

SUNDAY AUG 17, 2025

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Amen + music	Helen & co
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Sunday 17th August 2025 – Pentecost 10, Yr C

Greeter: Roger T

Leader: David

Meditation Song: Watch and Pray (Helen Wright)

(please remain seated)

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
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Welcome: *David*

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

Christ, our light
Strangely warm our hearts again

Moment of Stillness

Acknowledgement of First Peoples:

We acknowledge that St David's Uniting Church in Haberfield is
on Gadigal and Wangal land.

With humility, we recognise the care of these lands since time immemorial and the legacy of dispossession and colonisation within the Church.

We reaffirm our commitment to walking together towards justice, reconciliation and renewal.

Call to Worship:

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

Song: Great are You, Lord (All Sons and Daughters)

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord

x2

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to You only

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

x 3

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

x 2

Prayer of Confession:

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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we confess to our brokenness
To the ways we wound our 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

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: Milton

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. **30** By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. **31** By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, **33** who

through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, **34** quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. **35** Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. **36** Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. **37** They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two;^[b] they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— **38** of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, **40** since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, **2** looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 12:49-56

49 “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

54 He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Reflection: *Helen*

Moment of Silence

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

Prayers of the People: Rev Clabon

The Lord's Prayer: Rev Clabon

**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: 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: David

And now may the peace of God
Which passes all understanding
Guard your hearts and minds
In the knowledge of Christ Jesus
As you seek to live out the ways of Christ
And treasure the things of God in your heart

And may the blessing of God Almighty
Lover, Beloved and Spirit of Love
Be upon you and remain with you always

3-fold-Amen

Pastoral Prayers:

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Confession: Iona Abbey Worship Book