



19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Pentecost

**Greeter:** **Chris L**

**Meditation Song:** *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.  
(x3)

**Welcome:**

**Greeting:**

May the Spirit of God be with you  
**And also with you**

**Moment of Stillness:**

**Christ Candle:**

We light this light to remind us that the God's Spirit is with us.  
**God's Spirit is always with us.**

## **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:**

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, Spirit of Truth, come upon us.**

**Amen.**

## ***Opening Prayer:***

God of wondrous possibility  
take our lives and give us courage to follow you.

God of dreaming and mystery  
give us vision to walk remembering  
we are part of your ongoing story.

God of truth and love  
take our bruised hands and feet and  
give us strength and grace to stand for truth.

God of safety and singing  
take our mouth and our voice and  
give us words to inspire and encourage.

God of knowledge and creativity  
take our whole being and  
help us stretch, broaden and deepen.

God of goodness and hope

take our connections and influence  
and help us stand for justice.

In Christ's name we pray

**Amen**

### **Hymn: Inspired by love and anger (TIS 674)**

1. Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,  
Informed of God's own bias, we ask God once again:  
"How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind?  
How long dare vain self-interest turn prayer and pity blind?"

2. From those forever victims of heartless human greed,  
Their cruel plight composes a litany of need:  
"Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace?  
When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?"

3. From those forever shackled to what their wealth can buy,  
The fear of lost advantage provoke the bitter cry:  
"Don't query our position! Don't criticise our wealth!  
Don't mention those exploited by politics and stealth!"

4. To God, who through the prophets proclaimed a different age,  
We offer earth's indifference, its agony and rage:  
"When will the wronged be righted? When will the kingdom come?  
When will the world be generous to all instead of some?"

5. God asks, "Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?  
And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach?  
And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?  
And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?"

6. Amused in someone's kitchen, asleep in someone's boat,  
Attuned to what the ancients exposed, proclaimed and wrote,  
a saviour without safety, a tradesman without tools  
has come to tip the balance with fishermen and fools.

### **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:

God of each new day  
and all the days that have gone before us,  
we thank you for the rhythm that you bring to life,  
for guiding light,  
for expansive love,  
for your sustaining grace.

We confess, this day,  
just how often we lose sight of you  
in all the challenges and the changes.

We confess, this day,  
those parts of our lives that have become dull and shaded  
by an absence of love and light.

We confess, this day,  
our tendency to walk out of step  
with your Spirit and truth.

Give us, this day,  
the grace to recognise and experience the love  
that embraces and shapes and fills  
not only our world  
but our innermost being.

Open our hearts and minds  
to your living Word  
who calls us  
to be hopeful,  
to take risks,  
to dream of what can be  
as we take his lead  
and tell a story –  
about You and about us –  
that sets us free  
to live and breathe and move and have our being  
in Jesus' name.

**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.

We 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 with one another*

**Hymn: Brother sister let me serve you (TIS 650)**

1. Brother, sister let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

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

**Bible Reading: Marie**

**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 God.

**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.

<sup>25</sup> There is the sea, great and wide;  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

<sup>27</sup> These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;

<sup>28</sup> when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup> When you send forth your spirit,<sup>[a]</sup> they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works—

<sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35</sup> 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: Clabon**

**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**

***Community News:***

***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 we have received from you.



We give these gifts of money and our lives  
trusting and hoping that you will use them and us  
to be your light in the world.

**Amen.**

**Song: The river is here**

1. Down the mountain the river flows,  
and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.  
Through the valleys and over the fields,  
the river is rushing and the river is here.

*Chorus:*

- The river of God set our feet a-dancing,  
the river of God fills our hearts with cheer,  
the river of God fills our mouths with laughter,  
and we rejoice for the river is here.
2. The river of God is teeming with life,  
and all who touch it can be revived,  
and those who linger on this river's shore,  
will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.
  3. Up to the mountain we love to go,  
to find the presence of the Lord.  
Along the banks of the river we run,  
we dance with laughter giving  
praise to the Son.

***Benediction & Blessing:***

May the power of the Holy Spirit  
transform you with the healing fire  
that unifies the world.  
May the wind of that first Pentecost  
teach you of God's grace, love and hope.  
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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