

SUNDAY AUGUST 3, 2025

<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Wendy</i>
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Sunday 3rd August 2025 – Pentecost 8, Yr C

Greeter: Wendy

Leader: Helen

Meditation Song: TIS 703 - As The Deer Pants

(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

x2

Welcome: *Helen*

Greeting:

May Christ be with you

And also with you

Christ Candle:

The presence of Christ bringing
Light from darkness
Life from death
Hope from despair
Strangely warm our hearts again

Moment of Stillness:

silence

Acknowledgement of First Peoples:

As we conclude this season of NAIDOC, we celebrate 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: *Helen*

Let us praise God the Creator,
who is filled with glory and power—with holiness and splendour;

Let us worship God the Saviour,
who is filled with love and compassion—with justice and peace;

Let us experience God the Spirit,
who fills us with faith and joy—with love and eternal life.

Hymn: TIS 464 Seek, O Seek the Lord

Chorus

Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near
trust him, speak to him in prayer
and he will hear

1. God be with us in our lives
Direct us in our calling
Break the snares, the world contrives
Keep us from falling

Chorus

Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near
trust him, speak to him in prayer
and he will hear

2. God increase in us the life
That Christ by dying gave us
Though we faint in mortal strife
His blood will save us

Chorus

Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near
trust him, speak to him in prayer
and he will hear

3. Strengthen in our hearts the love

We owe to one another
How can we love God above
And not each other

Chorus

Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near
trust him, speak to him in prayer
and he will hear

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance: Helen

Before God, with the people of God,
I confess to my brokenness
To the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others,
and the life of the world

**May God forgive you,
Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen

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Peace:

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

Sharing of the peace

Bible Reading: Chris L

Psalms 107:1-9, 43

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
- 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
- 3 those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastelands,
finding no way to a city where they could settle.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty,
and their lives ebbed away.
- 6 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He led them by a straight way
to a city where they could settle.

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,

9 for he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

43 Let the one who is wise heed these things
and ponder the loving deeds of the LORD.

Luke 12:13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

14 Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” 15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Reflection: Helen

Moment of Stillness

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

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

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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 our thanks and praise

It is always right in all times and places
To give thanks to God, Holy Wisdom and Eternal Love.

Holy and life-giving God,
We offer you thanks and praise
In wonder and awe,
In delight and astonishment;
For you are Creator of all things,
And Lover of each one.

You sculpted the planets
And set the stars on fire.
You moulded Uluru
And shaped the ways of the Murray-Darling
You imagined the echidna into being
And set the brolgas dancing.
You made the great beasts of the oceans
Just for the pleasure of them;
And you called forth human beings
That we might love and care
For creation as you do.
The rainbow and the law are signs
Of your promise to protect the earth,
And your covenant with a people
Called to witness to the nations.

When we failed to honour
Your work and your being,
Your Word of Wisdom
Entered creation as Jesus
To share with us the joy and pain
Of our humanity.

**Through Christ,
Life rises from despair.
In Christ, all things are made new.
Because of Christ
Your Spirit remains with us.**

As she once brooded
Over the waters of the deep,
Your Spirit now works throughout creation,
Preparing for the day
When all things find their purpose in you.

Therefore,
With the whole creation
With all your people gathered across time and space,
With all the works of your hands
With everything visible and invisible,
Imagined and unimaginable,
We sing in thanks and praise

**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 our 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

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.**

Distribution

After Communion:

God of grace,
You renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
And sustain us for the journey on
In the name of Christ,

Amen.

Community News - Helen

Hearing from our children - Helen

Song: Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ his Son

x2

And now,
Let the weak say "I am strong!"
Let the poor say "I am rich!"
Because of what the Lord has done
for us

x2

Give thanks

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*

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Communion - adapted Hospitality UIW2