



Sunday 4th August 2024

Pentecost 11B – Wesley 10.45 am

Liturgist: Rev Ian Diamond

Preacher: Rev Dr Bruce Stevens

Readers: Russ & Brenda Neal

Music Coordinator: Jade McFaul Organist: Graeme & Bronwyn Brown

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude

Greeting: The Lord be with you
And with you!

Acknowledgement of Country and Safe Church Statement

Lighting of the Community Candle

Call to Worship – *an invitation to prayer & praise*

We do not live by bread alone,

but by the Word who became flesh and dwells among us.

Christ is the true bread of heaven,

the manna of freedom.

Come, let us worship and give thanks.

Hymn 122: What shall I do my God to love..

Prayer of Adoration

Eternal God, Lord of heaven and earth, we praise you for your greatness.

Your wisdom is seen in all your works,

Your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ your Son.

Your presence and power are given to us through the Holy Spirit.

Therefore O God we worship and adore you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our sins to God,

whose loving-kindness endures forever.

God has given us a sign showing that love is stronger than death.

The sign of the cross points to our exodus from bondage to sin.

Let us repent, seek God's forgiveness, and enter into new life in Christ.

Holy One, whose love and justice condemn us, whose mercy and kindness feed us, we confess our sins and pray for your forgiveness.

What terrible suffering we have unleashed. We have used other persons without regard for their dignity; we have abused the earth without care for its beauty or concern for future life;

We have sought to bargain with you to smooth our way to heaven. God, change us. Put the Spirit of Christ within us and cause us to grow into mature, faithful disciples of the one who came from you to save us from our sin.

Free us from captivity to our selfishness, bind us to the whole body of Christ, and let us bear witness to the truth that your love holds everything together in perfect unity. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

A time of silence for personal confession, then

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy**
Christ, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy**
Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

The bread of life God sends is the offering of the only begotten Son. Whoever comes in Jesus Christ shall never be hungry; whoever believes in him shall never thirst.

Believe the gospel; in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Amen

Thanks be to God!

Doxology – *expressing our joy*

[Sing, standing]

Hymn 246, v4: Give God the glory, God and none other

The Peace – *one with God, and one with each other*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Creator of unity, Body of peace, Spirit of community, bind us together around your Word and send us out to do your justice, show your mercy, and embody your redeeming love, glorifying you, Holy Trinity. Amen

Bible Readings – *listening for God's living Word*

The Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 13a

The Epistle: Ephesians 4: 1-16

The Gospel: John 6: 24-35

After the Gospel the reader will say: "Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to my feet"
Please respond by saying: **"and a light to my path."**

Preaching of the Word

Hymn 535: I am the bread of life..

Our Response to God's Word

Offering and Dedication

Interlude:

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers of the People

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle focus: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea

After the general intercessions, the bidding: Lord in your mercy, **is followed by the response:** Lord, hear our prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn 429: Break now the bread of life

[During which the Table is prepared]

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanks and praise.....singing the eternal hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you...
..all honour and glory are yours, Father almighty, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

The bread we break.....The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world, Grant us peace.**

The Communion

Prayer after Communion

Sending forth of the people of God

Hymn 469: This is the truth we hold....

Blessing

The grace of Christ attend you;
The love of God surround you;
the Holy Spirit keep you;
This day and for ever. **Amen.**

Postlude