



3rd October 2021 Yr B Pentecost 19
Communion

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 candle to remind us of the light of Christ;
A light that darkness has not overcome
A light that shines in each one of 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:

All who are thirsty,
this is the place for water.

**All you who are hungry,
this is the place to be fed.**

Here without money, here without price,
all may enjoy the bread of heaven.

God speaks and all who listen will have life.

Opening Prayer:

Holy Mystery, Protector of the faithful,
glorious Spirit of wonder, Bread of heaven,
you have made us your children
and crowned us with glory and honour.
You have called us to be your witnesses,
to proclaim the good news in good times and in bad.
Sanctify us and help us see ourselves in you,
the living body of the risen Christ,
broken and poured out to feed a hungry world.

Amen

Song: Where the Spirit is (Leichhardt Uniting Church)

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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.

Because you made the world and intended it to be a good place and called its people your children; because, when things seemed at their worst, you came in Christ to bring out the best in us; so gracious God, we gladly say:

Love is stronger than hate

Light is stronger than darkness

Because confusion can reign inside us, despite our faith; because anger, tension, bitterness and envy distort our vision; because our minds sometimes worry small things out of all proportion; because we don't always get it right, we want to believe:

Love is stronger than hate

Light is stronger than darkness

Because you have promised to hear us, and are able to change us, and are willing to make our hearts your home, we ask you to confront, guide, forgive and encourage us, as you know best

(silence)

Then let us cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim with our lips:

Love is stronger than hate

Light is stronger than darkness

Lord hear our prayer and change our lives until we show the grace of God who makes all things new.

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: Beautiful Things (Leichhardt Uniting Church)

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Moment for the young at heart:

Bible Reading:

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings^[a] came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan^[b] also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ² The LORD said to Satan,^[c] “Where have you come from?” Satan^[d] answered the LORD, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.” ³ The LORD said to Satan,^[e] “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.” ⁴ Then Satan^[f] answered the LORD, “Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives.^[g] ⁵ But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” ⁶ The LORD said to Satan,^[h] “Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.”

⁷ So Satan^[i] went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸ Job^[j] took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

⁹ Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse^[k] God, and die.” ¹⁰ But he said to her, “You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips

Mark 10:2-16

² Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³ He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴ They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵ But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart

he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷ 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,^[b] ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Song: Garden (Leichhardt Uniting Church)

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Communion

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus.
It is to be made ready for those who love him
and those who want to love him more.
So, come, you who are hungry for God's love.
Come, you who are yearning the Christ's presence.
Come, you who want community;
know that you are welcome here.

Come, not because it is I who invite you: it is Jesus.
It is his will that those who want him
should meet him here in the place where the ordinary things
like bread and wine and ourselves
are made extraordinary by the Grace of God.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus the Light of the world, the light that
no darkness can overpower and we thank you that you have called us from
darkness to walk in the light;

And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, joining with
choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal 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!**

Accept our praises now, loving God, as we remember Jesus, who, on the night before he died, took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and offered it to his friends saying:

This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying:

Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for everyone for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, for the remembrance of me.

**Come freshly to us now, present God,
as we offer you our lives, renew in us your gifts;
feed us and nourish us, that we may grow in the life of Christ;
fill us with your Spirit that we may overflow with your love,
and transform the world with your glory.**

Prayer of consecration

For us you were born, for us you healed,
preached, taught and showed the way of your kingdom;
for us you were crucified, and for us, after death, you rose again.

As we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room,
send down your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine
that they may become for us your body,
healing, forgiving and making us whole;
and that we may become, for you, your body,
loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

Amen.

The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ
The cup that we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus welcomes everyone to his table,
and so, we offer everyone, without exception,
the bread and wine, which are Christ's body and blood.

Distribution

Let us receive what we are;
let us become what we receive.

The body of Christ.

Concluding prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours.
Fed and nurtured at this table we continue to be your presence in this world.
Touched by your love we take it to share with each person we encounter,
until everyone knows they are loved by you, and in turn loves one another.
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: O Thou who camest

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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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