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Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Hymn TIS 534: Love is his Word

Acclamation
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

Sentence
God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other. 1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

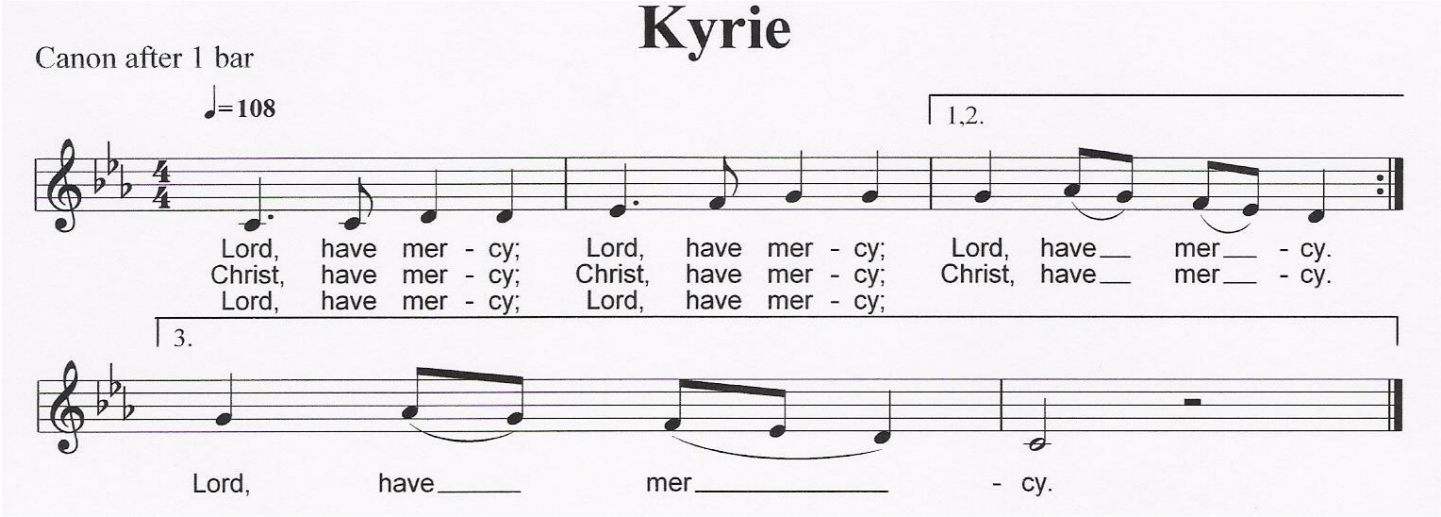
Acknowledgement:
Let us pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people whose land of Yálla-birr-ang (Collingwood) and Carran-carramulk (Abbotsford – along the Yarra River) we meet on today.



God of forgiveness and hope, who sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to break down the walls that divide us from each other: grant that all Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with later migrants from many countries, may work together to heal the wounds of injustice in our past, and to build a community of care and compassion for our future; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer of Preparation
[Let us pray.]
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Two Great Commandments
Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'



Seasonal Invitation

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

Penitence

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria



The Collect

[Let us pray.]

Ever living God,
before the earth was formed,
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.
Break into our short span of life
and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Judges 4.1-10

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. 2 So the
LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the
commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. 3 Then the Israelites
cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed
the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. 4 At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of
Lappidoth, was judging Israel. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between
Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for
judgement. 6 She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali,
and said to him, 'The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount
Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will
draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his
chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."' 8 Barak said to her, 'If you
will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' 9 And she said, 'I
will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your
glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and
went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten
thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

Hear the word of the Lord

thanks be to God.

Psalm 123- *read antiphonally.*

1 To you I lift up my eyes:
you who are enthroned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master:
or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God:
until he show us his mercy.
4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have had our fill of derision.
5 Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:
and with the contempt of the proud.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to
have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord
will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, 'There is peace and security', then
sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman,
and there will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to
surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are
not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us
keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk
get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the
breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined
us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for
us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage
one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Hear the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn The Potter's Hand

Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you:

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew, Chapter 25 beginning at the 14th verse. **Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 25.14-30

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his
property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each
according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents
went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way,
the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received
the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After
a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the
one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying,
"Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His
master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy
in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."
22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over
to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well
done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put
you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had
received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh
man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so
I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours."
26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where
I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my
money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with
interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For
to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from
those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless
slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth."

