

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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Sunday 16th November 2025 – Pentecost 23 Yr C

Greeter:

Leader: **Helen**

Meditation Song:

TIS 723 Holy, Holy, Holy

(please remain seated)

Holy, holy, holy
My heart, my heart adores you
My heart knows how to say to you
Holy are you Lord

(x3)

Welcome:

Greeting:

May Christ be with you
And also with you

Christ Candle:

We light this candle as a reminder of the presence of Christ with us

Be our light
Be our guide
Be our hope

Moment of Stillness

Acknowledgement of Country: **Helen**

As we look upon the hills and valleys, we see the love poured out upon this land by those who have cared for it since time beyond measure.
We are thankful for and honour those Aboriginal peoples who have gone before and those who are yet to come.

May we remember the call God places on humanity to care for Creation.

May we take the lead from the Gadigal and Wangal people, whose stories are entwined with the stewarding of this place. May we learn from them and walk with them towards justice and renewal.

Call to Worship: **Helen**

God who is above, beyond and among
Calls to you once more
Come

Weary and beaten down
By the things of this world
We come to you once more

Thirsting for water
That will not dry up
We come to you once more

Longing for hope
In the midst of despair
We come to you once more

Needing to know
The sweetness of your Word
Meet us here, we pray

Hymn: TIS 431 Thanks to God whose Word was spoken

Thanks to God whose word was spoken
In the deed that made the earth
His the voice that called a nation
His the fire that tried its worth

*God has spoken, God has spoken
Praise him for his open Word*

Thanks to God whose Word incarnate
Human flesh has glorified
Who by life and death and rising
Grace abundant has supplied

*God has spoken, God has spoken
Praise him for his open Word*

Thanks to God whose Word was written
In the Bible's sacred page
Record of the revelation
Showing God to every age

*God has spoken, God has spoken
Praise him for his open Word*

Thanks to God whose word is answered
By the Spirit's voice within
Here we drink of joy unmeasured
Life redeemed from death and sin

*God has spoken, God has spoken
Praise him for his open Word*

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:

Friends, hear these words to be true
God is full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love
You are loved
You are forgiven
You are held in grace

**Thanks be to God.
Amen**

Peace:

As a people called
To the ways of peace
We pray once more

For peace in our world
For peace in these lands
For peace in our homes
For peace in our hearts

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

Sharing of the peace

Moment for the young at heart: Brian

Bible Readings:

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

6 Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, 8 and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying

for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. 9 This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. 11 For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. 13 Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21:5-19

5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 6 “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.

7 They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” 8 And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

9 “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” 10 Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; 11 there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

12 “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, 15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17 You will be hated by all because of my name. 18 But not

a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: *Helen Norton*

Moment of Silence

Song on Video: Crucified God

1. What a scandalous story
This we believe
God among us in glory
Is nailed to a tree
For the sake of the broken
Freely you give
Not by sword, nor conquest
But with 'Father, forgive'

Chorus

Crucified God
Love now displayed, in humility you came
By their hands you were slain
Crucified God
In flesh to be seen
Love now revealed
Perfect love now revealed

2. A Roman cross you would carry
To death's dark hill
A crown of thorns from your mockers
A sign declares you as "King"

Condemned like a criminal
Only guilty of love
Your last breath leaves your body
You cry out 'It is done!'

Chorus

Crucified God
Love now displayed, in humility you came
By their hands you were slain
Crucified God
In flesh to be seen
Love now revealed
Perfect love now revealed

Bridge

Love conquers death
We shall not fear, we shall not fear
Love now remains
Hope to the weak, hope to the weak
Evermore we will sing
We are set free, we are set free
From our guilt and our shame
In love we live, in love we live

Chorus

Crucified God
Love now displayed, in humility you came
By their hands you were slain
Crucified God
In flesh to be seen
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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

Community News – Helen

Hearing from our children - Helen

Song: Come, Now Is The Time to Worship

Chorus

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are, to worship
Come, just as you are before your God

Come

1. One day every tongue will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now

Chorus

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are, to worship
Come, just as you are before your God

Come

2. Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength
We gladly choose You now

Chorus

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are, to worship
Come, just as you are before your God

Come

Benediction: Helen

As you step now from this place
May your worship continue
May praise be forever on your lips

As you love God with all that you are
And as you love your neighbour
As you love yourself

And may our Great God of Love
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
Be with you now and remain with always

3-fold-Amen

Pastoral Prayers: Heather

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