

SUNDAY MAY 18, 2025

<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Chris L</i>
<i>Bells</i>	
Meditation Song - TIS 730 Jesus Remember Me	Music Team
Welcome, Greeting, Candle, Stillness	Helen
Acknowledgment	Christo
Call to Worship - Psalm 148	Helen
Hymn - TIS 387 Christ is alive! (Tune of 245)	Music Team
Prayer of Confession and Assurance	Helen
The Peace	Helen
Moment for the Young at Heart - What is God Like?	Emma
Readings - Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35	Marie
Reflection	Rev Clabon
Stillness	Rev Clabon
Prayers of the People	David
Hymn/Song - TIS 256 Servant King	Music Team
Baptism	Rev Clabon
Community News, Offering, Children Sharing	Helen
Song - Give Me Oil in My Lamp	Music team
Benediction	Helen
Amen + music	Music team
<i>Pastoral Prayers</i>	<i>Brian</i>



18th May 2025 – Easter 5, Yr C

Greeter: *Chris L*

Leader: *Helen*

Meditation Song: TIS 730 Jesus Remember Me
(please remain seated)

Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom
Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom

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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 Country: Christo

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:

Psalms 148 (from Worship Words)

Praise the Eternal One!
Praise God from the heavens
Praise God in the heights!

**Praise God, sun and moon
Praise God, all you shining stars!
Praise God, you highest heavens
And you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Love,
for God commanded and they were created.

**Praise the Creator from the earth,
you sea dragons and all creatures of the deep,
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
**Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

Rulers of the earth and all peoples!
Young of all genders alike,
old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Eternal One,
for God's name alone is exalted;
God's glory is above earth and heaven

Hymn: TIS 387 Christ is alive!

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing
The cross stands empty to the sky
Let streets and homes with praises ring
Love, drowned in death, shall never die

2. In every insult, rift and war
Where colour, scorn or wealth divide
Christ suffers still, yet loves you more
And lives, where even hope has died

3. Women and men, in age and youth
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call
And find the way, the life, the truth
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all

4. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love and praise

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 pray:

Risen Christ,
When our faith stands at the grave,
grieving and unable to see your risen life
Forgive us

When our faith is short of understanding
and we look away from the life you give us,
Forgive us

When our faith, beset by doubt,
sees no further than an empty tomb,
Forgive us

*In spite of our doubts,
**may we recognise you in our midst:
real, wounded and resurrected***

*In spite of our doubts,
**may we know when we come face to face
with the love that is greater than all deaths***

*In spite of our doubts,
may we reach out to touch the wounds of the world's pain
trusting that when grace and love surround them
they will become part of Christ's resurrected body.*

***And in all our doubts,
may we live as the Easter people you call us to be***

Amen

Words of Assurance:

*In all our doubts and fears, hear Christ's words of grace to us:
"Your sins are forgiven"*

Thanks be to God!

Peace:

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

Moment for the young at heart: Emma

Bible Reading: Marie

Revelation 21:1-6

(The Inclusive Language Bible)

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. 2 I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day. 3 And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne, "Look! God's Tabernacle is among humankind! God will live with them; they will be God's people, and God will be fully present among them. 4 The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the old order has fallen." 5 The One who sat on the throne said, "Look! I'm making everything new!" and added, "Write this, for what I am saying is trustworthy and true." 6 And that One continued, "It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To those who are thirsty I will give drink freely from the spring of the water of life.

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Clabon

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**

Hymn: TIS 256 Servant King

**1. From heav'n You came helpless babe
Enter'd our world Your glory veil'd
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live**

Chorus

**This is our God the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King**

**2. There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
Yet not my will but Yours He said**

Chorus

This is our God the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King

3. Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails
Surrendered

Chorus

This is our God the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King

4. So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

Chorus

This is our God the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King

Baptism: Clabon

Community News: Helen

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:

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
give me oil in my lamp, I pray
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
keep me burning till the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
sing hosanna to the King!

2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
give me joy in my heart, I pray
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
keep me praising till the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
sing hosanna to the King!

3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving
give me peace in my heart, I pray
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving
keep me loving till the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
sing hosanna to the King!

4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
give me love in my heart, I pray
give me love in my heart, keep me serving
keep me serving till the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
sing hosanna to the King!

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: Brian

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