



18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Yr B Pentecost 8

***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:***

Come, out of your busy lives to a quiet time and place

**Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.**

Come, and rest in the Lord who will restore your souls.

**Our lives need moments of rest.**

Come and find the quiet center. Come, be at peace.

**Praise God who offers to us a shelter and resting place.**

### ***Opening Prayer:***

God of work and rest,

we gather here this morning, not physically together yet still together.

As we live in lockdown many of us are still living lives that are filled with activity and busyness. For some of us lockdown increases our work and our rushing and stress. For some of us just being in lockdown adds to our state of stress simply by being unable to do anything and go anywhere. Help us to find space to let go of the busyness and the stresses and find our rest in you.

Relax our spirits and refresh our souls. Remind us that we need the rest of spirit that you provide.

**Amen**

**Song:** Give me a place

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPTaE5wZR0g&list=PLMm3Bc9XTCGj70ERV5ku7MdGMPJgSKdnV&index=5>

### **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.

Gracious and loving God,

open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.  
We love with condition.  
We judge and condemn.  
We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.  
We do not turn to You as the source of our healing as individuals and as a world.  
Forgive us, we pray and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and in service.

**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:** How long

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEMhd1AHxaU&list=PLMm3Bc9XTCGj70ERV5ku7MdGMPJgSKdnV&index=6>

***Moment for the young at heart:***

***Bible Reading:***

**2 Samuel 7:1-14a**

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a

tent.”<sup>3</sup> Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.”

<sup>4</sup> But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup> Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup> I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders<sup>[a]</sup> of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” <sup>8</sup> Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup> and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup> from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup> When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup> I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

### **Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or

cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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:** O Thou who camest

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPpE0uxVCMk&list=PLMm3Bc9XTCGj70ERV5ku7MdGMPJgSKdnV&index=8>

***Benediction & Blessing:***

You are God's beloved people, refreshed, restored, forgiven and healed.  
Go now into this world confident in the gifts God has given you.  
Go to serve God's people,  
bringing words of peace and hope to all.

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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