For the Gospel of the Lord

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon / Homily

Affirmation of Faith

Where possible please stand

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions

Please sit or kneel for the prayers, (These or other prayers may be used)

Gracious and generous God, you have given to your creation all things necessary for our abundant life: Hear us as we pray for people everywhere, that all may be protected from oppression and exploitation in order to live productive and meaningful lives, as we pray:
To you we lift up our eyes; **have mercy upon us, have mercy.**

Eternal One, awaken your Church to encourage and build up one another as children of light and children of the day, serving as instruments of your compassion and justice.
To you we lift up our eyes;
have mercy upon us, have mercy.

Infinite One, inspire our leaders with wisdom and discipline, and rescue all people from the scorn of the indolent rich and the derision of the proud.
To you we lift up our eyes;
have mercy upon us, have mercy.

Compassionate One, protect the vulnerable of the earth from economic abuse: Grant that all who work may receive a proper return for their labour and that every person may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of your creation.
To you we lift up our eyes;
have mercy upon us, have mercy.

Loving One, bless our community with wisdom, healing, and honour, that we may be bearers of faith, hope, and love.
To you we lift up our eyes;
have mercy upon us, have mercy.

We commend to your mercy those for whom we pray, especially ___.
We raise our eyes to you in thanksgiving, especially for ___.

We entrust to your never failing care and love those who have died, especially ___
rest eternal grant unto them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them** may they rest in Peace; **and rise in Glory**.
To you we lift up our eyes;
have mercy upon us, have mercy.

Merciful God of light and promise, multiply your grace upon us and be generous to all the earth, that we may treasure your eternal work of reconciliation and resurrection through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Parishioners:
Marina & Michael; Margaret; Fr David; Robert & Gwendolyn, Ella
Friends: **Denise, Judi and Graeme; Amy; Ken; Maryann; Zac; Rob; Jacob; Andrew; Jan; Richard; Eloise; Grant, Drickis; Heidi; Henry and Sam; Vladimir, Jo**
Extended Parishioners: **Matt; Maj; Blessing and Maurice**
Judy Lazarus Transition Centre:
Community: **Helen Haines** and **Family, Brendan Nugent** and **Family**
Those who have died, or anniversary's fall currently:
rest eternal grant unto them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them** may they rest in Peace; **and rise in Glory.**

Within the wider Anglican Community, we pray today for:
The World: **Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia**
The Anglican Communion: **Iglesia Anglicana de Chile**
The Anglican Church of Australia: **Diocese of Newcastle: Christ Church Cathedral: Episcopal Area of Nunawading - Bishop Ben Wong; Archdeaconry of Kew; Camberwell Deanery: St Mark's Camberwell, Christ Church Hawthorn, St Columb's Hawthorn, St Mary's South Camberwell, St Dunstan's Camberwell, St John's Camberwell, St Paul's East Kew, St Hilary's Kew/Nth Balwyn/Mt Albert Nth, Holy Trinity Kew, All Saints Kooyong, The Field Camberwell MP**
Anglican Schools and Agencies: **Melbourne Grammar School**
Bishops' Visitation: **-**

Liturgy of the Eucharist
He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Greeting of Peace –
We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.
Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.



During the offertory hymn a collection may be taken
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Offertory Hymn TIS 538 Feed us now, Bread of life.

