



Epiphany 5 Yr C – 9th February 2025

Greeter: Roger T

Meditation Song: Holy holy holy (TIS 723)
(please remain seated)

Holy, holy, holy.
My heart, my heart adores you.
My heart knows how to say to you:
Holy are you Lord.
(x3)

Welcome:

Greeting:

May the light of Christ be with you
And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

Christ Candle:

We light this light to remind us that Christ is with us.
Christ's light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

**May we carry this light of hope, peace, and justice
to the world around us every day.**

Acknowledgement of Country:

For this Land - **We give thanks!**

For the Gadigal and Wangal people - **We give thanks!**

We honour them for their custodianship of sacred stories and their connections with the deep earth and oceans. We give thanks for the grace they have shown in extending the hand of reconciliation to us in the call to pursue justice together for a better future for all.

May we walk together for justice and peace.

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 138)

We thank you with our whole heart.

**We sing your praise and give thanks
for your steadfast love and faithfulness.**

You have put your name and your word above everything else.

On the day we called, you answered us.

You made us bold and strong of heart.

Even though you are so high above, you care for the lowly.

Even when we're surrounded by troubles, you keep us safe.

You stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers us.

You will do everything you have promised us.

YHWH, your love is eternal.

Opening Prayer:

Speak clearly

in our lives, O Christ.

Speak to us,

and to what is in us,

so that we might be whole.

Speak to us,

with love,

with hope,

and with strength,

so that we might hear you,

and know, deep inside,

that we are your people,

and that you are our God.

Creator God, we wait for your presence.

Reconciling Christ, we wait for your presence.

Comforting Spirit, we wait for your presence.

Amen

Hymn: Come Holy Spirit come (TIS 422)

1. Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.
O let us not despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly wise,
the foolishness of God.

2. All-knowing Spirit, prove
the poverty of pride,
by knowledge of the Father's love
in Jesus crucified.
And grant us faith to know
the glory of that sign,
and in our very lives to show
the marks of love divine.

3. Spirit of truth, arise;
inspire the prophet's voice:
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,
and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight,
all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right,
and covet only love.

4. Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today,
our earthbound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay.
And teach us to desire,
all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire,
the perfect gift of love.

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:

The light of God's love
shines into the dark places of our world,
healing its brokenness,
and bringing hope to places of despair.

In the light of God's love
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 those around us.

Hymn: God gives us a future (TIS 687)

1. God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.

We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.

2. We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.

3. Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life, and
find our future there.

Moment for the young at heart: Brian

Bible Readings: Milton

Introduction to Hebrew Scripture reading:

The death of King Uzziah discloses that this is a traumatic time in which the prophet Isaiah is called to perform his prophetic duties. The prophet's vision of a Holy God breaking into the turmoil of this world offers a stern warning to the doers of injustice, but also a word of hope to those who have been weighed down by the desperate geopolitical situation of their time.

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots^[a] on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph^[b] touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus^[a] was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’s knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Andrew Thornley

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: **Alison**

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:

As we faithfully give for the life and mission of God's church in this place and in the world, let's pray our offering prayer.

Thank you, God of grace, for all the gifts you give us.
Help us to be gracious givers
in response to all that we have received from you.
We give these gifts of money and our lives
trusting and hoping that you will use them and us
to be your light in the world.
Amen.

We hear from our children:

Song: Will You Come and Follow Me (John Bell/Graham Maule/Iona)

1. Will you come and follow Me
If I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know

And never be the same
Will you let My love be shown
Will you let My name be known
Will you let My life be grown
In you and you in Me

2. Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare
Will you let Me answer prayer
In you and you in Me

3. Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in Me

4. Will you love the you, you hide
If I but call your name
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Through My sight and touch and sound
In you and you in Me

5. Lord Your summons echoes true
When You but call my name
Let me turn and follow You
And never be the same
In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In You and You in me

Benediction & Blessing:

Go into God's world,
bearing the light of hope and peace.
Bring the Good News of the love of God
through Jesus Christ to all people.
Go in peace.

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

3-fold-amen

Pastoral prayers: Chris W

Acknowledgements:

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Acknowledgement of Country: adapted National Assembly working group on worship

Call to worship – The Inclusive Bible version

Opening prayer: adapted - [liturgy.richardbott.com/We pray in Jesus' name](http://liturgy.richardbott.com/)

Prayer of confession: adapted Uniting in Worship 2

Commentary on Hebrew Scripture: Working Preacher

Assurance and benediction: adapted from – ministrymatters.com