



21st July 2024 – Pentecost 9

Greeter: *Mehry*

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: Brian

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: *Christo*

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:

Loving Creator
We gather here together seeking Sabbath rest.
Our lives are so busy, so crowded.
Life's riches sometimes over take us.
We gather seeking Sabbath rest.

Teach us how to find some stillness.
How to stop and catch our breath.
How to rest and refresh our spirits.
We gather seeking Sabbath rest.

Teach us when to lay down our tools
To take the time to breathe and be
We gather seeking Sabbath rest.

Show us how to bring our souls back to a place of rest
Within the sheltering wings
To your stillness and peace
We gather seeking Sabbath rest.

Opening Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God,
as people from different places and different backgrounds,
we offer our adoration and praise to you,
the One who weaves us into the beautiful tapestry of your kingdom.
May our lives be a testament to your love and grace,
and may we continue to weave your love to all people,

in every corner of this world.
In your holy name we pray
Amen

Hymn: God has spoken through the prophets (TIS 158)

1. God has spoken by the prophets,
spoken God's unchanging word.
Each from age to age proclaiming God,
the One the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil,
one firm anchor holds us fast.
God is King, God's throne eternal,
God the first and God the last.

2. God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ the everlasting Son.
Brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one.
Spoken by the Word incarnate,
God of God ere time was born.
Light of Light to earth descending,
Christ as God in human form.

3. God is speaking by the Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again,
in the ageless word expounding
God's own message now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith yet standing fast.
God abides, God's word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.

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: Crown him with many crowns (TIS 228)

1.Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne.
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake my soul and sing
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy chosen king
throughout eternity.

2.Crown Him the Lord of Life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,

who dies eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of years,
the owner of all time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, redeemer, hail,
for Thou has died for me.
Thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Moment for the young at heart: Hector

Bible Reading: Marian

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible reading:

At the heart of Psalm 89 is the question of faithfulness. More particularly, the question centres on the faithfulness of God. As a royal psalm, the psalm celebrates and explores the relationship between God and David, his anointed one, and those that follow in his stead.

Psalm 89:1-6 (The Message)

¹⁻⁴ Your love, God, is my song, and I'll sing it!
I'm forever telling everyone how faithful you are.
I'll never quit telling the story of your love—
how you built the cosmos
and guaranteed everything in it.
Your love has always been our lives' foundation,
your fidelity has been the roof over our world.
You once said, "I joined forces with my chosen leader,
I pledged my word to my servant, David, saying,
'Everyone descending from you is guaranteed life;
I'll make your rule as solid and lasting as rock.'"
⁵ God! Let the cosmos praise your wonderful ways,
the choir of holy angels sing anthems to your faithful ways!
Search high and low, scan skies and land,
you'll find nothing and no one quite like God.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (NRSV)

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognised them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognised him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Hear the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Rev Joy

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: David

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: Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,

open the eyes of my heart,

I want to see You,

I want to see You. *(repeat)*

To see You high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love,

as we sing - holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy, holy,

I want to see You.

Benediction & Blessing:

May the feet of God walk with you.
And God's hand hold you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you.
And God's ear hear your cry.
May the child of God grow in you.
And God's breath give you life.

And may Almighty God bless you;
Creator, Christ and Spirit
be upon you
and remain with you always.

3-fold-Amen

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Benediction: adapted - May the feet of God walk with you.