



30th June 2024 – Pentecost 6

Greeter: Mehry
Leader: David

Meditation Song: 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 will others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.
(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:

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:

Come to us God of hope.

Come to us with your promises.

Come in your mysterious presence.

Come in your love and healing grace.

Come that we may marvel at your faithfulness in past generations.

Come that we may celebrate the new things you are doing among us today.

Come that we may be your pilgrim people on our journey to your kingdom.

Come to us God of hope.

Opening Prayer:

Loving God,
we are yours.

We come as we are,
with our cares and concerns,
with our hopes and thankfulness.

We long to touch you
and find healing in your embrace.

Strengthen our faith

and heal our brokenness,
that we may worship you with joy.

Amen

Hymn: Love divine (TIS 217)

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, Almighty to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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 can ever separate us from the love of God.

Friends, 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

Hymn: Rock of ages (TIS 222)

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2 Not the labours of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;

foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Moment for the young at heart: Phil

Bible Reading: Milton

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible reading:

In Psalm 130, the writer calls out to God from the depths of human suffering, hoping for, expecting, and insisting on God's hearing. The psalmist has every confidence that God will hear and respond to every cry of pain because mercy, the writer insists, is who God is.

Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

² Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

⁵ I wait for the LORD; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

Mark 5:21-43

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and

lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.”²⁴ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years.²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse.²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,²⁸ for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.”²⁹ Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?”³¹ And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’”³² He looked all around to see who had done it.³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?”³⁶ But overhearing^[g] what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.”⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!”⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Hear the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Chris Longfoot

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:

Generous God;
Over and over your grace sustains us,
over and over your love provides for us,
over and over your arm steadies us.
We give you these gifts,
of money and of ourselves
with gratitude and joy,
thankful that you are God over all.
We pray that you will use these gifts and us to bring justice in your world.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Song: Lord the light of your love (TIS 675)

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,

set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus:

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory:
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
shine on me, shine on me.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story,
shine on me, shine on me.

Benediction & Blessing:

May the Source of life hold you in the faith;
the Word of life speak clearly in truth around you;
and the 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: Chris W

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