



## **PENTECOST 2 5 Yr C 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Leader: Ron Brown / Greeter:**

**Welcome:**

Today is the second Sunday after Pentecost

**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:***

A wind from God blew over the face of the waters,  
And the voice of God spoke from a burning bush,  
Jesus breathed peace on the disciples,  
And the Spirit of God, like little flames, rested on all who gathered.  
So God's Spirit moves among us this day.  
Let us worship God.

***Opening Prayer:***

O God, you come to us not in the chaos of the whirlwind,  
not in the roar of the earthquake, not in the crackling heat of the fire,  
but in the sound of sheer silence.  
Quiet our minds, bring peace to our hearts and stillness to our bodies  
that we might meet you in that silence.  
Help us to listen for your still, small voice.  
Give us the courage to go wherever you lead us,  
trusting that you will prepare the way.  
We pray this in the name of our Companion on the journey,  
Jesus the Christ.

**Amen**

**Song: Purify my heart**

1. Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold, pure gold

(Ch)Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy  
Set apart for You, Lord  
I choose to be holy

Set apart for You, my Master  
Ready to do Your will

2.Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within and make me holy  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within

(Ch)Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy  
Set apart for You, Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You, my Master  
Ready to do Your will

### **Song: Change my heart, O God**

Change my heart, O God,  
Make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God,  
May I be like You.  
Change my heart, O God,  
Make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God,  
May I be like You

You are the Potter,  
I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me,  
This is what I pray

### ***Prayer of Confession:***

O God, sometimes the journey is too much;  
we can't go on, and we complain that we are all alone.  
Nobody cares, not even you.  
Our strength is gone, and we are ready to give up.  
In those times, when we are consumed with self-pity  
and convinced there is no hope,  
send your Spirit into our hearts to remind us of your sustaining grace.

Strengthen us at your Table and by the daily claiming of our baptism,  
so we may go confidently on our journeys,  
carrying out the mission you have given us.  
Through Christ we pray.

**Amen**

***Words of assurance:***

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

We are forgiven Alleluia!

**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: TiS 703 AS THE DEER PANTS FOR THE WATER.**

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after you  
You are all that my heart desire  
And I long to worship You

You alone are my strength my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You

You're my friend  
And You are my brother  
Even though you are the King  
I love you more than any other

So much more than anything

You alone are my strength my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.

***Moment for the young at heart: Phil - Thelma the Unicorn***

**Bible Readings:** **Heather**

**1 Kings 19:1-4**

**Elijah Flees from Jezebel**

19 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” 3 Then he was afraid;[a] he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.”

**1 Kings 19:8-15**

8 He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. 9 At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” 10 He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

**Elijah Meets God at Horeb**

11 He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but

the Lord was not in the earthquake, 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” 14 He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” 15 Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

### **Luke 8:26-39 NRSV**

#### **Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac**

26 Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes,[a] which is opposite Galilee. 27 As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn[b] any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,” 29 for Jesus[c] had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30 Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. 31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons[d] begged Jesus[e] to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. 36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been

healed. 37 Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes[f] asked Jesus[g] to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus[h] sent him away, saying, 39 “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

**Thanks be to God**

**Reflection: Dr Philip McCrea**

**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, You have given us more than enough, and so we take from the abundance which is ours, so that others might be blessed. In Jesus' name, we give and we pray. **Amen.**

**Song:TIS 598 Dear father Lord of humankind**

1 Dear Father, Lord of humankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
reclothe us in our rightful mind:  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee,  
rise up and follow thee.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire.  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm,  
O still small voice of calm.

***Benediction & Blessing:***

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Threefold Amen**

**Pastoral Prayers: Brian & Christo**