

Easter 8

28th May 2023
9.00 am service

PENTECOST

Welcome and call to worship

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcoming Song: Spirit of Dreaming

1. Spirit of truth, come to us now,
breathe your word into us.
Plant in our hearts your wisdom and love,
speak your kindness through us.
Spirit of dreaming come,
make of your people one.
Spirit of truth, enter our dreaming now.

2. Spirit of grace, come to us now,
break into our silence.
Nourish our hearts with healing and joy,
sing your love-song through us.
Spirit of dreaming come,
make of your people one.
Spirit of grace, enter our dreaming now.

Spirit of hope restore us, go before us,
lead us through famine and feast.
Spirit of faith uplift us,
take and gift us for loving the last and the least.

3. Spirit of light, come to us now,
shine into our darkness.
Bring to our hearts your longing for life,
kindle peace between us.
Spirit of dreaming come,
make of your people one.
Spirit of light, enter our dreaming now.

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Acknowledgement of Country

Safe place statement

Opening prayer

Assurance

Forgive us loving God of new beginnings.

**Re-ignite our passion for your presence,
our excitement in knowing your Spirit is alive and active,
our calling to love the world as you do**

through Christ, whose sole purpose
is to give us and all humanity and creation
life in all its fullness. **Amen.**

The message of Pentecost is as true today
as it was all those years ago.

You are loved, forgiven and free to make a new start.

Thanks be to God for life, and love and Spirit. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Offering Song/children's: Children's Song: Community

Chorus

Part of a family, interconnected, this is community

Welcoming strangers, visiting neighbours, this gives us dignity

1. Care for the earth and sea, we need to keep them free
So we care for the earth and sea.
Care for the ones we meet, love is the face we see
When we care for the ones we meet.

Chorus

2. Sharing our joy and pain, praying and keeping faith
By sharing our joy and pain
Singing a song of rights, imaging God in life,
by singing a song of rights

Final chorus

Talk to the lonely, bind up the broken, this makes community

A glass of water, shared with the thirsty, this makes for dignity

This makes for dignity

This is community

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Offering Prayer: (Lorraine Clode)

Scripture: **John 20:19-23** (Page 883 of the pew Bibles)
 Acts 2:1-21 (Page 885 of the pew Bibles)
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (Page 933 of the pew Bibles)

Message **Rev. Ian Diamond**

Affirmation of faith

Reflection Song: Like a Candle

1. Like a candle burning wildly,
raging soft against the night,
spark that leaps to clear the shadows,
sending warm disturbing light.
We are called to live the passion.
Hope stands strong against all pain.
For it's only in the burning
that the candle shows its flame.

2. Like a river running freely,
rapids swirl beside our feet,
swiftly flowing from the highland,
comes to rest, still waters meet.
All our journeys rising, falling,
making turns we least expect,
when the Spirit churns within us,
know God's power through the test.

3. See the hope that burns in darkness,
show compassion strong and kind,
bind the hurt and broken-hearted,
be God's hands and voice and eyes.
Sing a new song every sunrise,
climb to places out of reach,
walk in freedom in God's spirit,
as we die so we shall live.

We are called to live the passion.
Hope stands strong against all pain.
For its only in the burning
that the candle shows its flame.

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Life of the church (Announcements)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

The in-breaking of God's love
comes to interrupt your lives
with wonder and power.

The healing Christ
will meet you at your point of deepest need.

The Holy Spirit will make you eager
to fulfil your calling as the Body of Christ
continuing with Christ's ministry
to share God's transformative love in the world.

Sending out

Go as people of peace,
stewards and healers of creation,
consolers of the afflicted,
and midwives of justice.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Sending Song: Thuma Mina

1. Thuma mina, thuma mina
Thuma mina Somandla
2. Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus,
Send me, Jesus, send me Lord.
3. Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus,
Lead me Jesus, lead me Lord.
4. I will go Lord, I will go Lord:
In your name, Lord, I will go.

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*Children to accompany Minister to share what they have done with the people
as they move to morning tea.*

Please join us for morning tea after the service.

Worship team:

Lorraine Clode, Tessa Bradbury, Rev Ian Diamond,
Jade McFaul (Music Coordinator)
Harold Small (Reader)

With thanks to our A/V and steward teams

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