



2nd June 2024 – Pentecost 2
Communion

Greeter: Wendy

Meditation Song: *Jesus, remember me* (TIS 730)
(please remain seated)

Jesus remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me.
when you come into your kingdom.
(x3)

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:

Christ Candle:

The light shines in the darkness. We light this light to remind us that God's presence is always with us.

May we carry this light of hope, peace, and justice to the world around us every day.

Acknowledgement of First Peoples:

God breathed life into this land and peoples. From time beyond imagining the Gadigal and Wangal people have blessed this place through story, wisdom and care. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

May we walk together gently and respectfully on this land, working together for justice and reconciliation.

Call to Worship: (Psalm 139)

O LORD, you have searched us and known us.

**You know when we sit down and when we rise up;
you discern our thoughts from far away.**

You search out our path and our lying down
and are acquainted with all our ways.

**Even before a word is on our tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.**

You hem us in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon us.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for us;
it is so high that we cannot attain it.**

For it was you who formed our inward parts;
you knit us together in our mother's womb.

**We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works. Praise the Lord!**

Opening Prayer:

Come to us God of hope.

Come to us with your promises.

Come to us in your mysterious presence.
Come that we may marvel at your faithfulness in past generations;
that we may celebrate the new things you are doing among us today;
that we may be your pilgrim people bringing your love and grace to the world.
Come to us God of hope.

Amen

Hymn: Tell out my soul (TIS 161)

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word –
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same –
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.

3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Prayer of Confession

In our prayer of confession, we trust that no matter what we do or don't do,
this story begins and ends with love. So, in this knowledge, let us pray:

Merciful God, our maker and the one who brings justice,
we have fallen short of wholeness found in you,
in our thoughts, in our words and in our deeds:
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent and are sorry for all the ways we have strayed from your love.

Abba God, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life.
In Christ's name we pray
Amen

Words of Assurance:

Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God.

We are a forgiven people!
Thanks be to God.

Peace:

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

Let's share Christ's peace with one another

Moment for the young at heart: Phil

Bible Reading: Chris L

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible reading:

After a story of Hannah's unlikely pregnancy and her accompanying prayer, in 1 Samuel 3 God reveals to Samuel his prophetic mission. Upon finally realising, through Eli's direction, that the voice he hears is the voice of God, Samuel responds, "Speak for your servant is listening."

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!"^[a] and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed

to him. ⁸ The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Mark 2:23-3:6

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

³ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴ Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Hear the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Rev Joy

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: Andrew T

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: Come to the banquet

1. Come to the banquet there's a place for you
Though you maybe have no money,
though you maybe feel unworthy
in your strength or in your weakness
you are welcome, come.

2. Come to the banquet there's a place for you
See, you are an honoured guest,
from constant serving you may rest
so sit you down, be fed & blessed for
you are welcome, come.

3. Come to the banquet there's a place for you
Woman, wise one, mother, maiden,
see your plate with food is laden,
and your place is set and waiting,
you are welcome, come.

4. Come to the banquet there's a place for you
Worker, father, little boy,
old man or youth without employ,

come rest your worry, here is joy and
you are welcome, come.

5. Come to the banquet there's a place for you
Whether you've been lost or faithful,
whether you've been wise or wasteful,
here's a place of rest and grace and
you are welcome, come

6. Come to the banquet there's a place for you
Here is one who runs to meet you,
loving arms stretched out to greet you,
do not let your fear defeat you,
you are welcome, come

7. Come to the banquet there's a place for you
Willing hands have made this bread ,
with salt and yeast and labour shared,
let all the hungry ones be fed;
it's time for feasting, come.

8. Come to the banquet there's a place for you
Abundant wine, enough for all,
our generous loving host has called,
the cup of blessing now is poured,
for sweet communion, come.

Come to the banquet there's a place for you.

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 singing together the eternal hymn:

Sung response: (TIS 761)

**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!

Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread and broke it and said,
This is my body broken for you. Do this and remember me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and said,
This is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death.
Take it, all of you and remember me.

And we pray together:

**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, the bread and wine;
Christ's body and blood.

Distribution

Let us receive what we are;
let us become what we receive.
The body of Christ.

Concluding prayer

In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.

May we live to your glory,
bringing your love and peace to your world.
Amen.

Community News:

Blessing of the banner:

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: From the waiting comes the sign (CCLI 4351472)

1. From the waiting comes the sign
come, Holy Spirit, come,
from the Presence comes the peace
come, Holy Spirit, come,
from the silence comes the song
come, Holy Spirit, come,
and be to us, in truth,
the sign, the peace, the song.

2. In the burning is the fire
come, Holy Spirit, come,
in the spending is the gift
come, Holy Spirit, come,
in the breaking is the life
come, Holy Spirit, come
and be to us, in faith,
the fire, the gift, the life.

Benediction & Blessing:

May the Source of life hold you in the faith;
the Word of life speak clearly in truth around you;
and Breath of life, of grace, of wisdom,
sing in your inmost being this day and all your days.

And the blessing of God Almighty;
Creator, Christ and Spirit

Be upon you and remain with you always.

3-fold-Amen

Pastoral Prayers: Brian

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Call to worship: NRSV Psalm 139:1-6, 13-14

Opening prayer — adapted Uniting in Worship 2

Prayer of confession – adapted Uniting in Worship 2

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