



11th July 2021 Yr B Pentecost 7

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: (based on Psalm 24)

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
**From the east to the west, from the north to the south,
God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.**

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
The world and all its people belong to God.
**It is God who laid the earth's foundation on the seas
and built it on the ocean depths.**

God of creation, all the earth belongs to you;
we are your people and we come to worship you.

Opening Prayer:

God of all creation,
We thank you for all that you have made,
and that everything that you have made
lifts its unique voice to praise you in all your glory.
As we worship here today and through all our days
may we join our voices to the one true song —
the song the morning stars began,
the song the angels echoed at the birth of your Son,
the song that gives rhythm and beat to the dance of life.
All praise be to you, Holy God.

Amen

Song: Where the Spirit is there is freedom

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=om6mZE1Pds&list=PLMm3Bc9XTCGj70ERV5ku7MdGMPJgSKdnV&index=9>

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.

Holy God, hear our prayer:
For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;
For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;
For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;
For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;
We pray for the courage to admit our fault,
The strength to amend our actions,
And the hope that your grace awaits us.
Through Christ we pray.

Amen

Words of Assurance:

God is love. Everyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in them.
(1 John 4:16)

Hear then Christ's words of grace to us:

"Your sins are forgiven"

Thanks be to God

Peace:

May the peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

Song: Come thou font

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgVPMeTME74&list=PLMm3Bc9XTCGj70ERV5ku7MdGMPJgSKdnV&index=1>

Moment for the young at heart:

Bible Reading:

2 Samuel 6:1-2, 5, 17-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ² David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from

there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ⁵ David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs^[d] and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

¹⁷ They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. ¹⁸ When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, ¹⁹ and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat,^[g] and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus'^[c] name had become known. Some were^[d] saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."
¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod^[e] had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed;^[f] and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias^[g] came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's^[h] head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection:

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**

'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.

Song: How great thou art (Ascend the Hill)

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

Benediction & Blessing:

Children of God, celebrate the life
you have been given.

Live your life with all your might,
as a dance to God's glory.

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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