



14<sup>th</sup> November 2021 Yr B Pentecost 25

***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:***

Eternal God, we praise you!

**Amidst all that changes, you are present.**

You have been here forever, waiting for us.

**We are here, to be present for you.**

Let all that is passing fall away.

With open hands, we let go of all but you.

**Alleluia! Spirit of Life, transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

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

Eternal God, so much changes around us.

So much is passing. So much is frightening.

But you are present with us, steadfast and solid in your love.

We open our hearts to your presence,

to your Word, to your Spirit living in us.

Help us to hear, to be healed, and to be made new.

We pray in the spirit of Christ, who has died and is risen and is with us always.

**Amen.**

### **Song: Jude Doxology**

1. And now all glory to Him,  
Who alone is God,  
Who saves us through his Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For he is able to keep  
us from falling away.  
He brings us into his presence  
with love and joy.

### *Chorus*

All power, authority,

All splendour and majesty

Are Yours from the beginning

And ever more and ever more.

- 2: And now all glory to You,  
You alone are God.

You've saved us through your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For You are able to keep  
us from falling away.  
You bring us into your presence  
with love and joy.

*Chorus*

All power, authority,  
All splendour and majesty  
Are Yours from the beginning  
And ever more and ever more.  
Forever more (x4)

**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:

We own our humanness, O God.  
We know that there have been many moments  
when we have failed to be true  
to the hope of the reign of God  
and the unity we know is found in you.  
We have not always received  
the gifts which lie within our differing human journeys  
or in the insights which we could share.  
We have been tempted  
by the power and realities of our own stories  
rather than the wonder of new life with each other.  
Forgive us, loving God,  
and call us on to truly walk with you.  
This we pray in hope and faith.  
**Amen.**

***Words of Assurance:***

God, in Christ Jesus, holds us in love  
and will lead us into a new journey together  
and a future filled with hope.

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: My soul gives glory to my God** (TIS 172 to the tune TIS 397)

My soul gives glory to my God,

My heart pours out its praise.

God lifted up my lowliness

In many marvelous ways.

My God has done great things for me:

Yes, holy is this Name.

All people will declare me blessed,

And blessings they shall claim.

Praise God, whose loving covenant

Supports those in distress,

Remembering past promises

With present faithfulness.

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

***Bible Reading:***

**1 Samuel 2:1-10**

Hannah prayed and said,

"My heart exults in the LORD;

my strength is exalted in my God.<sup>[a]</sup>

My mouth derides my enemies,

because I rejoice in my<sup>[b]</sup> victory.

<sup>2</sup> "There is no Holy One like the LORD,

no one besides you;

there is no Rock like our God.  
<sup>3</sup> Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by his actions are weighed.  
<sup>4</sup> The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.  
<sup>5</sup> Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.  
<sup>6</sup> The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts.  
<sup>8</sup> He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.<sup>[c]</sup>  
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world.  
<sup>9</sup> "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
for not by might does one prevail.  
<sup>10</sup> The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
the Most High<sup>[d]</sup> will thunder in heaven.  
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,  
and exalt the power of his anointed."

### **Mark 13:1-8**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!'<sup>[a]</sup> and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise

against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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**

***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: Be Thou my vision (TIS 547)**

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

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, thy child let me be  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

High King of heaven, after victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

***Benediction & Blessing:***

May God the Great Creator,  
go on creating within us,  
Christ Jesus be our company  
and the Holy Spirit surround us  
with eternal grace.

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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