

SUNDAY JULY 27, 2025

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**The Covenant Painting
UCA 7th Assembly, 1994**

Sunday 27th July 2025 – Pentecost 7, Yr C

Greeter: *Betty*

Leader: *Helen*

Meditation Song: TIS 721 He became poor

He became poor, that we may be rich
Loving the world and leaving his throne
King of all kings and Lord of all lords
Flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone

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Welcome

Introducing the Covenant Painting

Greeting:

May Christ be with you
And also with you

Christ Candle:

Christ, the light of the world

Moment of Stillness:

Breath of God, open our eyes

Breath of God, open our ears

Breath of God, open our hearts

moving prayer

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: Psalm 85:10-13 (Inclusive Bible)

10 Love and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.

11 Fidelity will sprout from the earth
and justice will lean down from heaven.

12 YHWH will give us what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.

13 Justice will march before you, YHWH,
and peace will prepare the way for your steps.

Hymn: TIS 137 For the beauty of the earth

1. For the beauty of the earth
for the beauty of the skies
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies

Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise

2. For the joy of ear and eye
for the heart and mind's delight
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight

Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise

3. For the joy of human love
brother, sister, parent, child
friends on earth and friends above
for all gentle thoughts and mild

Christ, our God, to you we raise

this our sacrifice of praise

4. For the church that evermore
lifting holy hands above
offers up on every shore
the pure sacrifice of love

Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise

Prayer of Confession:

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:

The Spirit who convicts
is also the Spirit who brings...

Healing
Life
Forgiveness
Renewal

Know the Spirit of Peace
Moving among us now

**Your peace, rest upon us
Your truth, set us free!**

Amen

Peace:

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

Sharing of the peace

Introducing Nathan Tyson *Helen and Nathan*

Moment for the young at heart: *Marian*

Bible Reading: *Milton*

Matthew 25:31-46

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see

you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: *Nathan Tyson*

Moment of Silence: *Helen*

Hymn: *TIS 465 Father in Heaven*

1. Father in heaven
grant to your children
mercy and blessing
songs never ceasing
love to unite us
grace to redeem us
Father in heaven,
Father our God

2. Jesus, Redeemer
may we remember
your gracious passion
your resurrection

Worship we bring you
praise we shall sing you
Jesus, Redeemer
Jesus our Lord

3. Spirit descending
whose is the blessing
strength for the weary
help for the needy
make us your temple
born a new people
Spirit descending
Spirit adored

Conversation and Prayer:
Helen and Nathan

Community News - Helen

Hearing from our children - Helen

Song: Known by Love (Glen Spencer and Charissa Suli)

1. You are the potter
We are the clay
You gently form us
To move in your ways
Spinning and turning
Held in your gaze
Beauty emerging
Centred in grace

Chorus

Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts
Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts again

2. You are the weaver
We are the leaves
Woven together

Crossing boundaries
A fala of welcome
A fala of peace
Rich conversation
All heard and all seen

Chorus

Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts
Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts again

Bridge

May our lives, may our lives
Be formed by love, by love
May our church, may our church
Be known by love, by love
By love

Chorus

Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts
Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts again

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:

Prayer for Partnerships with other churches

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Call to Worship: Inclusive Bible

Confession: UIW2 - adapted