



28th July 2024 – Pentecost 10

Greeter: **Betty**

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.
(x2)

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:

Jesus is the light of the world.
He brings love and peace to everyone.

**As we light this candle,
we remember that Jesus is with us always.**

Acknowledgement of First Peoples:

We acknowledge the First Peoples of the beautiful lands on which we worship God today, the Gadigal and Wangal people. We celebrate their enduring knowledge and connections to Country and we honour their wisdom and pay respect to Elders past and present.

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

Call to Worship:

Children of God, welcome,
Welcome to this place of love and grace

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,
Welcome to this place of hope and belonging

God invites all of us to share in the good news:
We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude, in deep gratitude, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, you who dwell in our hearts,
make for us a home there
in which to hear your voice more clearly
and come to know your presence
at every moment in our lives.
Let us sink into your Word,
let us nourish it to life,
let it lead us beyond the burdens of the day
so that we may become the people you desire us to be.
Give us hearts where all may enter in,
ears to hear your call,
hands to do your will,
voices to sing your praise,

and soul enough to recognise you in everything we do.
This we ask through the grace of the living God
Amen

Hymn: Praise and thanksgiving (TIS 627)

1.Praise and thanksgiving
Father we offer,
for all things living
you have made good;
harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields,
blossom and wood.

2.Lord bless the labour
we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbour
we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
we would work with you;
harvesting, milling,
for daily bread.

3.Father providing
food for Your children,
your wisdom guiding
teaches us share
one with another,
so that rejoicing,
sister and brother
may know Your care

4.Then will your blessing
reach every people;
each one confessing
your gracious hand;
where you are reigning
no one will hunger,
your love sustaining
fruitful the land.

Prayer of Confession

As we stand in the light of God's boundless love and grace, we are also called to acknowledge the times where we have not lived up to this divine calling. Let us come before God with humble hearts, seeking forgiveness and renewal. Let us confess our sins together:

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:

Sisters and brothers in Christ.
Hear the good news:
God's love for us is unending
and God's mercy is boundless.
In Jesus Christ our sins 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: May the mind of Christ my Saviour (TIS 609)

1. May the mind of Christ, my Saviour,
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.

2. May the word of God dwell richly

in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.

3. May the peace of God, my Father,
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

4. May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self denying,
this is victory.

5. May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

Moment for the young at heart: Brian

Bible Reading: Replace Marian

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible reading:

This Psalm sounds politically incorrect to us; labelling people as bad and evil. However, the part where it talks about people turning away from God; turning away from love and justice for the poor, seems to ring true in our world today. The psalm ends with a hopeful look forward, to when Jesus comes back to establish His earthly kingdom

Psalm 14:1-6 (Easy English Translation)

A person without shame says in their heart, "There is no God".

Everybody is bad. They are all evil.

Nobody is doing anything good.

The Lord is looking down from heaven on us humans.

God is looking to see if there is anyone that understands.

God is looking to see if anyone is looking for God.

But everybody has turned away (from God).

They have all become evil.

Nobody does anything that is good.

Will they never learn? They do evil.

They eat my people (as easily) as they eat bread.

They never talk to God.

There they were afraid. They were very much afraid.

This was because God was with the righteous.

They tried to stop the plans of the poor people.

But the poor people hid in the Lord.

Oh, who will come and make God's people safe?

When God makes God's people rich and happy again,

then this is what will happen: all God's people will sing and dance.

John 6:1-21 (NRSV)

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.^[a] ² A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they^[b] sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he

said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Hear the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Roger Abrahams

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:

Mission Conversation: Betty

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: Let us build a house (All are welcome) (TIS 821)

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
rock of faith and vault of grace.
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

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: Heather

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Benediction: United in Worship 2*