

## ***SUNDAY JULY 20, 2025***

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**Sunday 20th July 2025 – Pentecost 6, Yr C**

**Greeter: Mehry**

**Leader: Roger**

***Meditation Song: Watch and Pray (Helen Wright)***

Watch and pray with me a while  
Watch and pray with me a while  
Watch and pray  
Watch and pray with me a while

x 2

My heart is heavy now  
Take this cup from me, He cried  
Watch and pray  
Watch and pray with me a while

x 2

Not my will but yours be done  
Not my will but yours be done  
Not my will but yours be done  
Abba, Father  
Abba, Father

x 2

Watch and pray with me a while  
Watch and pray with me a while  
Watch and pray  
Watch and pray with me a while

**Welcome:** *Roger*

**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:**

In response to this time 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 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:*** (based on Psalm 130) ***Roger***

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.  
**We watch for God, whose love redeems us.**

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.  
**Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.**

***Song:* Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my vision  
O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me  
Save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought  
By day or by night  
Waking or sleeping  
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom  
And Thou my true word  
I ever with Thee  
And Thou with me, Lord

Thou my great Father  
And I Thy true child  
Thou in me dwelling  
And I with Thee one

Riches I heed not  
Nor vain human praise  
Thou mine inheritance  
Now and always  
Thou and Thou only  
First in my heart  
High King of heaven  
My treasure Thou art

High King of heaven  
My victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys  
O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart  
Whatever befall  
Still be my vision  
O ruler of all

***Prayer of Confession: Roger***

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:***

Hear Christ's words of grace to us:  
"Your 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: Emma***

***Bible Reading: Rick***

**Colossians 1:15-23 (Inclusive Bible)**

15 Christ is the image of the unseen God  
and the firstborn of all creation,  
16 for in Christ were created  
all things in heaven and on earth:  
everything visible and invisible,  
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers—  
all things were created through Christ and for Christ.  
17 Before anything was created, Christ existed,

and all things hold together in Christ.

18 The church is the body;

Christ is its head.

Christ is the Beginning,

the firstborn from the dead,

and so Christ is first in every way.

19 God wanted all perfection to be found in Christ,

20 and all things to be reconciled to God through Christ—

everything in heaven and everything on earth—

when Christ made peace by dying on the cross.

21 At one time, you were alienated from God by the way you thought and the evil things you did. 22 But now you are reconciled in Christ's mortal body through death, so that you can now stand before God holy, pure and blameless—23 provided you persevere and stand firm on the solid base of your faith. Never let yourselves drift away from the hope promised by the Good News that you have heard, which even now is being preached to the whole human race, and for which I, Paul, was made a minister.

### **Luke 10:38-42**

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, 42 but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Hear the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Reflection:** *Chris L*

**Moment of Silence:** *Helen*

**Song:** *Known By Love - Glen Spencer (video)*

**Prayers of the People:** *David*

***The Lord's Prayer: David***

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 - Helen***

***Hearing from our children - Carolyn***

***Song: Your Peace Will Make Us One (Audrey Assad)***

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord  
You are speaking truth to power, you are laying down our swords  
Replanting every vineyard til a brand new wine is poured  
Your peace will make us one

2. I've seen you in our home fires burning with a quiet light  
You are mothering and feeding in the wee hours of the night  
Your gentle love is patient, you will never fade or tire  
Your peace will make us one

Chorus



Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Your peace will make us one

3. In the beauty of the lilies you were born across the sea  
With a glory in your bosom that is still transfiguring  
Dismantling our empires til each one of us is free  
Your peace will make us one

Chorus

Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Your peace will make us one

x2

***Benediction: Roger***

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:***

### ***Prayer for Pastoral Care***

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