



**PENTECOST 7** yr C 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Leader: Alison Burnett / Greeter: Mehry Marefatkhah**

**Welcome:**

Welcome to the seventh Sunday after Pentecost. We also welcome Judith Townsend who will be bringing us the reflection today.

***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:***

Lord, teach us to pray.  
So we might awaken to the wonder of your presence  
So we might feel gratitude for your gift of life today  
So we might discover your kingdom as revealed in our sisters and brothers  
So we might find safety beneath the shelter of your wings  
So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

***Opening Prayer:***

O Jesus,  
You are the King of Glory,  
You are the Lord of Lords, and King of Kings.  
And we pray that your Kingdom will reign forever in our hearts and in this world.  
Lord, we pray for your Kingdom to come here now, bringing a kingdom of justice, righteousness, hope, love, peace, mercy and grace for all.  
Lord, we ask that you rule in our hearts, lead in this world and govern over your kingdom.

**Amen**

**Song: TIS 93 Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him**

1 Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him;  
praise him angels in the height;  
sun and moon, rejoice before him,

praise him, all you stars and light.  
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken,  
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:  
laws, that never shall be broken,  
for their guidance he has made.

2 Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;  
never shall his promise fail:  
God has made his saints victorious:  
sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
hosts on high his power proclaim;  
heaven and earth, and all creation,  
praise and glorify his name.

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

We do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people,  
but you invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, Inviting  
God.

Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up barriers for  
others.

Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to share with those in  
need.

Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to close ranks with  
those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our  
world.

Forgive us, open our eyes to our sisters and brothers all around us.

Open our ears to the word of hope you speak to us.

Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour,  
who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life  
with you.

**Amen**

### ***Words of assurance:***

Here is the good news, my friends: Christ came searching for us, calling  
us by name, leading us into God's kingdom.

In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we  
are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life.

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 465 Father In Heaven**

1 Father in heaven, grant to your children  
mercy and blessing, songs never-ceasing;  
love to unite us, grace to redeem us,  
Father in heaven, Father, our God.

2 Jesus, Redeemer, may we remember  
your gracious passion, your resurrection:  
Worship we bring you, praise we shall sing you,  
Jesus, Redeemer, Jesus, our Lord.

3 Spirit descending, whose is the blessing:  
strength for the weary, help for the needy;  
sealing Christ's Lordship, blessing our worship,  
Spirit descending, Spirit adored

**Moment for the young at heart: Graham Mills- A squash and a squeeze.**

**Bible Readings: Roger Thompson**

**Hosea 1:2-10 NRSV**

**The Family of Hosea**

2 When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of prostitution and have children of prostitution, for the land commits great prostitution by forsaking the Lord." 3 So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

4 And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel, for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. 5 On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."

6 She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. 7 But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen."

8 When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. 9 Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God."

### **The Restoration of Israel**

10 [e]Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered, and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

### **Luke 11:1-11**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2 So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

#### **Perseverance in Prayer**

5 And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7

And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give

him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for[e] a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish?

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

**Thanks be to God**

**Reflection: Judith Townsend**

**Moment of Stillness**

**Prayers of the People: Brian Lenehan**

**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:**

As you have done with us, may we do for others, holding nothing back, but offering our treasures and lives that hope may be restored, that healing might touch the broken, that the suffering might be revived, and that all might know of your steadfast love in their lives.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**Song: TIS 168 For the Fruits Of all Creation.**

1. For the Fruits Of all Creation, Thanks Be To God;  
For The Gifts to Every Nation, Thanks Be To God;  
For The Ploughing, Sowing, Reaping,  
Silent Growth while Men Are Sleeping,  
Future Needs in Earth's Safe Keeping, Thanks Be to God!

2. In the Just Reward of Labour, God's Will Is Done;  
In The Hop We Give Our Neighbour, God's Will Is Done;  
In Our Worldwide Take of Caring  
For The Hungry and Despairing,  
In The Harvests Men Are Sharing, God's Will Is Done.

3. For the Harvests Of His Spirit, Thanks Be To God;  
For The Good All Men Inherit, Thanks Be To God;  
For The Wonders That Astound Us,  
For The Truths That Still Confound Us,  
Most Of All, That Love Has Found Us, Thanks Be to God!

***Benediction & Blessing:***

Go now as those raised with Christ, wondering at God's great love and telling the story of your salvation.

Be on your guard against all kinds of greed and set your minds on the ways of heaven.

And may God reach out to you and nourish you;

May Christ Jesus renew you in the image of your creator.

And may the Holy Spirit lead you with cords of kindness and love.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

**Threefold Amen**

***Pastoral Prayers: Alison Burnett***