

9th October 2022 Yr C Pentecost 18

Processional Hymn: Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, Remember Me When You Come into Your Kingdom. Jesus, Remember Me When You Come into Your Kingdom. (repeat)

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:

The whole world belongs to God. Around us lies the kinship of the Christ. As we walk the streets, our lives touch the beloved, for all are gathered into the grace-filled hope of the Holy Spirit. We are the messengers of God! Our voices will be raised high for justice and our lives a part of the healing for all who wait in hope. What an honour and a dream belongs to us, for we are the people of God in our day.

Opening Prayer:

Blessed are You, Lord our God!

Glorious is Your name in all the earth!

We celebrate who You are, and all that You have done for us.

You hold our lives in Your hands and catch us when we stumble.

So we come together today, led by Your Holy Spirit,

to worship You: to sing Your praise, to confess our mistakes,

and to receive Your love and mercy, made possible through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Be present among us as we worship You, and as we open ourselves to Your Word.

To You be all glory, now and forever. 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

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.

Hymn: God gives us a future

1.God gives us a future, daring us to go Into dreams and dangers on a path unknown We will face tomorrow with the Spirit's power We will let God change us for new life starts now.

2.We must leave behind us sins of yesterday For God's new beginning is a better way Fear and doubt and habit must not hold us back God gives hope and insight and the strength we lack

3.Holy Spirit teach us how to read the signs How to meet the challenge of our troubled times Love us into action stir us into prayer Till we choose Gods life and find our future there

Prayer of Confession:

O God, so often we take you for granted. We take for granted that you will answer our prayers, that you will heal us and make us whole. We take for granted that you love us. Forgive us for not appreciating your grace and presence in our lives. Help us to be more thankful. Give us faith to see you in everything and everyone around us, so that we may be truly grateful. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

The healing which Christ brings to us is the offering of unconditional grace. If we open our hearts to receive it, our lives will be transformed. The Good News comes to us now: we 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

Moment for the young at heart: Brian Lenehan

Bible Reading: Rick Legge

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 NRSV

1. These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

4 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. 7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Hear the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: Rev Joy Steele-Perkins

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: Ron Brown

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 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:

O God, we know that we can influence the well-being of those around us. Receive now what we have offered, and guide us in its use. This we pray in faith Amen.

Hymn: 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 craftsmen, 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.

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.

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.

Benediction & Blessing:

Go into the world with assurance, hope and promise: May the grace of the Word of life rest upon you; the love of the Source of life embrace you; and the transforming power of the Breath of life help, strengthen and surprise you, this day and all your days.

3-fold Amen