



**uniting church** Parramatta Mission  
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## PENTECOST 11



8 August 2021

Leigh Memorial 9.30am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5199089657>

Meeting ID: 519 908 9657

Westmead 9.45am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/3958336709>

Meeting ID: 395 833 6709

Leigh Fijian 11.15am

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## **Welcome**

A warm welcome as we gather this Sunday.

## **Lighting of the Candle**

Today we light this candle,  
remembering that whenever we gather  
Christ who is the light of the world is present with us.

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## **Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Jesus said “I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” (John 6:35)

## **Opening Prayer<sup>2</sup>**

We praise you God,  
for the meaning that you give to our lives in and through Jesus.  
He is the sign of your deep and everlasting love for the world  
and we rejoice in his promise to sustain us with his life.  
We praise you for filling our emptiness with his goodness.  
May our worship and praise express our thanks, O God,  
for your gift to us of the true bread from heaven—  
Jesus Christ, your Son. **Amen**

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<sup>1</sup> Written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online. <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>

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## Hymn

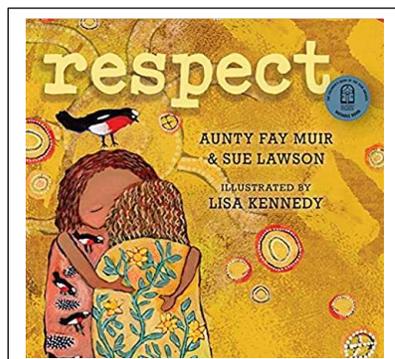
### “Christ Be Our Light”

<https://youtu.be/Zlq3bhdgQoc>

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people  
Light for the world to see.  
*Refrain:*  
*Christ, be our light!*  
*Shine in our hearts.*  
*Shine through the darkness.*  
*Christ, be our light!*  
*Shine in your church gathered today.*
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.  
*Refrain*
3. Longing for food, many are hungry  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others  
Shared until all are fed.  
*Refrain*
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others  
Walls made of living stone.  
*Refrain*
5. Many the gift, many the people  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another  
Making your kingdom come.  
*Refrain*

## Story

“Respect”  
By Aunty Fay  
Muir and Sue  
Lawson,  
Illustrated by  
Lisa Kennedy



## Prayers of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

We pray Psalm 130 – through music or in words

### Psalm 130 – Sons of Korah

<https://youtu.be/1kND0DcTCOE>

#### Psalm 130<sup>3</sup>

Out of the depths I cry to you, YHWH.  
God, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my voice, my cries for mercy!

If you kept track of our sins YHWH,  
who could stand before you?  
But with you is forgiveness,  
and for this we revere you.

So I wait for you, YHWH,  
and in your word I place my trust.  
My soul longs for you  
more than sentinels long for the dawn,  
more than sentinels long for the dawn.

Israel, put your hope in YHWH,  
for with YHWH is abundant love,  
and the fullness of deliverance.  
God will deliver Israel  
from all its failings.

#### Hymn      **Comfort, Comfort All My People (TiS 647)**

<https://youtu.be/B8DXPAYWr-c>

##### *Refrain*

*Comfort, comfort all my people  
with the comfort of my word.  
Speak it tender to my people:  
All your sins are taken away.*

1. Though your tears be rivers running,  
though your tears be an ocean full,  
though you cry with the hurt of living,  
comfort, comfort.  
Every valley shall be lifted,

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<sup>3</sup> The Inclusive Bible © 2007 by Priests for Equality

every mountain shall be low,  
every rough place will be smoother:  
comfort, comfort.

*Refrain*

2. Though your eyes see only darkness,  
though your eyes can see no light,  
though your eyes see pain and sorrow:  
comfort, comfort.  
Every night will have its morning,  
every pain will have an end,  
every burden will be lightened:  
comfort, comfort.

*Refrain*

**Scripture Readings<sup>4</sup>**

**Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

<sup>4</sup><sup>25</sup>: So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5</sup><sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**John 6:35, 41-51**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup> Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' <sup>42</sup>They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of

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<sup>4</sup> NRSV online: <https://bible.oremus.org>

life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

## Response

*O God our nurturer,  
may your word live in us  
And colour our living. Amen!*

## Sermon

**Hymn**        **"Instrument of Peace"** - The Porter's Gate  
<https://youtu.be/dOZYppqclP0>

**For those without access to YouTube:**

**Make Me a Channel of Your Peace** (TIS 607)

1. Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord;  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*Refrain:*

*Oh, master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light;  
And where there's sadness ever joy.

*Refrain*

3. Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving of ourselves that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

## Offering Prayer

We celebrate the opportunity to share what we have with others.  
Bless these gifts and our lives as we offer them as disciples of Jesus Christ.  
He who loved us and gave himself up for us invites us to live in love.  
May your spirit strengthen us to witness to his love.

## Announcements

### Prayer for all Places and People

In this irritated and unsettled world, God of all,  
We bring before you these concerns in prayers from our heart.

For the underfed and unsheltered, we pray for food and homes.

**Call us to welcoming hospitality and generosity.**

**Show us where to bring change.**

For the environment groaning under the pains of misuse and abuse.

**Call us to be wise in our use of resources, renewables and recycling.**

**Show us where to encourage others in loving creation.**

For those struggling in loneliness and isolation.

**Call us to watch, listen clearly and act with generosity.**

**Show us where to encourage inclusion and acceptance.**

For those who need advocacy and support that we can offer

**Call to us to see the world as it is and where we can use the gifts, we have to create a thriving society, controlled by your love.**

We pray that we are instruments of your love and kindness,  
that we live our lives bearing witness to your Way  
and to the change that will bring about your realm, God of new beginnings.

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**Hymn**            **“There’s A Spirit in the Air”** (TiS 414)

<https://youtu.be/4qrwSa8tEfU>

1. There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world!'

2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
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, working, 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. When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.

6. 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!

7. There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.

### **Blessing<sup>5</sup>**

Filled to the brim with the goodness of God;  
the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit,  
go now in peace to serve God in all that you are.  
God's peace will always be with you.  
Amen.

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<sup>5</sup> Written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the **Ministry Matters** website.  
<http://www.ministrymatters.com/>