



4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Trinity Sunday  
Communion

**Greeter:** *Ron*

**Meditation Hymn: Holy Holy Holy (TIS 723)**  
*(please remain seated)*

Holy Holy Holy  
My heart my heart adores you  
My heart knows how to say to you  
Holy are you, Lord  
(repeat)

**Welcome:**

**Greeting:**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And also with you**

**Moment of Stillness:**

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

## **Christ Candle:**

We light this light to remind us that,  
God is with us: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**God is always with us**

## **Acknowledgement of Country:**

Today, as we gather to worship God, we acknowledge that we stand on the land of 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 commit ourselves to justice and reconciliation in this land.**

## **Call to Worship:**

God the Creator is in this place.

**The love of God is with us.**

Christ our Redeemer is in this place.

**The grace of our Lord is with us.**

The Holy Spirit is in this place.

**The communion of the Spirit is with us.**

We welcome the fullness of God's presence.

**God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer  
be with us now and forever.**

**Amen**

## **Opening Prayer:**

Loving God,

we are limited in our understanding of you,  
but we know that you care for us and for all creation.  
Thank you for loving us  
and remaining with us in our sorrows and joys.  
Thank you for the life of Christ,  
whose life shows us the way to life and hope and love.  
Thank you for your Spirit who leads us.  
Warm our hearts and unite us,  
that we might open our lives to you  
to accept all your love and to respond to it  
by entrusting ourselves to you  
with all that you have made us and given us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus  
**Amen**

**Hymn: For the beauty of the earth (TIS 137)**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.

Refrain:  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light.  
[Refrain ]

3 For each perfect gift divine  
to the world so freely given,  
graces all of your design,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven.  
[Refrain]

4 For the church that evermore,  
lifting holy hands above,

offers up on every shore  
the pure sacrifice of love.  
[Refrain]

### **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:

Holy and triune God,  
You alone live in perfect relationship,  
One God in three persons,  
Mutual and loving,  
Ever seeking reconciliation and unity.

You have called us to live in your completion, yet:  
we confess that our relationships are imperfect and  
we are incomplete without you  
we are selfish and greedy  
we are anxious and resenting  
we feel the shame of our foolish behaviour and brokenness  
we have allowed ourselves to be driven apart from one another and from you.

Forgive us and restore us,  
Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy.  
May we long for wholeness and peace,  
May we strive toward gratitude and grace  
In the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ,  
By the working power of your Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

### **Words of Assurance:**

Be assured that God hears us  
and God's love for us never ends.

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

**Thanks be to God**

## **Peace:**

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

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

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

**Bible Reading: Marian**

### **Introduction to the Hebrew Bible reading:**

In the first Genesis account of creation, we find an all powerful, all knowing, all loving, eternal and infinite God. God creates freely according to God's divine wisdom and is motivated by genuine love.

### **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

**1** When God began to create<sup>[a]</sup> the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God<sup>[b]</sup> swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**6** And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." **7** So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. **8** God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

**9** And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. **11** Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humans<sup>[c]</sup> in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth<sup>[d]</sup> and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans<sup>[e]</sup> in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;<sup>[f]</sup>  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth<sup>[a]</sup> day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the

seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. <sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

### **Matthew 28:16-20**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

**Reflection: Chris Longfoot**

**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**

## Communion Hymn: Let us break bread together (TIS 511)

1 Let us break bread together on our knees.  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
Let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees.  
Let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

4 Let us all work together for the Lord  
Let us all work together for the Lord [Refrain]

### 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**

#### **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: *Here I am Lord (TIS 658)***

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Chorus: Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

2: I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have born my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them,  
whom shall I send?

Chorus

3: I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide,  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

***Benediction & Blessing:***

And now may the blessing of the Holy Trinity of love be upon you:  
the love of God to encircle you,  
and the wisdom of Christ to enliven you,

the fire of the Spirit to ignite you,  
this day and evermore

### 3-fold-Amen

### Pastoral Prayers: **Chris W**

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