



PENTECOST 13 yr C 4th September 2022

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Welcome:

Today is the 13th Sunday after Pentecost. Happy Father's Day to all those fathers out there.

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 all who seek to grow in their faith enter this place for worship!

We would have the Lord mould us and shape us into God's people today.

God is the Potter and we are the clay in the Great Creator's hands.

We yield our lives unto the Lord to mould us as is pleasing before God.

Praise be to the Lord, for God is faithful to prepare us for eternity.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Opening Prayer:

Creator God, all creation is your handiwork;
your touch gives life to all that is.

You who shape and form us by the breathe of your Spirit
and the touch of your grace.

You alone are able to call forth from the depths of our being
the beauty of your Spirit in us.

May we in this celebration, surrender more deeply to your loving touch,
as you fashion and form your heart's desire in us.

This we pray in your Spirit.

Amen

Song: Change my heart ,oh God.

Change my heart ,oh God.

Make it ever true.

Change my heart, oh God.

May I be like You.

You are the potter,

I am the clay.

Mould me and make me:
this is what I pray.

Song: All to Jesus

1. All to Jesus I surrender,
all to him I freely give.
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

Ch: I surrender all,
I surrender all.
All to thee my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord I give myself to thee.
Fill me with thy love and power.
Let thy blessing fall on me.

Prayer of Confession:

Searching God, we are so attached to our possessions,
we have trouble sharing them.
We are so connected to our pleasures
that we cannot feel the pain of those around us.
We are so stuck on ourselves,
we cannot sense our souls slipping away into the shadows.

Most merciful God:
loosen us from the grip of the world, so we may feel your healing touch.
Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you.
Reshape us, redeem us, renew us, so we may take up our crosses
and follow our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Words of assurance:

The God who calls us is the God who created us;

the God who formed us is the God who forgives us.
This is the Good News—we are God's new creation.
In the name of Jesus Christ, 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: Holy, holy, holy!

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful, and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea.
Cherubim and Seraphim falling before thee,
which was, and is, and ever more shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy — though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see.
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy — Lord God Almighty,
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful, and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Moment for the young at heart: Graham Mills- Sharing a Shell

Bible Readings: Paula Rix

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The Potter and the Clay

18 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” ³ So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Luke 14:25-33 NRSV

The Cost of Discipleship

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of

peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: David Pigott

Moment of Stillness

Prayers of the People: Jen Richardson

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**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: Brian Lenehan

Invitation

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus. It is to be made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who are hungry for God's love.

Come, you who are yearning the Christ's presence.

Come, you who want community; know that you are welcome here.

Come, not because it is I who invite you: it is Jesus. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here in the place where the

ordinary things like bread and wine and we are made extraordinary by the Grace of God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus the Light of the world, the light that no darkness can overpower, and we thank you that you have called us from darkness to walk in the light;

And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn:

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Accept our praises now, loving God, as we remember Jesus, who, on the night before he died, took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and offered it to his friends saying:

This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying:

Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for everyone for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, for the remembrance of me.

Come freshly to us now, present God, as we offer you our lives, renew in us your gifts; feed us and nourish us, that we may grow in the life of Christ; fill us with your Spirit that we may overflow with your love, and transform the world with your glory.

Prayer of consecration

For us you were born, for us you healed, preached, taught and showed the way of your kingdom; for us you were crucified, and for us, after death, you rose again.

As we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us your body, healing, forgiving and making us whole; and that we may become, for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

Amen.

The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ
The cup that we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus welcomes everyone to his table, and so, we offer everyone, without exception, the bread and wine, which are Christ's body and blood.

Distribution

Let us receive what we are; let us become what we receive.

The body of Christ.

Concluding prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours.
Fed and nurtured at this table we continue to be your presence in this world. Touched by your love we take it to share with each person we encounter, until everyone knows they are loved by you, and in turn loves one another.

Amen

Giving thanks:

Community News: The congregation share good news

Offering Prayer:

Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world. Yet we have brought what we can.

We strive to grow in generosity so that our giving is a reflection of our desire to be in a covenant relationship with you.

We pray our gifts would be used to extend your kingdom in our world.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Amen.

Song: Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, My Saviour,
Lord there is no one like You.
All of my days, I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing!
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Benediction & Blessing:

We came to this sacred space to celebrate and affirm that the Lord is
like a potter, making and reshaping us into God's image,
to be and share the Good News.

And now Lord, send us out into your world as your change agents
to help mould and remake the human condition,
with your grace and your help.
Let it be so in this age, now and forever.

Threefold Amen

Pastoral Prayers: Kim