



7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Pentecost 7  
Communion / NAIDOC Week

**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:**

We acknowledge the First Peoples of the beautiful lands on which we worship God today, the Gadigal and Wangal people, and we celebrate their enduring knowledge and connections to Country. We honour the wisdom of 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: (Psalm 23 – Aboriginal-style)***

My big fella boss up in the sky is like the father Emu.

**He will always look after me and take me to green grass, and lead me to where the water holes are full and fresh all the time.**

He leads me away from the thick scrub and helps me keep safe from the hunters, dingoes and eagles.

**At night time when I am very lonely and sad, I will not be afraid, for my Father covers me with his feathers like a father emu.**

His spear and shield will always protect me.

**My big fella boss always give me a good feed in the middle of my enemies.**

In hot times he makes me sit down in a cool shade and rest.

He gives me plenty of love and care all of my life through.

**Then I will live with my big fella boss like a father emu: that cares for his chicks in good country, full of peace and safety. For evermore and evermore.**

***Opening Prayer:***

Creator God,

As we celebrate NAIDOC Week, we celebrate and thank you for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements.

We thank you that they have been carriers of their dreaming,  
their song-lines, their language and knowledge.  
We thank you that their achievements, voices and unwavering passion  
give strength and have empowered past generations  
and paved the way for generations to come.  
We pray for words of encouragement, refreshing and restoring of strength,  
caring wisdom, grace, love and vision for us now  
and for future generations all across this land.  
We pray for a country where Aboriginal peoples and the land thrive,  
with systems that are restorative and just.  
Lord God, renew our spirits and cleanse our hearts  
Renew our minds and transform our lives  
Renew our communities and cities,  
our towns and our homelands  
and rebuild our ruins.  
Renew our country and our world.  
In your name we pray  
**Amen**

**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.

### **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:

Creator and giver of life,  
you who spoke and all things came to life,  
Word that became flesh in Jesus,  
we praise and worship you in all things.  
Enable your Word to take life among us this day.  
Give us voice that we might honour you,  
and witness to the transforming life of Jesus, living Word.  
Forgive us for our careless words, or deliberately harmful words,  
for words of war rather than peace, for words of exclusion and words that  
make enemies, rather than words that build neighbourhoods and welcome.  
Forgive us when our words make others silent,  
or when we refuse to listen to other words.  
Forgive our community which has in so many ways robbed First Peoples of  
their languages, culture and sense of the world.  
May we support efforts for reconciliation and peace.  
Hear these our words to You.

**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: Marie**

### **Introduction to the Hebrew Bible reading:**

This passage from the book of Samuel, signals the new reign of David as king. It is a time of transition to a new way of doing things, an opportunity for a united kingdom, in a new city, with a new “shepherd-king.” This alternate way of exercising power, not through brute domination but through caretaking, signals a radical shift. David’s mission is not simply to hold power but to steward that power on behalf of God’s people, as a shepherd stewards their flock.

### **2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh. <sup>2</sup> For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you, ‘It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.’ ” <sup>3</sup> So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup> David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup> At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

<sup>9</sup> David occupied the stronghold and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. <sup>10</sup> And David became greater and greater, for the Lord of hosts<sup>[b]</sup> was with him.

### **Mark 6:1-13**

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary<sup>[a]</sup> and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?”

And they took offense<sup>[b]</sup> at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Hear the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Reflection: Rev Clabon Allen**

**Moment of Stillness:**

**Prayers of the People: Andrew T**

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

**Song: Aboriginal Our Father (Broome Diocese)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GZdPEsAZCo>

**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.

Why have we gathered here?

**We come because we have been called to live out a story.**

What story shall we live?

**The story of saving love.**

Where did this story begin?

**It was whispered before time began.**

**It was sung in the melody of Creation.**

Whose story is this?

**This story is God's alone to tell.**

**It hums in the rivers and the trees.**

**It whispers in the skies and the seas.**

**It calls to the people of all places.**

**It speaks in our hearts, in our lives.**

Why then should we speak of this story?

**This story calls our name in Creation.**

**This story claims our lives through the Cross.**

**This story shaped our future through the Spirit.**

**We are its telling in this time and this place.**

So tell me the story of this night and of this table.

**The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed took bread,  
and when he had given thanks, he broke it (bread is broken).**

Tell me what he said and did.

**'This is my body which is broken for you.**



**Do this in remember me’.**

Tell me what he said and did next (lift cup)  
**In the same was, he took the cup and said  
‘This is a new covenant in my love.  
Drink it and remember me’.**

**This is our common story,  
our deep memory, our true destiny.**

So, let it also be our story-telling, our testimony.  
Let’s celebrate the way that grace has shaped our lives.  
I invite you to say aloud what you are thankful for...

(we share what we are thankful for)

Hear the storytelling of all ages singing with us: (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!**

What is our prayer on this day?  
(everyone holds their hands in blessing)

**Pour out your Holy spirit on us,  
so that this everyday meal becomes an eternal feast.  
So that our eating and drinking today  
unites us with Christ making us one body.  
So we know that you live in us and that we live in you.  
So that we live in your world knowing it is indeed yours.  
Living God, this is our prayer  
Amen**

#### Distribution

Let us receive this holy sacrament  
of the body and blood of Christ,  
and feed on him in our hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

(we eat and drink together)

### 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:***

#### ***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: May our homes be filled with dancing**

1. May our homes be filled with dancing,  
may our streets be filled with joy;  
may injustice bow to Jesus  
As the people turn and pray.

Ch: From the mountain to the valley,  
hear our praise rise to you.  
From the heavens to the nations,

hear our singing fill the air.

2. May our light shine in the darkness,  
as we walk before the cross;  
may your glory fill the whole earth  
as the water o'er the seas.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (repeat)

### ***Benediction & Blessing:***

May the God of creation warm your heart like the campfires of old,  
bring wisdom and peace as shown by the first peoples of this land,  
shake off the dust from the desert plains by the refreshing rains  
followed by the glow and warmth of the sun.

Let the light of God show us the right path  
and stand tall like the big river gums  
drawing life from the ever-flowing waters.

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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