



28<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Yr A Pentecost

**Greeter:** *Alison*

**Meditation Hymn: A new commandment (TIS 699)**  
*(please remain seated)*

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 Spirit of God 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 the Spirit is with us.

**The Spirit is always with us.**

## **Acknowledgement of First Peoples:**

Today, as we gather to worship,  
we acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people,  
the first inhabitants of this place from time beyond remembering.

We acknowledge that through this land,  
God nurtured and sustained the First Peoples of this country,  
**We honour them for their custodianship of the land on which we gather today.**

We acknowledge that the Spirit was already in the land,  
**revealing God to the people through law, custom and ceremony.**

We acknowledge that the same love and grace  
that was revealed in Jesus Christ  
sustained the First Peoples and gave them particular insights into God's ways;  
**and so we rejoice in the reconciling purposes of God  
found in the good news about Jesus Christ.**

## **Call to Worship:**

With tongues of flame, the Holy Spirit descends  
to burn in our hearts anew.

**Unite us, Holy Spirit!**

Like the rush of wind, we sense God's presence  
blowing afresh throughout the world.

**Unite us, Holy Spirit!**

Across the barriers of language and culture,  
Christ's message of love and grace is heard.

**Unite us, Holy Spirit!**

**Divine Advocate, we seek your guidance  
as we search for the Spirit of Truth.**

**Amen.**

## **Opening Prayer:**

God of wondrous possibility  
Take our story and our lives.  
Give us courage to stand for justice.  
God of dreaming and mystery  
Give us vision to walk remembering your history.  
God of truth and love  
Take our bruised hands and feet.  
Give us strength and grace to stand for truth.  
God of safety and singing  
Take our mouth and our voice.  
Give us words to inspire and encourage.  
God of knowledge and creativity  
Take our whole being.  
Help us stretch, broaden and deepen.  
God of goodness and hope  
Take our connections and influence.  
And help us stand for justice.

**Amen**

**Hymn: O breath of God breathe on us now (TIS 408 to tune TIS 443)**

1 O breath of God, breathe on us now  
and move within us while we pray;  
you are the spring of our new life,  
the very light of our new day.

2 How strangely you are with us, Lord,  
neither in height nor depth to seek:  
in nearness shall your voice be heard;  
spirit to spirit you will speak.

3 Christ is our advocate on high;  
you are our advocate within:  
O plead the truth, and make reply  
to every argument of sin.

4 But what a faithless heart of mine:  
the way I know, I know my guide:

forgive me, O my friend divine,  
that I so often turn aside.

5 Be with me when no other friend  
the mystery of my heart can share;  
be always known, when fears descend,  
by your best name of Comforter.

### **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:

Our Father, Our Creator,  
We humbly come before you today acknowledging the weight of our shared history in Australia. We acknowledge that we are all made in your image and called to live in harmony with one another. Yet, as a nation we have fallen short of this calling, and we are sorry.

*silence*

We ask for your guidance and wisdom to enable us to become agents of change in the pursuit of reconciliation with one another.

We pray for the courage to speak up for the marginalised and oppressed, and to be a voice for the generations that have suffered under the weight of racism and discrimination.

May your love and grace inspire us to take action towards healing and reconciliation, and to work towards a future where all are treated with dignity and respect.

Help us to listen to the voices of those who have been silenced for too long, and to work together to see restoration and healing.

May we be guided by your love and grace, and may our actions be a reflection of your goodness.

May your Holy Spirit guide us towards a future where love, mercy, and compassion reign.

We pray for your hand to be upon us as we work towards reconciliation, and we entrust our efforts into your hands.

In Jesus' name we pray,

**Amen**

**Words of Assurance:**

People of the Spirit, listen.  
The wind that drives the heavens;  
the wind that soars above and beyond us all,  
unifies us in God's love.

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

**Thanks be to God**

**Peace:**

May the peace of the Spirit of life be with you  
**And also with you.**

*Let's share Christ's peace from where we are seated.*

**Hymn: O worship the King, all glorious above (TIS 133)**

1 O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

4 O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
while angels delight to worship above,  
the humbler creation, through faltering their praise

with true adoration shall sing all their days.

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

**Bible Reading: Marian**

**Introduction to the Hebrew Bible reading:**

In Psalm 104, the world that God creates and recreates is not just ordered, but rhythmic, each created thing a note that contributes to the Spirit's song. The whole of creation is like a song of joy sung by the Spirit of the Lord.

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
25 There is the sea, great and wide;  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.  
26 There go the ships  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.  
27 These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;  
28 when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.  
30 When you send forth your spirit,<sup>[a]</sup> they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.  
31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works—  
32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.  
33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
34 May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.  
35 Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Praise the LORD!

**Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews<sup>[a]</sup> and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: **Rev Joy**

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: **Heather**

The Aboriginal Lord's Prayer from the "Missa Kimberley":

You are Our Father, you live in heaven  
We talk to you, Father you are good.

We believe your Word Father  
We are your children, give us bread today.

We have done wrong, we are sorry  
Help us Father not to sin again.

Others have done wrong to us  
And we are sorry for them, Father today.

Stop us from doing wrong, Father  
Save us all from the evil one.

You are Our Father, you live in heaven  
We talk to you, Father you are good.  
Amen

Community News:

Offering Prayer:

***As we faithfully give either online or in the plate for the life and mission of God's church in this place and in the world, let's pray our offering prayer.***

Holy mystery of grace and love,  
as the rains urges the growth of the harvest,  
so may your Spirit urge the growth of our generosity  
in love, to neighbour and stranger.



Use these gifts and us to bring justice in your world.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

### **Song: Come Holy Spirit**

Come Holy Spirit, *hear us calling,*  
Come Holy Spirit, *hear us calling,*  
Come Holy Spirit, *hear us calling to You.*  
Come Holy Spirit, *hear us calling,*  
Hear us calling,  
Hear us calling to You.

Come give Your gifts, *edify Your church,*  
Come give Your truth, *glorify our Lord,*  
Come be our guide, *point the way,*  
Come walk beside.

### ***Benediction & Blessing:***

May the power of the Holy Spirit  
transform you with the healing fire  
that unifies the world.  
Let the wind of that first Pentecost  
teach you of God's grace, love, hope, and mystery.  
With tongues of flame,  
may you be marked for Christ.  
Go out in faith and abiding love.

And the blessing of God Almighty;  
Creator, Christ and Spirit  
Be upon you and remain with you always.

### **3-fold-Amen**

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