

## ***SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2025***

<b><i>Greeter</i></b>	<b><i>Wendy</i></b>
<b><i>Bells</i></b>	
<b>Meditation Song - TIS 703 As the Deer</b>	Music Team
<b>Welcome, Greeting, Candle, Stillness</b>	Helen
<b>Acknowledgment of Country</b>	TBC
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Helen
<b>Hymn - TIS 411 Filled with the Spirit</b>	Music Team
<b>Prayer of Confession and Assurance</b>	Helen
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	Helen
<b>The Peace</b>	Helen
<b>Moment for the Young at Heart</b>	Phil
<b>Readings - Isaiah 25:6-8, 1 John 3:16-24</b>	Roger
<b>Reflection - Safina Stewart (video)</b>	Helen to intro
<b>Stillness</b>	Helen
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Alison
<b>Song - Bread and Wine</b>	Music Team
<b>Communion</b>	Helen
<b>Community News</b>	Helen
<b>Children Sharing</b>	Helen
<b>Song - Song of Freedom</b>	Music team
<b>Benediction</b>	Helen
<b>Amen + music</b>	Music team
<b><i>Pastoral Prayers</i></b>	<b><i>Brian</i></b>



June 2025 – National Reconciliation Week

**Greeter:** **Wendy**

**Leader:** **Helen**

**Meditation Song: As the deer pants (TIS 703)**  
(please remain seated)

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after you  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you

Refrain:

You alone are my strength and shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you

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**Welcome and Introduction - Helen**

**Sharing and Acknowledgement of Country: Jelena**

**Christ Candle:**

The light shines in the darkness  
And the darkness has not overcome it  
Christ, our hope  
Be present to us now

**Moment of Stillness**

**Call to Worship: Helen**

**BLESSINGS FOR A SACRED PLACE - Rev Dr Aunty Denise Champion**

*In the Adnyamathanha language of the Flinders Ranges, SA, Arrawatanha means  
God/Most High and Ngapala Nguthana means Our Maker. The meaning of Althaninda is  
Happy are you*

Arrawatanha Ngapala Nguthana  
**Most High, Our Maker**

**The land you have given to your children  
Look on this place  
this special place where you live  
this special place where your glory rests.  
Look upon this sacred place  
where your name is honoured  
Help us keep it as the Ancestors did**

Althaninda!  
**Happy are you!**

## PRAYERS OF INVOCATION

*Bäpa means Father in the Yolŋu languages of North Eastern Arnhem Land*

Abba, Father  
Bäpa God  
source of all life  
answer our call  
as a mother responds  
to the cry of a child in the night

Jesus Christ  
teacher and friend, Liberator  
stand beside us  
as bearer of our humanity, and sharer of God's grace

Creator Spirit  
giver of new life  
purposeful guest  
prod us to praise  
calling us to be a people  
of hope and faith

**In Christ Jesus,  
Amen**

### ***Hymn: Filled with the Spirit (TIS 411)***

1. Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord  
The infant church confessed its risen Lord  
O Holy Spirit, in the church today  
No less your power of fellowship display
2. Now the mind of Christ set us on fire  
That unity may be our great desire  
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call  
And readiness in each to work for all
3. Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace

In your strong care all those of every race  
Like wind and fire with life among us move  
Till we are known as Christ's and Christians prove

***Prayer of Confession: Helen***

An invitation to lament the wrongdoings of the past  
To weep with those who weep  
To mourn with those who mourn  
To choose once more the way of repentance

***Song to listen and pray: Sister, Why Do You Weep?  
by Helen Wright and Aunty Lynnette Wanganeen***

**Sister, why do you weep?**

I weep for my people  
I weep for my people  
I weep for my people

**Sister, why do you weep?**

I weep for my land  
I weep for my land  
I weep for my land

**Sister, why do you weep?**

I weep for my song  
I weep for my song  
I weep for my song

**A cry goes out across the land, we're broken  
A cry goes out across the land, we're broken  
A cry goes out across the land, we're broken  
A cry goes out across the land, we're broken**

**Sister, why do you weep?**

I weep for my country  
I weep for my country  
I weep for my country

**Sister, why do you weep?**

I weep for my children  
I weep for my children  
I weep for my children

**A cry goes out across the land, we're broken  
A cry goes out across the land, we're broken  
A cry goes out across the land, we're broken  
A cry goes out across the land, we're broken**

Sister, why do you weep?

**I weep for my sister  
I weep for my sister  
I weep for my sister**

Sister, why do you weep?

**I weep for my sister  
I weep for my sister  
I weep for my sister**

***Words of Assurance:***

Where truth is acknowledged, freedom comes  
When the way of repentance is chosen, there are new possibilities

**Way maker, lead us down paths of new life  
Bring healing and freedom  
Spirit of peace, guide us now**

***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**

***Peace:***

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

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

***Bible Reading: Roger A***

**Isaiah 25: 6-8 (NRSV)**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from

all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

### **1 John 3: 16-24 (NRSV)**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

**Reflection: Safina Stewart (video)**

***Moment of Stillness***

***Prayers of the People: Alison***

**Prayer - Rev'd Canon Aunty Di Langham**

Creator God of Holy Dreaming  
Bring us together as one,  
Reconciled with you and one another.  
Bless Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this land.  
The first peoples to receive your blessings in this land.  
The first peoples to see your beauty in the land, water, sky and nature.  
The first peoples to hear your voice in ancient stories.  
The first to give you praises in ancient places.  
The first to know your love and love you in return.  
God bless the Elders keeping culture and languages alive.

