

7th November 2021 Yr B Pentecost 24 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 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:

All you 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, the bread of heaven is given everyone. **God speaks and all who listen will have life.**

Opening Prayer:

Lord, help us to relax. Take from us the tension that makes peace impossible. Take from us the fears that do not allow us to venture. Take from us the worries that blind our sight. Take from us the distress that hides your joy. Help us to know that we are with you, that we are in your care, that we are in your love, that we are one with you. **Amen.**

Song: The King of love my shepherd is (TIS 145)

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,

and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

Prayer of Confession:

We come to God, in our humanness, knowing that we are loved just as we are. In this knowledge we are confident to pray:

Abundant Life, freely offering your gifts, we confess that we withhold our plenty from others. *silence*

Living water, surging always, we neither conserve nor share the waters of life. *silence*

Amazing Grace, reaching out to all humanity, we confess to indifference to your living word. *silence*

Yet even to us comes the promise of a never-failing spring of water.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. 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: Take my life and let it be (TIS 599)

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my love: my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee

Moment for the young at heart:

Bible Reading:

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

3 Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ² Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³ Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and

uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." ⁵ She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin;^[a] and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷ The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi."

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸ As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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: Let us break bread together (TIS 511)

Let us break bread together with the Lord! Let us break bread together with the Lord! As we travel through this land, all God's children hand in hand, Lord, fill all our living with your life.

Let us drink wine together with the Lord! Let us drink wine together with the Lord! As we travel through this land, all God's children hand in hand, Lord, fill all our living with your life.

Let us sing songs together with the Lord! Let us sing songs together with the Lord! As we travel through this land, all God's children hand in hand, Lord, fill all our living with your life.

Let us all work together for the Lord! Let us all work together for the Lord! As we travel through this land, all God's children hand in hand, Lord, fill all our living with your life.

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**

Giving thanks and signs of hope: 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 great gifts, we make our offerings, small and large, with the hope and confidence that all we do, all we offer and all we hope will take root in this world and be the source of new expressions of your love, justice and reign. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven through us, alongside us, despite us, and for us. **Amen.**

Song: At the name of Jesus (TIS 231)

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of Glory now: this the Father's pleasure that we call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

In your hearts enthrone him, there let him make new all that is not holy, all that is not true. He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored. When this same Lord Jesus shall appear again, in his Father's glory, there with him to reign, then may we adore him, all before him bow, as our hearts confess him King of Glory now.

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

Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow Praise God, all creatures here below Praise God above, you heavenly host Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

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