



11th May 2025 – Easter 4, Yr C

**Greeter:** *Mehry*

**Leader:** *Helen*

**Meditation Song:** *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 Risen Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

**Christ Candle:**

Christ, the light of the world  
Christ, the hope for all nations  
Christ, the Risen Crucified One  
You dwell with us now

### ***Moment of Stillness***

#### ***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 are thankful for and honour those Aboriginal peoples who have gone before and those who are yet to come.

May we remember the call God places on humanity to care for Creation.

**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 towards justice and renewal.**

#### ***Call to Worship:***

The Risen One calls you here

The Risen One calls you to new life

The Risen One calls you out of darkness and into light

May we rise from the depths of despair

May we turn to our God of all hope

May we cry out to the One who saves

May we who are weary, be lifted up

#### ***All:***

**Gather us now**

**Renew us by your hope**

**Shape us by your word**

**Lift our eyes to You**

**Stir our hearts in praise**

**For you are the Alpha and Omega**

**Beginning and the end**

**Who was and is and is to come**

***Hymn: The King of Love TIS 145***

1. The king of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

***Prayer of Confession:***

In our prayer of confession, we trust that no matter what we do or don't do, this story ends with love. So, in this knowledge, let us make our confession, beginning with a short time of silence:

*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:***

Friends, hear these words to be true  
God is full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love  
You are loved  
You are forgiven  
You are held in grace

**Thanks be to God for such amazing love!  
Amen**

***Peace:***

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

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

***Bible Reading: Milton***

**Psalm 23 – Aboriginal Style by Uncle Rev Ron Williams**

(as shared by Common Grace)

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.

### **John 10:22-30**

22 At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah,<sup>[a]</sup> tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, 26 but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."

### **Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." 39 So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing

Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

*Reflection:* **Helen**

*Moment of Stillness*

*Prayers of the People:* **Brian**

*The Lord's Prayer:* **Helen**

**A Version of The Lord's Prayer**  
(Source: New Zealand Prayer Book)

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

***Hymn: May the Mind TIS 609***

1 May the mind of Christ my Saviour,  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling  
all I do and say.

2 May the word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through his power.

3 May the peace of God my Father  
rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.

4 May the love of Jesus fill me  
as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self denying,  
this is victory.

5 May I run the race before me  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus  
as I onward go.

***Community News***

***Offering Prayer:***

God of great gifts,  
we joyfully give these gifts to you,  
a tangible chorus of thanksgiving,  
a harmony of hope for your kingdom come.

***Amen.***

***Hearing from our children***

**Song: The Power of Your Love**

1.Lord I come to you,  
Let my heart be changed, renewed  
Flowing from the grace that I found in you  
And the Lord I've come to know  
The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away  
By the power of your love

Chorus:  
Hold me close, let your love surround me  
Bring me near, draw me to your side  
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with you  
Your spirit leads me on  
In the power of your love

2.Lord unveil my eyes  
Let me see you face to face  
The knowledge of your love  
As you live in me  
Lord renew my mind  
As your will unfolds in my life  
In living every day  
By the power of your love

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***Benediction & Blessing:***

Go now to love and to serve  
with praise spilling from your lips

with peace guarding your minds  
and resurrection stirring in your hearts

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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