



PENTECOST 6 yr C 17th July 2022

Leader: Chris Westworth / Greeter: Ellen

Welcome:

Welcome to the sixth Sunday after Pentecost .

We would also like to give a warm welcome Rev Penny Jones. Penny is an Anglican priest of 35 years' experience with permission to serve in the Uniting Church in Sydney. She is an experienced theological educator, spiritual director, supervisor, and retreat conductor. She is an Interplay leader and Veriditas trained labyrinth facilitator. She is a dancer by background and enjoys the interface of spirituality and physical expression. We look forward to hearing her reflection.

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:

Come and worship!
Be still and aware of God's presence
within and around you.

(Pause)

Come and worship!
Be still and aware of Jesus' presence
within and around you.

(Pause)

Come and worship!
Be still and aware of the Spirit's presence
within and around you.

(Pause)

Be still and know the presence of the Triune God,
the Father to whom we come,
the Son through whom we come,
the Spirit by whom we come.

(Pause)

Hear his word: Be STILL and know that I am God.

Opening Prayer:

God, for everything there is a time,
and time is now our most precious commodity.
Our clocks are always running.
From birth to death:
during times of joy and sorrow:
work and play:
business and pleasure:
speech and silence:
worship and church activities:
We are like Martha, with our long to-do lists.
Slow us down Lord,
and for now simply remind us that only one thing is needful,
that we be still before you and know that you are God.

Amen

Song: 10,000 Reasons

*Ch:*Bless the Lord O my soul,
O my soul,
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.

1:The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

2:You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing.
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

3:And on that day when my strength is failing
the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing Your praise unending
ten thousand years and then forevermore.

*Ch:*Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name. (rpt)

Song: Above all.

1.Above all powers above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things,
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.

2.Above all kingdoms above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known,
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
There's no way to measure
What You're worth.

*Ch:*Crucified laid behind the stone,
You lived to die rejected and alone.
Like a rose trampled on the ground,
You took the fall and thought of me,
Above all.

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious, inviting God,
you continually provide us with opportunities
to practice generous hospitality.
But our fear of difference, reluctance to share,
and desire to be in control make our welcome appear weak and
insincere.
Because we long for what is familiar and comfortable, we have difficulty
honouring the stranger as a sacred guest who bears the face of Christ.
Worn out and irritated by the work we think we must do,
we miss opportunities to receive the gifts that such guests offer us.
Forgive us, O God, for focusing on the wrong things.

Show us how to do what is right.

Amen

Words of assurance:

The Psalmist declares that those who speak the truth from their heart will abide in God's sanctuary.

God hears the difficult truths we have named aloud and in the silence of our hearts.

Now let the wonderful gift of God's forgiveness flow through you.

May the abundance of God's mercy and grace set you free to serve God with love.

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: TIS 136 There's a wideness in God's mercy

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea,
and forgiveness in his justice
sealed for us on Calvary.

3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

4 But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.

5 If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the goodness of our Lord.

Moment for the young at heart: Phil – Brothers Quibble

Bible Readings: Paula Rix

Amos 8:1-12 NRSV

The Basket of Fruit

8 This is what the Lord God showed me: a basket of summer fruit. ² He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the Lord said to me,
“The end^[a] has come upon my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. ³ The songs of the temple^[b] shall become wailings on that day,” says the Lord God;
“the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!”
⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”
⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.
⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile,
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?
⁹ On that day, says the Lord God,
I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.
¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation;
I will bring sackcloth on all loins and baldness on every head;

I will make it like the mourning for an only son
and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord God,
when I will send a famine on the land,
not a famine of bread or a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the Lord.

¹² They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord,
but they shall not find it.

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him.[a] 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's[b] feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, 42 but few things are needed—indeed only one.[c] Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Rev Penny Jones

Moment of Stillness

Prayers of the People: Adam

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:

Heavenly Father, thank you that you can satisfy our every desire and need. Your word says that we should give honour to you with the first fruits of our wealth. Accept our tithes and offerings as a gift of worship to you. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith so that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the strength to know the love of Christ that surpasses all knowledge. May we be filled with all the fullness of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Song: TIS 690 Beauty for Brokenness

1. Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord in the suffering
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice Joy Peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your Kingdom increase

2. Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause

Of those who can't speak

(Ref) God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame

3. Refuge from cruel wars
Havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary
Freedoms to share
Peace to the killing-fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain

4. Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness
Carelessness, greed
Make us content with
The things that we need

(Ref) God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame

5. Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until your justice burns
Brightly again

Until the nations
Learn of Your ways
Seek Your salvation
And bring You their praise

(Ref) God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame *(repeat)*

Benediction & Blessing:

Go out into the world to serve God with love.
Be ready to laugh with delight at the good news God has to offer you.
Make room at your table for unexpected guests.
When the work of discipleship leaves you weary or frustrated,
rest in Christ's presence and listen to what he is saying.
And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
go with you today and always

Threefold Amen

Pastoral Prayers: Brian & Christo