



20th June 2021 Yr B Pentecost 4

Welcome:

Greeting:

May the Lord be with you
And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

Let's take a moment to be still and aware of the God's presence within and all around us.

Christ Candle:

We light this light to remind us that God is with us.
God is always with us.

Acknowledgement First Peoples:

We acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of this country on which we gather today; the Gadigal and Wangal people. And we pay our respects to their Elders past and present, together with all descendants.

We commit ourselves to support Voice, Treaty, Truth – justice for First Nations Peoples.

Call to Worship:

In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

What have we to fear?

In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

Of whom shall we be afraid?

In all of life's storms know people of God, that
you are loved and saved.

Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us.

Opening Prayer:

Restless God, we know that you never rest in your love and concern for all of
creation. We know that you ceaselessly search us out,
calling us to be here together in prayer and song and word.

We know that you do not rest until justice rains down on the earth
and until mercy flows like a river.

We are your people, your community, your family.

Today we open ourselves to your restless Spirit,

God of all creation we live in expectation of your work in our lives.

Amen

Song: Join our hearts together

1. Lord we come – in Your name,
gathered here – to worship You.
Join us all – in harmony,
Spirit come.

Ch: Join our hearts together in love.
Join our hearts together in love,
and come like the dew on the mountains descending.
Join our hearts together in love.
Join our hearts together in love,
for there the Lord has commanded the blessing.

2. Oh how good – how beautiful,
When we live – in unity,
flowing like – anointing oil,

on Jesus' head.

3. So let us – all agree,
to make strong – our bonds of peace.
Here is life – for evermore,
Spirit come.

Song: Cornerstone

1: My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust in Jesus' Name. (rpt)

Ch: Christ alone, Cornerstone,
weak made strong, in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

2: When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.

3: When He shall come, with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then, in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

Prayer of Confession:

We come to God ,
knowing that we have failed to obey the call of Jesus
to love God and one another with our whole hearts;
but we come also to a God who reaches out to us
with healing and reconciliation.
In this knowledge, let us pray.

Compassionate One,
our society has failed you.
You were a refugee, seeking safety and freedom,

and we did not welcome you.
You were naked and exposed, with inadequate shelter and insufficient pay,
and we did not fight with you for equal rights.
You were fearful of being detained or deported without a just trial,
and we did not provide you sanctuary.
We seek forgiveness for the ways we have forsaken you,
and offer our thanks for the communities,
people, and organisations who have
extended welcome,
advocated for justice; and
provided sanctuary to people seeking refuge despite opposition.

Help us to advocate for the human rights of all people.
Give us the steadfast persistence needed to follow your commandment to
love, in these challenging times,
Help us to remember that the love and respect we show to each other
is the love that we show to you,
In Jesus' name we pray

Amen

Words of Assurance:

Sisters and brothers, you are precious to God and God never tires of calling
and inviting you into the full life God has in store for us all.

You are called.

You are loved.

May God forgive us.
Christ befriend us,
and the Holy Spirit renew and change your lives.

Thanks be to God

Peace:

May the peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

Hymn: As the deer pants for the water

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You

You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You

[Refrain]

You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye

You're my friend and You're my brother
Even though you are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

Moment for the young at heart:

Bible Readings:

Psalm 133

¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

Mark 4:35-41

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." 36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. 37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke

him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" 39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. 40 He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" 41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Chris Longfoot

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People:

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 today our daily bread
forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever.
Amen**

**Learning more about each other: Crossroads Prison Ministries -
Roger Abrahams**

'Freddo' Moment: The congregation share good news

Community News:

Offering Prayer:

As we faithfully give either online or in the plate for the life and mission of God's church in this place and in the world, let's pray our offering prayer:

May our gifts of money, time and of ourselves,
be your light in the world.
Take these gifts and make them radical;
guide their impact;
grow our sharing of all that we have been given in love.
In Jesus' name we pray
Amen.

Hymn: May the feet of God walk with you

May the feet of God walk with you, and his hand hold you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you, and his ear hear your cry.
May the smile of God be for you, and his breath give you life.
May the Child of God grow in you, and his love bring you home.

Benediction & Blessing:

May the feet of God walk with you, and his hand hold you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you, and her ear hear your cry.
May the smile of God be for you, and his breath give you life.
May the Child of God grow in you, and her love bring you home.

And the blessing of God Almighty:
Lover, Beloved and Spirit of Love
be upon you and remain with you always.

3-fold-Amen

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