



PENTECOST 16 yr C Sunday 25th September 2022

Leader: Chris Westworth / Greeter: Mehry

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:

Let us who live with faith in God proclaim,
"Lord, You are our refuge and our fortress,
a God we will trust forever."

Let us who trust in the Lord know that holy love surrounds us.
God's protection will follow us throughout our days.

When we call out to the Lord,
We know that we are heard.

God is with us in every trial and temptation,
Therefore we will rejoice in the salvation of the Almighty!

Opening Prayer.

Today O God we discover again that we are travellers on the Pilgrim way.

We find in this moment a resting place to catch our breath,
here we look, listen and share inspiration from the written and spoken word.

Here we pray for guidance on the road ahead,
here we take in the gifts and graces which the Lord has provided,
the hope, the inspiration, the joy,
the empowering presence of the One who leads us on.

Grant us O God the wisdom to take it in
and know it as gift and promise for the future.

Amen

Song: Precious Pearl

Jesus You're the precious pearl,
There's no other like You in all the world,

so beautiful, who is like You?
Jesus You're the cornerstone,
Your foundation will stand alone.
no other love can satisfy.
You are my portion,
You are my satisfaction.
Nothing else can take the place of loving You.
You're my inheritance,
not as the world can give.
Your love is like a buried treasure,
a precious pearl
beyond all measure,
beautiful, so valuable.

Song: Love divine all loves excelling

1. Love divine all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down.
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus Thou art all compassion,
Visit us with Thy salvation.
Enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast.
Let us all in Thee inherit,
let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come Almighty to deliver,
let us all Thy grace receive.
Suddenly return and never,
never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above.
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,

Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish then Thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place.
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder love and praise.

Prayer of Confession:

O God, you created us in divine likeness, diverse and beautiful:
In every person, every race is your image.
But too often we fail to recognize your image in all:
Forgive us,
You created us in divine freedom, to be free:
In every decision, every choice is your possibility of justice.
But too often we fail to choose to advocate for your justice for all:
Forgive us.
You created us for divine abundance, to tend and share:
In every garden, every social structure is your seed of community.
But too often we fail to create that community which includes all
and gives to all equal access to your abundant life.

Open our eyes to distinguish good from evil
Open our hearts to desire good over evil
Strengthen our will to choose good over evil,
So that we may create among us your beloved community

Amen

Words of assurance:

Hear the good news: God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ forgives us and
sets us free to live full human lives in community.
We go forth confident of the grace to imagine with renewed fervour,
justice and mercy for all, and to create with a new will a community
where all are given access to God's abundant life.

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 629 - When I needed a neighbour

When I needed a neighbour
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty
Were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?

I was cold, I was naked
Were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?

When I needed a shelter
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there?
And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?

When I needed a healer
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?

Wherever you travel
I'll be there, I'll be there
Wherever you travel, I'll be there
And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
I'll be there

Moment for the young at heart: Phil McCrea.

Bible Readings: Rick Legge

Jeremiah 32:1-3

Jeremiah Buys a Field During the Siege

32 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. 2 At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, 3 where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, "Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah 32:6-15

6 Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord came to me: 7 Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' " 8 Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

9 And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. 10 I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. 11 Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, 12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin[a] Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. 13 In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, 14

“Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. 15 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.”

Luke 16:19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.[a] The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.[b] 24 He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ 25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27 He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— 28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ 30 He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ 31 He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Rev. Bronwyn Murphy

Moment of Stillness

Prayers of the People: Rev Clabon Allen

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:

We give thanks for all we have received, O God:
gifts of love and time, money and abilities.
We return a portion of these gifts that they may be used
in and through the mission and ministry of this church.
Bless those who receive them just as we are blessed in the act of
sharing them.
Amen.

Song: TIS 650 - Brother sister let me serve you.

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christlight for you
in the nighttime of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Benediction & Blessing:

Go now, relying on the love of God.
Guard the gifts and graces God has entrusted to you,
hold firm to the insights we have shared today,
treasures from the past, uncovered and discovered anew today.
Remember one another in your prayers
and in the week ahead continue to share the good news in word and
deed.

And may God give you grace, mercy and peace:
May Christ Jesus lead you into life and faith;
and may the Holy Spirit live within you
and rekindle good gifts within you.

Threefold Amen

Pastoral Prayers: Alison Burnett