



PENTECOST 5 yr C 10th July 2022

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Welcome:

Today is the fifth Sunday after Pentecost. NAIDOC Week finishes today with their theme Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

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:

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:

Let us worship God
who acts as judge for the helpless and the orphan
who upholds the rights of the poor;
who rescues the impoverished and the needy;
who saves them from the hand of those who care little for justice.
who lights up the darkness in which we stumble.

Opening Prayer:

What does the Lord require of you?
**To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

What does God command of us?
**To love God with all our heart,
and all our soul,
and all our mind,
and all our strength,
and to love our neighbour as ourselves.**

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.
**But to presence, and abundance,
and grace in our struggle.**

Let us worship the God who believes in us,
and trusts in us, and abides with us.
**Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

Amen

Song: TIS 657 God of freedom, God of justice,

1 God of freedom, God of justice,
God whose love is strong as death,
God who saw the dark of prison,
God who knew the price of faith:
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.

2 Rid the earth of torture's terror,
God whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
God who shed the tears and blood;
move in us the power of pity,
restless for the common good.

3 Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed:
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we are hesitant to confess how hard it is to love as you wish.
It is easy to love you with all that we are,
except when you ask us to love our neighbour with all that we have.
We find it hard to love our neighbour, when it is linked to the way we
love ourselves.

And it is difficult to love anyone—even You—more than we love
ourselves.

Forgive us, as you took a risk in creating us,
help us to take risks to love others compassionately,
to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love
us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

Words of assurance:

In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do;
In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do or don't;
in God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.
Forgiven, loved, sent forth—we are not far from God's Kingdom!

We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

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: See him coming

1. Glory and power to the One who loves us
Honour and praise him forever
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus

2. Glory and power to the One who freed us
From all our sins by his blood
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus

Ch. See him coming on the clouds of heaven
Every eye behold him now
He's the Living One the first and last
Who once was dead, but now he lives
forever and ever

3. Glory and power to the One who made us
A kingdom of priests for God's service
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus

Bridge

Jesus is the living one
Who died and came alive
Jesus is Almighty Lord
Who was, and is to come!

Ch. See him coming on the clouds of heaven
Every eye behold him now
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Moment for the young at heart: Hector

Bible Readings: Milton

Amos 7:7-17 NRSV

7 This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;
I will spare them no longer;
9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries
of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of
Jeroboam with the sword.”

Amaziah Complains to the King

10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel,
saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house
of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel
must go into exile away from his land.’ ”

12 And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of
Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, 13 but never again
prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the
kingdom.”

14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am[a] no prophet nor a prophet’s
son, but I am[b] a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, 15 and
the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go,
prophesy to my people Israel.’

16 “Now therefore hear the word of the Lord.
You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel,
and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’

17 Therefore thus says the Lord:
Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,
and your land shall be parcelled out by line;
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.”

Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.^[a] “Teacher,” he said, “what
must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the
law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord
your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your
strength and with all your mind and your neighbour as yourself.” ²⁸ And

he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Chris Longfoot

Moment of Stillness

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Prayers of the People: Phil

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:

Great God in Heaven, you remind us to focus our ability on first loving you. Then, you urge us to reflect that love toward our neighbour. We desire to be the modern day "Good Samaritan." Create anew in our hearts a burning desire to care for your children. Encourage us to follow the caring ways that Jesus taught. Multiply these tithes and offerings so acts of tolerance and hospitality are extended through our ministry to all. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.

Song: TIS 614 O God of love, whose heart is ever yearning

1 O God of love, whose heart is ever yearning
that fixed on you our wayward thoughts may be,
now grant us grace to live as in your presence,
and help us all our erring ways to see.
May love subdue the ill in every nation,
and all to you as subjects bow the knee.

2 O Father God, moved ever by compassion
for children crushed by sorrows heavy load
be swift to aid the downcast and the cheerless,
lift up the fallen on life's thorny road.
Give calm and strength to overcome with patience,
and safely bring them to your blest abode.

3 O God of peace, whose Son with our sins laden
died to secure from bondage our release,
help us to banish hate between the nations,
to live as neighbours, and make wars to cease.
Bring in the reign of friendship universal,
and in your mercy grant to us your peace

Benediction & Blessing:

The Lord our God is the one and only Lord.
Therefore, go out into the world and love the Lord your God
with all your heart, soul, mind and strength,
and love others as you love yourself.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Threefold Amen

Pastoral Prayers: Alison