Policy, we accept that this is a safe place in which all people can worship together, irrespective of race, creed, age, ability, sexuality, cultural background, or any other distinguishing feature.

We light the candle - Ephesians 5: 8b, 9-10, 13, 14b (NIV)

Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Everything exposed by the light becomes visible. "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Call to worship - Luke 4: 18 (NIV)

Jesus said:

The Spirit of the Lord is on me	-	Be open to the spirit!
He has anointed me		
to proclaim good news to the poor	-	Proclaim the good news!
to proclaim freedom for the prisoners	-	Proclaim freedom!
and recovery of sight for the blind	-	Be no longer blind!
to set the oppressed free	-	Set the oppressed free!

Introduction - by Kees Vermey and Wendy Young

We sing **Jesus is Honoured** George Stuart (used with permission) Tune: Diademata TIS 228

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| 1. Jesus, the man we heed,
A Rabbi bold and free,
He brings to view in word and deed
A new humanity;
The 'sacred' is laid bare
In ways that are unique,
By giving godly- human care
He shows that love can speak. | 3. Jesus, a noble man,
He shunned both fame and wealth;
Instead he humbly shared his plan
For human peace and health;
He welcomed all the poor;
Refused to be their king;
With outcasts, prisoners of the law -
He taught them how to sing. |
| 2. Jesus, a man so strong,
His courage is on show;
He would not compromise with wrong;
Yet loved both friend and foe;
In all his daring drive
For justice, equity,
New promise and new hope arrive
For truth and liberty. | 4. How shall we honour him –
This man from Galilee?
He does not ask for prayer or hymn,
Nor shallow piety.
When loving deeds are done,
When we have banished fear
Is when the Christ in us has won,
And God's own reign is here. |

Prayer God of life, in your dominion we find our lives.

Be present with us in this time together.

Let your Spirit every day shape us and remake our thinking
until we become the creatures that you call us to be:
suffused in love - the love known and shown in Jesus. Amen.

(based on: Rev Jennie Gordon) <https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=435> – downloaded 16.12, 13.08.2024

Bible readings - See insert "Choose your metaphor"

Presentation - by Kees Vermey and Wendy Young

Responsive Prayer (for our us and our community)

One:

If Jesus is the bread of life,

If Jesus is the good shepherd,

If Jesus is the true vine,

If Jesus is the light of the world,

If Jesus is the way, the truth,
the life and the resurrection,

All:

help us to share the bread with our
neighbours.

help us to guide and nurture our family
in safety and security.

help us to bear fruit too.

help us to see the light.

help us to understand and follow him.
Amen!

