



2nd October 2022 Yr C Pentecost 17
Communion

Processional Hymn: A new commandment I give unto you (TIS 699)

A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this will others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another;
by this shall all know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

Welcome:

Greeting:

May the Lord be with you
And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

Let's take a moment to be still and aware of the God's presence within us
and all around us.

Christ Candle:

We light this light to remind us that God is with us.
God is always with us.

Acknowledgement First Peoples:

This is God's land and God's Spirit dwells here.
As we gather to worship God,
we acknowledge that we were not the first people that God put in this place.
We acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people,
the traditional owners of this land.

We honour them for their custodianship of this land.

We pray that through God's Spirit, we might be people of reconciliation.

Call to Worship: (Psalm 137)

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a land of suffering?

We shall sing of courage and the strength of the Lord.

How shall we sing the Lord's song when we feel so lonely?

We shall sing of unity and faithfulness, of reconciliation and hope.

Come, come in community,

come let us sing the Lord's song this day.

Opening Prayer:

Source of grace and peace,

you call us into being

and we praise you.

You keep us and hold us in life

and we thank you.

Be with us now.

Bring us into your presence.

Comfort our pain.

Challenge our pride.

Enter into our prayer and our praise,

as we worship you

We pray these things

in the name of the one who loved us first, Jesus Christ

Amen

Songs:

Have faith in God

1. Oh Lord You lead me,
By the still waters,
Quietly restoring my soul.
You speak words of wisdom,
The promise of glory,
The power of the presence of God.

Ch: Have faith in God,
Let your hope rest on
the faith He has placed in your heart.
Never Give up, never let go
of the faith He has placed in your heart.

2. Oh Lord You guide me,
Through all the darkness,
Turning my nights into day.
And You'll never leave me,
Never forsake me,
The power of the presence of God.

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.

Prayer of Confession:

We come to God, knowing that we have failed to obey the call of Jesus to love God and one another with our whole hearts; but we come also to a God who reaches out to us with healing and reconciliation. In this knowledge, let us pray.

God of love

For the things we have done and the things we have left undone; for all the times we have let ourselves be drawn away from you, forgive us.

Sometimes our faith is so small. Sometimes it is hanging on by a thread. Sometimes it disappears completely. Increase our faith. Grow that mustard seed. Help us, hold us, grow us, change us.

Rekindle a spirit of love and humility within us,
In Jesus name we pray
Amen.

Words of Assurance:

God is love. Everyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in them.
(1 John 4:16)

Hear then Christ's words of grace to us:
"Your sins are forgiven"

Thanks be to God

Peace:

May the peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

Let's share Christ's peace with one another

Hymn: Jesus Christ is waiting (TIS 665)

Jesus Christ is waiting,
Waiting in the streets;
No one is his neighbour,
All alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger,
Fit to wait on you

Jesus Christ is healing,
Healing in the streets;
Curing those who suffer,
Touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I have pity too.
Let my care be active,
Healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing,
Dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred
He, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard
Let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling,
Calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus,
Let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me;
I will follow you.

Moment for the young at heart: How to catch a Star

Bible Reading:

Lamentations 1:1-6

How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become subject to forced labour.

² She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers,
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her;
they have become her enemies.

³ Judah has gone into exile with suffering
and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations;
she finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.

⁴ The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate;
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,^[a]
and her lot is bitter.

⁵ Her foes have become the masters;
her enemies prosper
because the LORD has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.

⁶ From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

Luke 17:5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a^[d] mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Dr Andrew Thornley

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People:

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**

Hymn: Gather us in (TIS 474)

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat, the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in, and hold us forever;
gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Communion

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 ourselves
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 and Signs of hope: The congregation share good news

Community News:

Offering Prayer:

As we faithfully give for the life and mission of God's church in this place and in the world, let's pray our offering prayer:

God of great gifts,
we make our offerings, small and large,
with the hope and confidence
that all we do,
all we offer
and all we hope
will take root in this world
and be the source of new expressions
of your love, justice and peace.

Amen.

Hymn: O Jesus I have promised (TIS 595 to tune TIS 456)

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
Lord, be for ever near me,
my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

2 Still let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle
and tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw me nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;

Lord, speak to reassure me,
to chasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
true guardian of my soul.

4 Lord, let me see your footmarks
and in them plant my own;
that I may follow boldly
and in your strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my friend.

Benediction & Blessing:

Be filled with the goodness of God;
the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life,
and the power of the Holy Spirit.
Go now in peace to serve God in all that you think, do and say.

And may Almighty God bless you;
Creator, Christ and Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always

3-fold Amen