



## **EASTER 5 Yr C 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Leader: Judith / Greeter: Ellen**

**Welcome:**

**Greeting:**

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 gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.  
Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.  
God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.  
May we share God's love and life and be renewed in the refreshing Spirit  
of the living Christ.  
The living Christ is with us.  
Praise the Lord!

***Opening Prayer:***

Speak to us, Giver of Life, and make us new.  
We thirst for the waters of eternal life,  
we yearn to know ourselves as Resurrection People.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us this day,  
and create in us your new heaven and new earth.  
Speak to us words of comfort and hope,  
words of challenge and courage.  
Come: move among us, we pray.

**Amen**

**Song:**

***Prayer of Confession:***

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you;  
you call, but we have not listened.  
We walk away from neighbours in need, wrapped up in our own  
concerns.  
We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness.

Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves,  
so that, as you move toward us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

***Words of assurance:***

May Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness of sins to all who turn  
to him in faith:

pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you to do his will, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Peace:**

May the peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

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

**Song:**

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

**Bible Readings: Chris Longfoot**

**Acts 11:1-18 NRSV**

**Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem**

11 Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers[a] criticized him, 3 saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" 4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. 6 As I looked at it closely, I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' 8 But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. [b] These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa

and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

### **John 13:31-35 NRSV**

#### **The New Commandment**

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, [a] God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

#### **Hear the Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Reflection: Brian**

***Moment of Stillness***

***Prayers of the People: Alison***

**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:***

Community News: The congregation share good news

***Offering Prayer:***

Loving God, as your Holy Word reveals, your gift of grace is offered to all your children. You wait expectantly to hear our response. In this hushed moment, we respond by offering our gifts and by praising your name in prayer. We respond by singing, "Glory be to God!"

**Amen.**

**Song:**

***Benediction & Blessing:***

Christ has given us a new commandment:

that we love one another, as Christ has loved us.

By sharing that love with the world, everyone will know that you are Christ's disciples.

Go now and do as Christ commands.

**Threefold Amen**

***Pastoral Prayers:* Ellen**