



LENT 5 Yr C 3rd April 2022

Leader: **Alison** / Greeter: **Heather**

Welcome:

Greeting:

Welcome to 5th week of **LENT**- the season of reflection and penitential preparation before the momentous events of Easter.

May the light of the Lord be with you

And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

As we begin our service, let's take a moment to be still and aware of God's presence within and all around us.

Christ Candle:

In this season of Light,
we light this candle to remind us of God's light shining in the darkness.
May we carry this light of hope, peace, and justice
to the world around us every day.

Acknowledgement First Peoples:

As we gather to worship God, 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:

We come to this place
because we want to know God,
who helps us set aside the past,
to walk the path to new life.
We come in these moments
because we want to know Jesus,
who anoints us with the resurrection,
who shares our lives with us.
We come with these people
because we want to know the Spirit,
who shapes us for life with God,
so we may praise God forever!

Amen

Opening Prayer:

We gather together to entrust ourselves and the world
to the Spirit of Love and to each other.
To find peace and healing
in the joy of music and words,
in the stillness of prayer,
and in the Spirit's enfolding love. **Amen**
(Source: Pitt St UC service)

Song: Yesterday, today, forever

Ch: Yesterday, today and forever,

You are the same you never change.

Yesterday, today and forever,

You are faithful,

We will trust in you.

1. Everlasting god,

The years go by but you're unchanging.

In this fragile world,
You are the only firm foundation,
Always loving Always true,
always merciful and good, so good.

2: Uncreated one,
You have no end and no beginning.
Earthly powers fade,
but there is no end to your kingdom.
Always loving, always true,
Always merciful and good, so good.

Song: Holy and Anointed One

Jesus, Jesus,
Holy and Anointed one, Jesus.
Jesus, Jesus,
Risen and exalted one, Jesus.
Your name is like honey on my lips,
Your spirit like water to my soul,
Your word is a lamp unto my feet,
Jesus I love You,
I love You.

Prayer of Confession:

As we offer our prayers of confession, remember that God chooses to forget about our past, forgiving us so we may embrace the new life and new hope offered to us in grace. **Amen**

Words of assurance:

Making a way through all the foolishness and mistakes of our lives, God leads us into new life, where we are restored to grace, to hope, and to peace.

Do we notice what God has done for us, what God is doing in us? This is good news for everyone. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

Amen

Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let's share Christ's peace with one another.

Song: Take my life, and let it be

**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 voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.**

**Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my will and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine.**

**Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**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: Tonia

Bible Readings: Roger

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says—
 he who made a way through the sea,
 a path through the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses,
 the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
 extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:
¹⁸ “Forget the former things;
 do not dwell on the past.
¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!
 Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
 and streams in the wasteland.
²⁰ The wild animals honour me,
 the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
 and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
²¹ the people I formed for myself
 that they may proclaim my praise.

John 12:1-8

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint^[a] of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.^[b]" ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you,^[c] but you will not always have me."

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Phil

Moment of Stillness

Prayers of the People: Hector

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: The congregation share good news

Community News:

Offering Prayer:

Giver of all good things,
let your grace flow through us;
a generous stream,
unstoppable, refreshing, abundant.
We release these gifts into your river of love,
flowing out to all the world. **Amen.**

Song: Fairest Lord Jesus

**Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.**

**Fair are the flowers,
Fairer still the sons of men
In all the freshness of youth arrayed;
Yet in their beauty
Fading and fleeting;
My Jesus, Thine will never fade.**

**All fairest beauty,
heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in Thee;
None can be nearer,**

fairer or dearer,
Than Thou, my Savior, art to me.

Communion: Brian

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

Benediction & Blessing:

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

Threefold Amen

***Pastoral Prayers:* Ellen**