



4th July 2021 Yr B Pentecost 6
Communion / NAIDOC Week

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: (Psalm 23 – Aboriginal-style)

My big fella boss up in the sky is like the father Emu.

**He will always look after me and take me to green grass,
and lead me to where the water holes are full and fresh all the time.**

He leads me away from the thick scrub and helps me keep safe from the hunters, dingoes and eagles.

**At night time when I am very lonely and sad, I will not be afraid,
for my Father covers me with his feathers like a father emu.**

His spear and shield will always protect me.

**My big fella boss always give me a good feed
in the middle of my enemies.**

In hot times he makes me sit down in a cool shade and rest.

He gives me plenty of love and care all of my life through.

**Then I will live with my big fella boss like a father emu:
that cares for his chicks in good country, full of peace and safety.
For evermore and evermore.**

Amen

Opening Prayer:

Creator God,

As we celebrate NAIDOC Week, we celebrate and thank you for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements.

We thank you that they have been carriers of their dreaming, their song-lines, their language and knowledge.

We thank you that their achievements, voices and unwavering passion give strength and have empowered past generations and paved the way for generations to come.

We pray for words of encouragement, refreshing and restoring of strength, caring wisdom, grace, love and vision for us now and for future generations all across this land.

We pray for a country where Aboriginal peoples and the land thrive, with systems that are restorative and just.

Lord God renew our spirits and cleanse our hearts

Renew our minds and transform our lives

Renew our communities and cities, our towns and our homelands

and rebuild our ruins.
Renew our world and our country
In your name we pray
Amen

Song: Aboriginal Our Father (Broome Diocese)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GZdPEsAZCo>

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.

Creator and giver of life,
You who spoke and all things came to life,
Word that became flesh in Jesus,
We praise and worship You in all things.
Enable Your Word to take life among us this day.
Give us voice that we might honour You,
and witness to the transforming life of Jesus, living Word.
Forgive us for cheap and careless words, or deliberately harmful words,
for words of war rather than peace, for words of exclusion and words that
make enemies, rather than words that build neighbourhoods and welcome.
Forgive us when our words make others silent, or when we refuse to listen to
other words.
Forgive our community which has in so many ways robbed First Peoples of
their languages, culture and sense of the world.
May we support efforts for reconciliation and peace.
Hear these our words to You.
Amen

Words of Assurance:

Our God is a God of unconditional and overflowing love.

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.

Moment for the young at heart: Malu Kangaroo

Bible Reading:

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. **2** On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! **3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary^[a] and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense^[b] at him. **4** Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." **5** And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. **6** And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. **7** He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. **8** He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; **9** but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. **10** He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. **11** If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." **12** So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. **13** They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection:

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: Common Grace – Prayer for healing country

https://youtu.be/WNwKp4M_5VM

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

Song Gather us in

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ar0BXa82F9M>

The Sacrament of Empty Hands:

This is the Lord's table.
Our Saviour invites everyone who loves him a little
and would like to love him more
to share the feast which he has prepared.

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 God, we praise you.
Let the heavens be joyful,
and the earth be glad.

We thank you for creating the whole
world, for your promises to your people
Israel, and for the life we know in Jesus
Christ your Son.

Born of Mary, he shares our life.
Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.
Leading his followers, he guides us.
Dying on the cross, he rescues us.
Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

And so, with angels and archangels
and all the choirs of heaven,
we join in the triumphant hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

In this empty bowl [*lift up*],
we choose to see the world's hunger.
We remember that millions of people, this day,
lack bread for Communion,
bread for breakfast, bread for life.
We acknowledge that we ourselves hunger, this day,

in ways that no earthly bread can satisfy.

Hospitable God,
**meet us in our unmet hungers
and help us to put our abundance
at the service of the poor.**

In this empty cup [*lift up*],
we choose to see the world's thirst.
We remember that millions of people, this day,
lack wine for Communion, fruit for juicing, water for life.
We acknowledge that we ourselves thirst, this day,
in ways that no earthly cup can quench.

Hospitable God,
**meet us in our unmet thirsts
and help us to put our fullness
at the service of the empty.**

'Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.' (Matthew 5:6)
In the name of Christ, Amen.

INVOCATION

Pour out the Holy Spirit on this empty
bowl, this empty cup, that they may be
for us – even in their emptiness – the
body and blood of Christ.

... so that we may take his Life into our
lives, and be taken and blessed, broken
and given for the world.

BOWL and CUP

We hold up the empty bowl...

It is Christ who is the bread of life,
Who satisfies the hungry heart.

We hold up the empty cup...

It is Christ who is the cup of hope,
Who revives the thirsty.

*The bowl and cup are placed on
the table...*

The gifts of God
for the people of God.

In faith and hope, we hold out our empty hands...
**In these empty vessels and in our empty hands,
we celebrate the mystery and wonder of the empty tomb.**

In our hands and in our hearts,
we leave space for resurrection,
for new life, for new meaning.

**May Your Spirit flow among us and
beyond us, drawing us into loving and
caring for Your world.
Amen**

'Freddo' Moment: The congregation share good news

Community News:

Offering Prayer:
**As we faithfully give for the life and mission of God's church in this
place and in the world, let's pray our offering prayer:**

God of grace,
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: Love divine all loves excelling

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGGcqKShQ8>

Benediction & Blessing:

May the God of creation warm your heart like the campfires of old.
Bring wisdom and peace as shown to the first peoples of this land.
Shake off the dust from the desert plains by the refreshing rains
followed by the glow and warmth of the sun.
Let the light of God show us the right path
and stand tall like the big river gums
drawing life from the ever flowing waters.

And may Almighty God bless you;
Creator, Christ and Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always
3-fold-Amen

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Prayer of confession ~ NAIDOC Week liturgy – Pilgrim UC

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