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***Processional Hymn: Oh Lord hear my prayer (TIS 741)***

Oh, Lord hear my prayer  
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When I call answer me  
Oh, Lord hear my prayer  
Oh, Lord hear my prayer  
Come and listen to me  
(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 candle to remind us of the light of Christ  
A light that is always present with us

A light that darkness has not overcome  
**A light that shines in each one of 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 119)***

In this space and in our lives  
**we worship You with faithfulness and longing.**  
God, give us understanding;  
**Lead us on your paths;**  
Turn our hearts to love;  
**Turn our eyes to truth;**  
Confirm your promise of life;  
**Life abundant and eternal life.**  
May our worship be your praise.  
**May our lives be holy offerings.**  
***Amen.***

**Opening Prayer:**

God of trees and pathways,  
you stand ready for us to gaze in your direction.  
As You walked down the Jericho path, and saw Zacchaeus,  
help us to remember that you are continually present to us;  
You see us and know us.

When we falter, you pick us up and place us back on the path.  
When we run in directions that are harmful, you rescue us.  
When we shout our disbelief, you offer us your love and welcome us.

Today as we gather, remembering all those who have gone before us,  
who have paved the way for our faith,  
help us to be aware that we stand in that same long line of witnesses to your  
love. Give us courage and strength to serve you in all that we do.

Help us place our trust and our lives in your loving care.

**Amen**

**Songs:**

### **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.

### **Hallelujah! We sing Your praises**

*Chorus:* Hallelujah! We sing Your praises!  
All our hearts are filled with gladness.  
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1.Christ the Lord to us said:  
I am wine, I am bread,

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Give to all who thirst and hunger. *(repeat)*

2. I would give You my best.  
Come to me and find rest.  
Come to me and find rest,  
Take my yoke for it is easy. *(repeat)*

3. Now He sends us all out,  
strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell all men the joyful gospel. *(repeat)*

**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, Lover of our humanness  
Sometimes we forget that we were created for joy.  
Our minds are too busy.  
Our hearts are too heavy  
for us to remember that we have been called  
to dance the Sacred dance of life.  
We were created to love  
to be lifted up and to lift others up.  
O Sacred One  
Untangle our feet from all that ensnares us.  
Free our soul.  
That we might dance  
and that our dancing  
might be contagious.  
In Jesus name we pray  
**Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

The grace of God is infinite and free.

Rise up and live in faith and hope.

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: Help us Lord to learn (TIS 428 to tune 449)**

Help us, O Lord, to learn  
the truths your word imparts;  
to study, that your laws may be  
inscribed upon our hearts.

Help us, O Lord, to live  
the faith which we proclaim,  
that all our thoughts and words and deeds  
may glorify your name.

Help us, O Lord, to teach  
the beauty of your ways,  
that yearning souls may find the Christ  
and sing aloud his praise.

***Moment for the young at heart:*** Graham

***Bible Reading:*** Christo

**Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4**

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup> O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing

and look at trouble?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.  
<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack,  
and justice never prevails.  
The wicked surround the righteous;  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me  
and what he<sup>[a]</sup> will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup> Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

### **Luke 19:1-10**

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup> A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup> All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

**Reflection:** Rev Clabon Allen

**Moment of Stillness:**

**Prayers of the People:** Heather

**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:*

Thank you, God of grace,  
for all the gifts you give us.  
Help us to be gracious givers  
in response to all that you have given us.  
Use our gifts of money, time and of ourselves,  
to be your light in the world

**Amen.**

***Hymn: Seek Ye First (TIS 745)***

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And his righteousness,  
And all these things  
Shall be added unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia

Ask, and it shall be given unto you.  
Seek and ye shall find.  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you  
Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia

We shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God  
Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia

***Benediction & Blessing:***

In the leaving,  
in the letting go,  
let there be this to hold onto:

the enduring of love,  
the persisting of hope,  
the remembering of joy,  
the offering of gratitude,  
the receiving of grace,  
the blessing of peace.

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

**3-fold Amen**



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