

6th November 2022 Yr C Pentecost 22 Communion

Processional Hymn: Bless the Lord my soul (TIS 706)

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul who leads me into life. (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:

We are always a broken body, but we are the body of Christ.
With our community here around us, we are the body of Christ.
With the faithful who go before us, we are the body of Christ.

In Christ is our unity.
In Christ is our wholeness.
Thanks be to God.

Opening Prayer:

Come to us, Mother of all ages, weave us into faith.

Come to us, Wisdom in humanity, spin us into freedom.

Come to us, Nurturer of community, stitch us into your tapestry of life, that we may know the colour of hope, experience the texture of grace, and celebrate the fabric of wholeness in the mystery of your creativity.

Amen

Hymn: Let all the world (TIS 105)

1 Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
"My God and King!"
The heav'ns are not too high,
God's praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
God's praises there may grow.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
"My God and King!"

2 Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, "My God and King!"
The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out.
But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in ev'ery corner sing, "My God and King!"

Prayer of Confession:

As we come before God in confession, let us reflect on the symbols at the centre of our life.

The bread and wine are brought to the table

In our failure to be the Church of love and grace, we drink a common cup and break a common loaf.

In our sharing in injustice and violence against the people of the world, we drink a common cup and break a common loaf.

In our lack of faith and courage to follow the way of the cross, we drink a common cup and break a common loaf.

Words of Assurance:

In our brokenness and in our humanness.

the Christ is one with us. In Christ we are set free. In Christ we are enough to be the Church.

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

Moment for the young at heart: Graham

Bible Reading: - Paula

Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

- ² The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
- ³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

- ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- ⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.
- ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
- ⁷Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.
- ⁸ Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Luke 20:27-38

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man^[b] shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second^[c] ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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

Reflection: Father Dave Smith

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: - Jen

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! 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: Your servants of God (TIS 215 to tune TIS 188)

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol:

his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God rules on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh, his presence we have; the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore, and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might, and honour and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

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.

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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