

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 2025

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Sunday 5th October 2025 – Pentecost 17 Yr C

Greeter: *Mehry*

Leader: *Helen*

Meditation Song: TIS 414 There's a Spirit in the Air

(please remain seated)

1. There's a spirit in the air
Telling Christians everywhere
Praise the love that Christ revealed
Living, working in our world
2. May the Spirit fill our praise
Guide our thoughts and change our ways
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today
3. When believers break the bread
When a hungry child is fed
Praise the love that Christ revealed
Living, worrying in our world
4. Still the Spirit gives us light
Seeing wrong and setting right
God in Christ has come to stay
Live tomorrow's life today
5. There's a Spirit in the air
Calling people everywhere
Praise the love that Christ revealed
Living working in our world

Welcome: *Helen*

Greeting:

May Christ be with you
And also with you

Christ Candle:

Christ, the light of the world!
Kindle the flame of faith in our hearts
Once more

Moment of Stillness

Acknowledgement of Country:

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: Helen

(inspired by Lamentations 3:22-26)

The LORD is your portion!

We will hope in God!

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

**We will wait for the salvation of the LORD
and declare his praise among the people**

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end

they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness to us, O God!

Hymn: TIS 691. Faith Will not Grow from Words Alone

1. Faith will not grow from words alone
From proof provided, scripture known
Our faith must feel its way about
And live with question-marks and doubt
2. The pattern Jesus showed, we share
Life comes through death, hope through despair
God is made known in brokenness
And faith feeds on God's emptiness
3. The church still tells how Jesus came
Through death to glorious life again
The strangest story! Yet maybe

Our faith will thrive on mystery

4. Faith take the little that we know
And calls for hope and tells us 'Go!'
Love and take courage come what may
Christ will be with us on the way

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:

God's love is endless and steadfast
God's mercies are new every morning
God's faithfulness is greater than we can
imagine

Know the fresh mercies of God this day.
'Your sins are forgiven'.

Thanks be to God

Peace: Helen

In a world crying out for peace,

We are reminded to be a people of peace
May we practice what we preach
And extend our hands as an offering of peace
In this place and beyond these walls

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

Sharing of the peace

Moment for the young at heart: *Phil*

Bible Readings: *Marie*

Lamentations 3:19-26

19 The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!

20 My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.

21 But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

23 they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

25 The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

26 It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise

of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. 13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Luke 17:5-6

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” 6 The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a [a] mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Helen

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People: Rev Carolyn

The Lord's Prayer: Rev Carolyn

(Contemporary Version UIW2)

Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker.
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Song: Bread and Wine

By Heather Prowse, Glen Spencer, James Watson, Helen Wright

1. Hold us in this meal, O God
Hold us and sustain
Feed us here, O Bread of Life
Filled anew with grace
Strengthen for the journey on
Seal in us your presence
Sent to join your work of love
As people on the Way

Chorus

Come to the table
As we share in love divine
Here, see the feast prepared
With every heart in mind
And as one we stand
Held by bread and wine

2. Enfold us in this meal, O God
Enfold and make us one
Forming true community
Room for all who come
Overcome our walls and fears
Heal us with your presence
Joining in your work of love
Restoring all you've made

Chorus

Come to the table
As we share in love divine
Here, see the feast prepared
With every heart in mind
And as one we stand
Held by bread and wine

Bridge

Mercy, O mercy meet us now
Mercy, O mercy meet us now
Mercy, O mercy meet us now
Mercy, O mercy meet us now
Meet us now

Chorus

Come to the table
As we share in love divine
Here, see the feast prepared
With every heart in mind

Come to the table
As we share in love divine
Here, see the feast prepared
With every heart in mind
And as one we stand
Held by bread and wine

And as one we stand
Held by bread and wine

Communion

This is the joyful feast of Jesus
Bread for beloved children
A meal for those expecting scraps
And a banquet for last-minute guests!

Come, your place is at the table.
Here Christ meets you
And calls you God's own

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 give our thanks and praise

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to praise you,
Loving God. You welcome us at the table and bid us to join the feast. You sow
the seed and harvest the grain that you knead and bless and break; that we
might be filled and do the same.

God of Compassion,
we praise you
and with the faithful of every time and place,
join creation's eternal hymn:

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 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

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ
In the power of the Spirit of Love,

All glory be to you, O God!

Amen

Breaking of the bread

The bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ

Holding of the cup

The cup we take
is a sharing in the blood of Christ

Let us receive what we are
Let us become what we receive

The body of Christ

Jesus, wisdom of God
have mercy on us

Jesus, word made flesh
have mercy on us

Jesus, Liberator of creation
grant us peace

During the serving of communion

Let us listen to:

“Your Body Made Mine” - Mikali Anagnostis

After communion:

God of grace,
You renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
And help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Community News – *Helen*

Hearing from our children - Helen

Song: Forever - Chris Tomlin

1. Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

2. With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever

3. From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever

Benediction: Helen

May your faith
though it be small as a tiny seed
Be fueled by God's mercies each day
May your faith
Though it be fragile as a tiny flame
Be kindled by God's constant faithfulness

As you go now
To love and to serve

And may God, overflowing in love eternal
Creator, Christ and Spirit
Be with you now and remain with always

3-fold-Amen

Pastoral Prayers: Christo

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