



10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Pentecost 25

**Greeter:** Roger T

**Meditation Song:** O Lord hear my prayer (TIS 741)  
*(please remain seated)*

O Lord hear my prayer  
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When I call, answer me  
O Lord hear my prayer  
O Lord hear my prayer  
Come and listen to me  
(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:**

We light this light to remind us that Christ is the light of the world.

**As we light this light, we remember that God; Creator, Christ and Spirit is present among us.**

**Acknowledgement of First Peoples:**

As we look upon the hills and valleys, we see the love poured out upon this land by those who have cared for it since time beyond measure. We honour those who have gone before and those who are yet to come.

**May we take the lead from the Gadigal and Wangal people, whose stories are entwined with the stewarding of this place. May we learn from them and walk with them 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, that we may marvel at your faithfulness in past generations;  
that we may celebrate the new things that you are doing among us today;  
that we may be your pilgrim people on our journey together.

**Come to us, God of hope.**

**Opening Prayer:**

God, present with us.

We come to you this day bringing all that we have;  
our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows.

We place these before you in faith and hope,  
knowing that no matter what has happened,  
you are with us and give us the gift of life in you.

Open our hearts to receive your words and your Spirit,  
so we can find healing and comfort.

Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities  
for service and joy that you offer to us.

Ease our minds and spirits that we may  
hear your words of encouragement and peace this day.

**Amen**

**Hymn: Jesus Christ is waiting (TIS 665)**

1. Jesus Christ is waiting,  
waiting in the streets;

no one is his neighbour,  
all alone he eats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am lonely too.  
make me, friend or stranger,  
fit to wait on you.

2. Jesus Christ is raging,  
raging in the streets,  
where injustice spirals  
and real hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am angry too.  
In the Kingdom's causes  
let me rage with you.

3. Jesus Christ is healing,  
healing in the streets;  
curing those who suffer,  
touching those he greets.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I have pity too.  
let my care be active,  
healing just like you.

4. Jesus Christ is dancing,  
dancing in the streets,  
"Who will join my journey?  
I will guide their feet."  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me;  
I will follow you.

5. Jesus Christ is calling,  
calling in the streets,  
'Who will join my journey?  
I will guide their feet.'  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me;  
I will follow you.

## **Prayer of Confession**

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our God of Grace, let us make our confession, beginning with a time short time of silence...

Let us pray our confession together:

**Merciful God,**

**our maker and the one who brings justice,**

**we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and deeds:**

**we have not loved you with our whole heart,**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;**

**we are sorry for all the ways we have failed to live in your light.**

**God, our loving parent, forgive us.**

**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;**

**In the name of Christ, in whom we live and breathe and have our being**

**Amen**

## **Words of Assurance:**

God is love. Everyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in them.

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: Lord Jesus Christ (TIS 526)**

1. Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
you are one with us,  
Mary's son;

cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in,

Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.

2. Lord Jesus Christ,  
now and every day  
teach us how to pray,  
Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:  
into our lives your power breaks through,  
living Lord.

3. Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
born as one of us,  
Mary's son;  
led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus, help us see  
you are Lord.

4. Lord Jesus Christ,  
I would come to you,  
live my life for you,  
Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your power breaks through, living Lord.

**Moment for the young at heart: Tonia**

**Bible Reading: Milton**

**Introduction to the Hebrew Bible reading:**

The book of Ruth's gritty beginning eventually finds its way to a happy ending. This story invites us to ask what it means for us to belong: to God, to a community, to each other. "Belonging" in Christian tradition does not imply a sense of ownership, but rather of caretaking, safety, and affection. We are invited to reassess our understandings of insiders and outsiders, to be open to difference, and to look for ways in which our faith communities might find belonging and blessing in new relationships.

### **Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17**

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. <sup>2</sup> Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup> Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup> When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” <sup>5</sup> She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

<sup>13</sup> So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. <sup>14</sup> Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin;<sup>[a]</sup> and may his name be renowned in Israel! <sup>15</sup> He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” <sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. <sup>17</sup> The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

### **Mark 12:38-44**

<sup>38</sup> As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” <sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

**Reflection: Rev Joy**

**Moment of Stillness:**

**Prayers of the People: Heather**

**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 great gifts,  
we make our offerings, small and large,  
with the hope and confidence  
that all we do,  
all we offer  
and all we hope  
will take root in this world  
and be the source of new expressions  
of your love, justice and reign.  
May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven  
through us, alongside us,  
despite us, and for us.  
**Amen**

**Song: Sing of the Lord's Goodness (TIS 183)**

1.Sing of the Lord's goodness,  
Father of all wisdom,  
come to him and bless his name.  
Mercy he has shown us,  
his love is forever,  
faithful to the end of days.

Chorus:

Come, then, all you nations,  
sing of your Lord's goodness,  
melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory,  
praise him with your music,  
worship him and bless his name.

2.Power he has wielded,  
honour is his garment,  
risen from the snares of death.  
His word he has spoken,  
one bread he has broken,  
new life he now gives to all.

Chorus:

3.Courage in our darkness,  
comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high;  
solace for the weary,  
pardon for the sinner,  
splendour of the living God.

Chorus:

4.Praise him with your singing,  
praise him with the trumpet,  
praise God with the lute and harp;  
praise him with the cymbals,  
praise him with your dancing,  
praise God till the end of days.



Chorus:

***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: Christo**

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