Bless all who work in Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities,  
making friends, growing partnerships to a deeper understanding of  
culture and languages, learning to love and grow together.  
Give us grace to travel together towards reconciliation for the sake of Jesus  
Christ.

**Amen**

**Song: Bread and Wine**

**(Heather Prowse, Glen Spencer, James Watson, Helen Wright)**

1. Hold us in this meal, O God  
Hold us and sustain  
Feed us here, O Bread of Life  
Filled anew with grace  
Strengthen for the journey on  
Seal in us your presence  
Sent to join your work of love  
As people on the Way

Chorus

Come to the table  
As we share in love divine  
Here, see the feast prepared  
With every heart in mind  
And as one we stand  
Held by bread and wine

2. Enfold us in this meal, O God  
Enfold and make us one  
Forming true community  
Room for all who come  
Overcome our walls and fears  
Heal us with your presence  
Joining in your work of love  
Restoring all you've made

Chorus

Come to the table

As we share in love divine  
Here, see the feast prepared  
With every heart in mind  
And as one we stand  
Held by bread and wine

### Bridge

Mercy, O mercy meet us now  
Mercy, O mercy meet us now  
Mercy, O mercy meet us now  
Mercy, O mercy meet us now  
Meet us now

### Chorus

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As we share in love divine  
Here, see the feast prepared  
With every heart in mind

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### ***Communion - Helen***

The eternal God be with you  
**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift our hearts to God**

Let us give thanks to God who is wisdom and love  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Loving God, you welcome us at the table and bid us to join the feast. You sow the seed and harvest the grain that you knead and bless and break; that we might be filled and do the same.

For Jesus Christ we give You thanks.

With small offerings of bread and fish Jesus fed the hillside,

at the table Jesus welcomed the outcast

and in love Jesus shared the cup with those who would struggle to follow the way.

Grant us the courage to join the feast for the famished and turn the tables on the status quo.

God of Compassion,

we praise you

and with the faithful of every time and place,

join creation's eternal hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy God**

**Wisdom, strength and hope**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is the One**

**Who comes in the name of God**

**Hosanna in the highest**

Blessed is Jesus, Wisdom embodied,

Who feasts with sinners, disciples, friends

And now shares this meal in our midst.

On the night before Jesus died,

On the evening of betrayal,

Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

"This is my body which is for you.

Do this in memory of me."

In the same way, also the cup, after supper saying:

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, whenever you drink it,

In memory of me."

As we eat this bread and drink this cup,

We proclaim the coming of God's new creation

In and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus  
And finally, in the completion of all things,  
When Christ comes again

**Christ has died**  
**Christ is risen**  
**Christ will come again**

Send your Holy Spirit, O God,  
That these gifts in creation  
May be for us  
The gifts of re-creation in Christ

Shape us into one body  
Press us into one wine  
Bake us into one bread

The Bread of Life  
And the Cup of Liberation

And the feeding of all your children  
And the nurture of creation

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ  
In the power of the Spirit of Love,  
All glory be to You!

Amen.

Christ is the bread of life,  
Food for healing and wholeness

Christ is the cup of hope,  
Wellspring of resurrection hope

The gifts of God  
For the people of God  
**May we who share these gifts**  
**Be found in Christ**  
**And Christ in us**

**After communion:**

May this eating and drinking strengthen us for the work you call us to. As you meet us at this table by your mercy, may our cups overflow with your love in our lives and in this world. May we be an Easter people, sharing in your death and resurrection, feasting in your goodness and delighting in your love. May we be a Table people, breaking down barriers, extending hands of welcome and embrace.

In the name of Christ,  
Amen

### ***Community News - Helen***

### ***Hearing from our children - Helen***

### **Song: Song of Freedom (Helen Wright)**

Chorus

Sing a song of freedom  
Sing a song of love  
Sing with hope that hope will come  
And Christ will come in us

x 2

1. We're longing for redemption  
For true to freedom to come  
A fully giving over to the perfect way of love  
We're praying for revival  
That we would count the cost  
Giving ourselves over to the way of the cross

Chorus

Sing a song of freedom  
Sing a song of love  
Sing with hope that hope will come  
And Christ will come in us

x 2

2. Complacent days are over  
It's time to make a stand  
Listen to the voices crying out across these lands  
They're crying out for justice  
For the truth yet to be told  
Our hearts to be unsettled as the ancient paths unfold

Chorus

Sing a song of freedom  
Sing a song of love  
Sing with hope that hope will come  
And Christ will come in us

x 2

Bridge

Jesus, you came  
To save, to save  
Jesus, you gave your life  
To unveil, unveil  
Jesus, you rose from the grave  
To unchain, unchain  
Jesus, you're restoring it all  
For all, in all

Chorus

Sing a song of freedom  
Sing a song of love  
Sing with hope that hope will come  
And Christ will come in us

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***Benediction & Blessing: Helen***

## **Blessing - Uncle Vince Ross**

May the God of creation warm your heart like the campfires of old  
Bring wisdom and peace as shown to the First Peoples of this land  
Shake off the dust from the desert plains by the refreshing rains  
Followed by the glow and warmth of the sun  
Let the light of God show us the right path and stand tall  
Like the big river gums drawing life from the ever flowing waters.

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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