

SUNDAY AUG 24, 2025

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PENTECOST 11 yr C Sunday 24th August 2025

Leader: Alison Burnett / Greeter: Mehry

Meditation Hymn: A new commandment I give unto you (TIS 699)

*A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this will others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another;*

***by this shall all know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another. (Repeat)***

Welcome:

Welcome to the 11th Sunday after Pentecost. We welcome Dr Andrew Thornley this morning who will share the reflection with us.

Greeting:

May the light of the Lord be with you

And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

As we begin our service, let 's take a moment to be still and aware of God's presence within and all around us.

Christ Candle:

In this season of Light,
we light this candle to remind us of God's light shining in the darkness.
May we carry this light of hope, peace, and justice
to the world around us every day.

Acknowledgement First Peoples:

As we gather to worship God, we acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of this country on which we gather today; the Gadigal and Wangal people. And we pay our respects to their Elders past and present, together with all descendants.

We commit ourselves to support Voice, Treaty, Truth – justice for First Nations Peoples.

Call to Worship:

Come, all you who are struggling.
Come, all you who are crippled by pain and suffering.

Come to worship a God who heals your pain.
Come to worship a God who gives forgiveness.
Let us worship God, who sets us free and gives us new life!

Opening Prayer.

God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter: when we are afraid and can only whisper our fear,
you bend your ear to listen to us.
When everyone acts as if they can't remember our name,
you know us as your Beloved.
When we cannot seem to tell others all that you have done for us, you put the Word into our mouths.
And we tremble with praise.
As You alone give all good things seen and unseen.
In You alone we put our hope.

Amen

Song: God gives us a future

***1. God gives us a future, daring us to go
Into dreams and dangers on a path unknown
We will face tomorrow with the Spirit's power
We will let God change us for new life starts now.***

***2. We must leave behind us sins of yesterday
For God's new beginning is a better way
Fear and doubt and habit must not hold us back
God gives hope and insight and the strength we lack***

***3. Holy Spirit teach us how to read the signs
How to meet the challenge of our troubled times
Love us into action stir us into prayer
Till we choose God's life and find our future there
Come let us bow,***

Prayer of Confession:

Yet once more, we come to you with our prayers, Holy God.
Our crippling spirits keep us from following you.

Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way.
Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones.
Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different.
Forgive us, and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures.
From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope.
So may we offer you our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, reaches out to touch us with your healing forgiveness, yet once more.

Amen

Words of assurance:

God chooses not to turn a deaf ear to us, but to listen to our prayers.
God chooses not to shame us, but to save us.
This is, indeed, good news for us!
We are set free to drink deeply from the waters of life.

Thanks be to God!

Amen

Peace:

May the peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let's share Christ's peace with one another.

Song: TIS 665 Jesus Christ is waiting

1. Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets

No-one is his neighbour, all alone he eats

Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too

Make me, friend or stranger

Fit to wait on you

2. Jesus Christ is raging, raging in our streets

Where injustice spirals and real hope retreats

Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too

In the Kingdom's causes, let me rage with you

4. Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets

Where each sign of hatred, he, with love defeats

Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too

Where good conquers evil, let me dance with you

5. Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets

'Who will join my journey?

I will guide their feet'

Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few

Walk one step before me, I will follow

Moment for the young at heart: Marian Grills

Bible Readings: John Read

2 Chronicles 34: 19-33 NRSV

19 When the king heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes. 20 Then the king commanded Hilkiyah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, the secretary Shaphan, and the king's servant Asaiah, 21 "Go, inquire of the Lord for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that has been found, for the wrath of the Lord that is poured out on us is great, because our ancestors did not keep the word of the Lord, to act in accordance with all that is written in this book."

The Prophet Huldah Consulted

22 So Hilkiyah and those whom the king had sent went to the prophet Huldah, the wife of Shallum son of Tokhath son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe (who lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter) and spoke to her to that effect. 23 She declared to them, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Tell the man who sent you to me: 24 'Thus says the Lord: I will

indeed bring disaster upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book that was read before the king of Judah. 25 Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, so that they have provoked me to anger with all the works of their hands, my wrath will be poured out on this place and will not be quenched.' 26 But as to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall you say to him: Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Regarding the words that you have heard, 27 because your heart was penitent and you humbled yourself before God when you heard his words against this place and its inhabitants, and you have humbled yourself before me and have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, says the Lord. 28 I will gather you to your ancestors and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring on this place and its inhabitants.' " They took the message back to the king.

The Covenant Renewed

29 Then the king sent word and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 30 The king went up to the house of the Lord, with all the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the Levites, all the people both great and small; he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the house of the Lord. 31 The king stood in his place and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord, keeping his commandments, his decrees, and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. 32 Then he made all who were present in Jerusalem and in Benjamin pledge themselves to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem acted according to the covenant of God, the God of their ancestors. 33 Josiah took away all the abominations from all the territory that belonged to the people of Israel and made all who were in Israel serve the Lord their God. All his days they did not turn away from following the Lord the God of their ancestors.

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her

for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." 15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Dr Andrew Thornley

Moment of Stillness

Prayers of the People: Heather Thompson

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**

Community News:

Song: Speak O Lord.

**1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory**

**2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief**

**3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us**

***Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory***

Benediction & Blessing:

Having been welcomed with grace, let us go out this day.
We go to serve all of God's children,
deciding to meet them where they are.
Having listened to God's Word,
Let us go to share what we have learned.
Let us go to stand with those who are uncertain about life,
to walk with those who have stumbled on their journey.
Having been set free by the Spirit let us go to be siblings with all, to
release those bound by cruelty and injustice and to bring healing to
those crippled by fears.

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

Threefold Amen

***Pastoral Prayers:* Chris Westworth**