



17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 Yr B Pentecost 21

***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 us  
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: (Psalm 104)***

Come into God's presence and shout with the heavens,  
**Clothed with honour and wrapped in glorious light,**  
Serving tirelessly and caring endlessly,  
**Calling us to humility and compassion,**  
Come into God's presence, to listen and hear God speak.

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

God of majesty and might,  
blow through this place  
like a mighty wind.  
Inspire us with your presence.  
Cover us with your love,  
that we might be your people,  
serving others with care and compassion.  
In Christ's name, we pray.  
**Amen.**

### **Song: Be Thou my vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **Prayer of Confession:**

We come to God, knowing 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 with reconciliation.

So, in this knowledge let us pray -

We confess loving God that we can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation.

All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us and we use and abuse this gift.

We recognise that we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior.

We destroy this world you have given us, rather than cherish it and share its resources with all humankind.

Forgive our greed and selfishness. We are sorry

(silence)

Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into serving in a way that proclaims your love and justice for all your people. In Jesus' name 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: Lord Jesus think on me**

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
and purge away my sin;  
from earth-born passions set me free,  
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity  
point Thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
that, when the flood is past,  
I may eternal brightness see,  
and share Thy joy at last

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

***Bible Reading:***

**Job 38:1-7**

Then Job answered:

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup> “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup> Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings<sup>[a]</sup> shouted for joy?

**Mark 10:35-45**

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup> They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The

cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

***Reflection:*** Tui Waqanibaravi

***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:***

Generous God,  
we bring the work of our hands  
and the longing of our hearts,  
acknowledging that we do not always give  
as freely as Jesus calls us to do.  
May your Spirit of grace enable us  
to live in ways that reflect Jesus  
and your love for the whole world.  
**Amen.**

### ***Song: O God our help in ages past***

Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all of us away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
remain our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

### ***Benediction & Blessing:***

May the Source of life hold you in the faith;  
the Word of life speak clearly in truth around you;  
and the Breath of life, of grace, of wisdom,  
sing in your inmost being this day and all your days.

And may Almighty God bless you;

Creator, Christ and Spirit  
be upon you and remain with you always  
**Amen**

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