

SUNDAY JULY 6, 2025

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Sunday 6th July 2025 – Pentecost 4, Yr C

Greeter: *Wendy*

Leader: *Helen*

Meditation Song: TIS 745 - Seek Ye First

(please remain seated)

1. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And his righteousness
and all these things
shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia

*Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia*

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and you shall find
Knock and it shall be
opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia

3. We shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds
From the mouth of the Lord
Alellu, alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia

Welcome: *Helen*

Greeting:

May Christ be with you
And also with you

Christ Candle:

Christ, the light of the world

Moment of Stillness:

silence

Breath of God
Open our eyes

silence

Breath of God
Open our ears

silence

Breath of God
Open our hearts

silence

Acknowledgement of First Peoples:

As we enter into this special week of NAIDOC, we join with First Peoples in celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures in these lands as one of the world's longest living cultures, thriving to this day. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the Gadigal and Wangal, celebrating the rich history of ceremony, music, dance, storytelling and care for creation. We respond today to this year's NAIDOC vision in praying for the building of a self-determined legacy, where First Nations peoples lead with strength for generations to come.

**For ancient stories, we give thanks
For connection to land, we give thanks
For care of creation, we give thanks**

To the work of justice, we commit ourselves anew

Call to Worship: Helen

Psalm 30 (Inclusive Bible)

4 Sing to YHWH, you who love God!
Praise God's holy Name!

5 YHWH's anger is fleeting,
but God's favor endures forever.

There may be tears during the night,
but joy comes in the morning.

11 You changed my despair into a dance—
you stripped me of my death shroud
and clothed me with joy.

12 That's why my heart sings to you,
that's why I can't keep silent—

**YHWH, you are my God,
and I will thank you forever!**

Hymn: TIS 675 - Lord the light of your love - all 3 verses

1. Lord the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Fathers Glory
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord and let there be light

2. Lord I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By your blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Fathers Glory
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nation with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord and let there be light

3. As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from Glory to Glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Fathers Glory

Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nation with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord and let there be light

***Prayer of Confession:* Helen**

We come to our prayer of confession, conscious of the failures of our lives, the brokenness in our communities, the frustration of unjust systems and the corruption of this world.

With all this on our minds and hearts, we come before our loving God, bringing all our fears, cries, hopes and despair, in a moment of silence:

Silence

Holy God, Creator of all that is,
Giver of Grace, and Giver of Life, hear our prayer.
There are chasms in our lives, as individuals and as communities;
deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You.
We confess that we have allowed these rifts to grow,
for fear of admitting our part in the separation,
for fear of being rejected when we reach out.
You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
to a wholeness with each other and with You.

**Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations.
Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray.**

Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Jesus said: 'I am the bread of life'. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Peace:

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

Sharing of the peace

Moment for the young at heart: *Phil*

Bible Reading: *Marian*

2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. **2** Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. **3** She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." **4** So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. **5** And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. **6** He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." **7** When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." **9** So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. **10** Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." **11** But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! **12** Are not

Abana[b] and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. **13** But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” **14** So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Galatians 6:1-16

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. **2** Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. **3** For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. **4** All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour’s work, will become a cause for pride. **5** For all must carry their own loads.

6 Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. **8** If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. **9** So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. **10** So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

11 See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! **12** It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. **13** Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. **14** May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. **15** For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! **16** As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Corbin

Moment of Stillness

Prayers of the People: Alison

The Lord's Prayer: Alison

**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 714 Eat this bread

**Eat this bread, drink this cup
Come to him and never be hungry
Eat this bread, drink this cup
Trust in him and you will not thirst**

X

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 a people of the Table, 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

x 4

Benediction: Helen

Go now to live in love
As people on the Way
Continue on the path of repentance
Let us listen, let us learn
Let us grow, let us serve
Till justice flows like a mighty river

And the blessing of our loving God
who is
Creator, Christ and Spirit
Be upon you and remain with you always

3-fold-Amen

Pastoral Prayers: *Christo*

***Prayer for Property and Finance
Discernment Group***

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Call to Worship: Psalm 30 Inclusive Bible

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