



11th August 2024 – Pentecost 12

Greeter: Roger T

Meditation Song: Seek Ye First (TIS 745)

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And his righteousness,
And all these things
Shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia

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: (based on Psalm 130)

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

We watch for God, whose love redeems us.

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.

Opening Prayer:

God of forgiveness and new beginnings,
you feed our hearts with compassion,
and nourish our souls with the bread of heaven.

As Jesus, the bread of life, fed the hungry crowds,

fill us with your generous spirit and your compassion.

Fill us with your bread that brings life, that truly satisfies;
the bread that makes us whole and makes us one with you.

Jesus, Bread of Life, hear our prayer

Amen

Hymn: Faith will not grow (TIS 691 tune TIS 654)

1. Faith will not grow from words alone,
from proofs provided, scripture known;
our faith must feel its way about,
and live with question marks and doubt.

2. The pattern Jesus showed, we share:
life comes through death, hope through despair.
God is made known in brokenness
and faith feeds on God's emptiness.

3. The church still tells how Jesus came
through death to glorious life again
the strangest story. Yet, maybe,
our faith will thrive on mystery.

4. Faith takes the little that we know,
and calls for hope, and tells us: Go!
Love and take courage, come what may;
Christ will be with us on the way.

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:

Loving God, You created us from Your Love,
and ever draw us back into its embrace.
We come to You now without pretense,
knowing that You see all we are.

We have forgotten that we were created from love, for love;
sometimes we have knowingly ignored it.
We have become obsessed with our selfhood,
rather than finding who we are in communion with You and each other.
We have chosen to hide the truth of our lives,
rather than seek the vulnerability of connection.
We have hurt each other and ourselves,
and sought sustenance apart from our shared Source of Life.
Forgive us. We seek to live in your love again.
Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Jesus said: 'I am the bread of life'. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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: Come Spirit blest (TIS 425 tune TIS 129)

1. Come spirit blest, our hearts inspire,
let us your influence prove;
source of the old prophetic fire,
fountain of life and love.

2.. Come, Holy Spirit, moved by you,
the prophets wrote and spoke:
unlock the truth, yourself the key,
unseal the sacred book.

3. Expand your wings, celestial dove,
brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move,
and let there now be light.

4. God, through yourself, we then shall know,
if you within us shine;
and sound, with all your saints below,
the depths of love divine.

Moment for the young at heart: Brian

Bible Reading: Marie

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

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.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

John 6:35, 41-51

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am

the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

Hear the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Rev Joy

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: Andrew T

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:

God of abundant life and love,
We long for the time
when the meek shall inherit the earth
and all who hunger and thirst after justice
shall be satisfied,
and we believe that,

despite the persistence of evil,
now is always the time
when more good can be done
and we can make a difference.

**May it be so, through the offering of these gifts
and the offering of our lives.
Amen.**

Song: Sing a new song (Dan Shutte)

Chorus:

Sing a new song unto the Lord
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.

1. Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.

Chorus

2. Rise, O children, from your sleep
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.

Chorus

3. Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives.

Chorus

Benediction & Blessing:

Be filled with the goodness of God;
the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life,
and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Go now in peace to share this bread with the world.

And the blessing of God Almighty;
Creator, Christ and Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.

3-fold-Amen

Pastoral Prayers: Brian

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Opening Worship.

Prayer of confession ~ adapted Mikali Anagnostis

Offering prayer - Prayer for Justice and Peace, Iona

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