



26th May 2024 – Trinity Sunday

Greeter: **Betty**

Meditation Song: **O Lord hear my prayer** (TIS 741)
(please remain seated)

O Lord hear my prayer
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When I call, answer me
O Lord hear my prayer
O Lord hear my prayer
Come and listen to me
(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:

We light this light to remind us that,
God is with us: Creator, Christ and Spirit.

God 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:

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: At the name of Jesus (TIS 231)

1 At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
this the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

2 Humbled for a season
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.

3 In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him make new
all that is not holy,
all that is not true.
He is God the Saviour
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.

4 When this same Lord Jesus
shall appear again

in his Father's glory,
there with him to reign,
then may we adore him,
all before him bow,
as our hearts confess him
King of Glory now.

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:

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 wholeness, yet:
we confess that our relationships are imperfect
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:

God hears us when we cry
and God's love for us never ends.

We are forgiven!

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

Hymn: Take my life and let it be (TIS 599 ii)

1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold,
nothing, Lord, would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Moment for the young at heart: Brian

Bible Reading: **Marian**

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible reading:

Though many of the Psalms are laments, Psalm 29 pours forth beautiful poetic language and imagery in a hymn of praise to Yahweh—the God who speaks.

Psalm 29

- Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl
and strips the forest bare,
and in his temple all say, “Glory!”
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- ¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

John 3:1-17

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be

born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Hear the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Corbin (Leichhardt UC)

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: Chris W

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:

Mission Conversation: Tonia

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: For you deep stillness

For you deep stillness of the silent inland.
For you deep blue of the desert skies.
For you flame red of the rocks and stones.
For you sweet water from hidden springs.
From the edges seek the heartlands,
and when you're burnt by the journey,
may the cool winds of the hovering Spirit
soothe and replenish you
in the name of Christ,
in the name of Christ.
(In the name of Christ).

(sung through twice)

Benediction & Blessing:

And now may the blessing of the Holy Trinity of love be upon you:

the love of God encircle you,
the wisdom of Christ enliven you,
and the fire of the Spirit ignite you,
this day and evermore

3-fold-Amen

Pastoral Prayers: Hector

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