

WELCOME

We are in the midst of the week of reconciliation across Australia. It began on Wednesday and finishes this coming Wednesday but we hope that reconciliation and good relationships with the Aboriginal peoples of Australia happens everyday.

For thousands of years Indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives.

We acknowledge the Burramattagal People and their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. And to elders, past and present, we pay our respects and express our desire to work together for reconciliation.

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Then afterward I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.”

Joel 2:28

God's spirit calls us into the future,
God's spirit calls us to new vision,
God's spirit calls us in compassionate love

Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life
in the present-ness of this God.

So let us come and worship God.

SONG **TiS 409 O breath of Life**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1QZw7q1Xyc> words and music

O breath of life come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore: for this we plead.

O breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,

revive your church in every part.

Revive us, Lord! is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.

Words Elizabeth J Porter Head/Music Mary Jane Hammond C.C.L.I. No. 237097

PRAYER

Let us pray to God, the Creator whose Ruach breathed out and Creation was born.
As the wind fills the sails of windmills in paddocks and taps underground stores of life-giving water;

so the wind of God's Spirit fills us and refreshes us.

As the fire renews the bush by bursting open the seeds of life;
so the fire of God's Spirit brings renewal to our lives.

Wind and fire, symbols of energy and power;
Holy Spirit, source of our energy and power,
sweep into our lives this day,

that we may experience your refreshment,
your renewal, your life.

The prophets proclaimed that there would be visions and dreams,
but sometimes we are so set in our ways that we have stopped dreaming:

There were sounds of wind and tongues of fire,
but sometimes we never expect anything new to happen in our lives or in our church:

There were sounds of wind and tongues of fire,
but if we never expect anything new to happen in our lives or in our church:

The disciples were empowered to speak about God in a language understood by everyone. When we are tongue-tied when asked to speak about our faith:

Pentecost is about being empowered by the Holy Spirit - yet too often we feel powerless and overwhelmed by fear of an increasingly aggressive world:

Gracious and merciful God, grant us your forgiveness and refresh and renew us with the Holy Spirit so that we become eager, strong, and vital disciples of Jesus Christ.
Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God with whom we have been reconciled through Christ. (based on 2 Corinthians 17.18)

Thanks be to God!

STORY

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business to live a more leisurely life with his wife and enjoy his extended family. He would miss the paycheck each week, but he wanted to retire. They could get by.

The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go & asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but over time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career.

When the carpenter finished his work, his employer came to inspect the house. Then he handed the front-door key to the carpenter and said, "This is your house... my gift to you."

The carpenter was shocked!

What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently.

So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we would do it much differently. The gifts that God has given us are to be used for the best ALL the time. Then God uses them to make a difference- for us and for others.

SONG Great Southland (version 2)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDJAuTCe_uY Words and Music

This is Your nation, This is Your land,
This common future, This shared hope.
A land of reaping, A land of harvest,
This is Your land, This is our home.

*This is the Great South-land
of the Holy Spirit.
A land of red dust plains
and summer rains,*

*And in this sunburnt land we have seen his love,
And to this Great South-land
His Spirit's come.*

This is Your nation, This is Your land,
This land of plenty This land of hope.
The richest harvest is in her peoples
From age to age His spirit's come.
This is the Great South-land

This is Your nation, This is Your land,
This "lucky country" of dreams gone dry.
And to all peoples there is a harvest
And to this land His Spirit's come.

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READINGS

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

John 20: 19-23

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

This is the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

SERMON ***The Breath of God- doing a new thing***

SONG **SiS book II no 98 Spirit of the Living God**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYfzcYohWZg> words and music—NO INTRO

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, Mould me,

fill me, use me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Sing 3 times total.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for the modern world in which faith comes hard, where people find it difficult to raise their eyes above material things which are so necessary to life.

We pray for those who find it hard to believe because they have too many things
And for those who find it hard because they haven't enough.

We pray for those who have more to eat than they need
And those who are dying for lack of food.

We pray for parents who, because of their poverty and a lack of concern on the part of others must watch their children die.
And we pray for those who struggle for their children to live.

We pray for those who suffer from disease, from confusion and guilt, from depression and fear.
We pray for those who face each day with dread, because their lives are so dominated by the power of others.

We pray for those who are so lonely that life is robbed of all loveliness and hope.
Lord we pray because our love for you is a love for one who embraces all human suffering.

We pray because you are in our midst and have made people in their need present to us and us aware of them.
We pray because you call us as your disciples to reach out from ourselves to all people.

We pray for those in our midst who are struggling. We pray for.....

Help us interpret the signs of the times and prepare us for the kingdom of God each day and forever,

Amen.

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 from the time of trial

And deliver us from evil.

*For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever Amen.*

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all

And also with you.

OFFERING

Most loving God whose Spirit is with us helping us, leading us, guiding us and empowering us, your blessings are greater than we can ever realise. Help us to gather these offerings that we might bring them to reach out in your name to others. As small as they may seem may you multiply them for they are for you. Amen

SONG TiS 749 Thuma mina (Send me Lord) from South Africa

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eik2HK7u9xA> Words and music

Thuma mina,
Thuma mina, thuma mina,
Thuma mina, Somandla.

Send me, Lord.
Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus;
send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.

Lead me, Lord.
Lead me, Jesus, lead me Jesus,
Lead me Jesus, lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Lord.
Fill me, Jesus, Fill me Jesus,
Fill me Jesus, fill me, Lord.
Repeat

Thuma mina,
Thuma mina, thuma mina,
thuma mina Somandla.

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BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you-
And give you peace
And give you peace.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtlI3mNj5U> Please receive this as a blessing