



8th August 2021 Yr B Pentecost 11

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 130)

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.

Opening Prayer:

God of bread that sustains us
Make our hearts places of peace
and our minds harbours of tranquility.
Sew in our souls true love for you
and for one another;
and root deeply within
us friendship and unity
and harmony with respect.

So may we give peace to each other sincerely and receive it beautifully.

Amen

Song: Where the Spirit is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=om6mZE1Pdts&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.

God of compassionate love
For our foolish or careless
use of the gifts of your creation:
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

For our indifference to the needs of others,
our brothers and sisters whom you love
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

For our neglect of the means of grace,
for superficial worship, for selfish prayer;
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

God, hear our prayers
So that we might actually change.
To help the world do the same.
Amen

Words of Assurance:

Jesus said: 'I am the bread of life'. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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: Comfort Comfort

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8DXP
AYWr-c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8DXPAYWr-c)**

Moment for the young at heart: Fry Bread – A native American family story

Bible Reading:

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

⁵ The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. ⁶ So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. ⁷ The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. ⁸ The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. ⁹ Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging^[a] between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

¹⁵ And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

³¹ Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” ³² The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.” ³³ ^[a] The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

John 6:35, 41-51

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and

learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

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 abundant life and love,
We long for the time
when the meek shall inherit the earth
and all who hunger and thirst after justice
shall be satisfied,
and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil,
now is always the time
when more good can be done
and we can make a difference.

**May it be so, through the offering of these gifts
and the offering of our lives.**

Amen.

Song: Guide me O thou great Jehovah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5uwi04ttjA>

Benediction & Blessing:

Be filled with the goodness of God;
the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life,
and the power of the Holy Spirit,
go now in peace to serve God in all that you think, do and say.

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

Amen

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Call to worship: worshipblogspot

Opening Prayer – adapted from Collect in the American Indian Tradition – A Wee Worship Book

Prayer of confession ~ adapted from Uniting in Worship 2

Offering prayer - Prayer for Justice and Peace, Iona

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