Preparation of the altar and the gifts

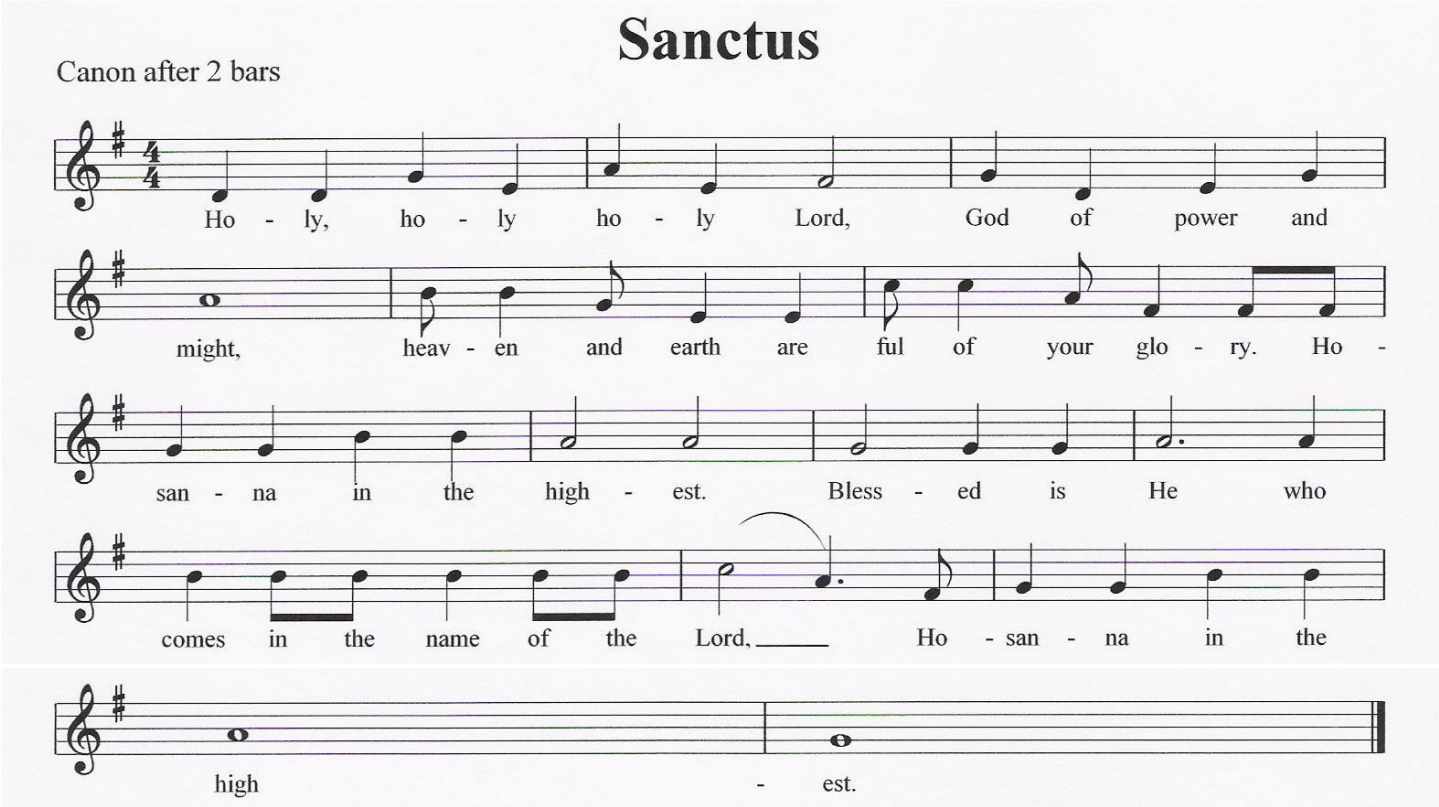
The bread and the wine are presented. – The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

This is God's table. Here there is enough for all. Here strangers become neighbours. Here divided people become one family. Here we receive the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, so that we may become living water for a thirsty world. **Amen.**

The Great 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.

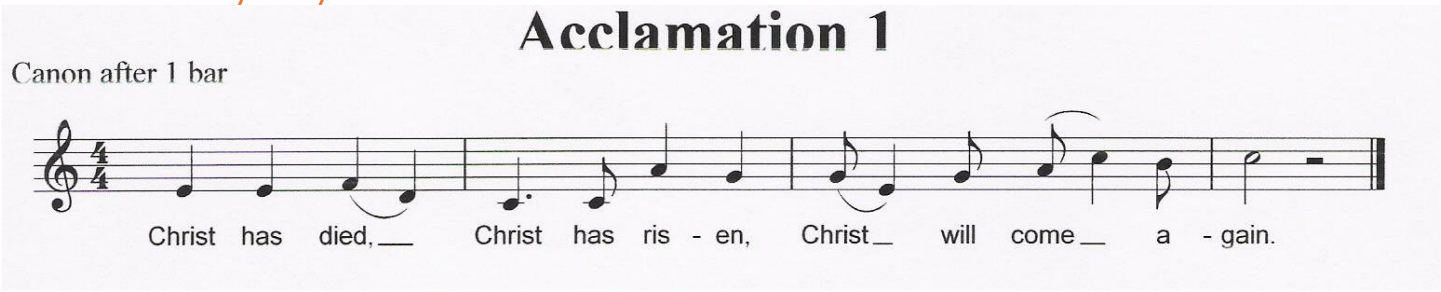
We praise and thank you, abounding God,
because you demand so much from us
and at the same time give us everything you expect of us.
In the glory of creation and the grace of liberation
you set the contours of our journey with you.
By crafting the covenant and by renewing your people in exile
you showed us the manner and purpose of your ever-flowing love.
In Jesus you gave us your most precious talent.
Though we buried him through our ignorance and sin,
you raised him to multiply your church
and spread abroad your kingdom.
And so, we give you thanks
with saints and angels and the company of heaven,
joining their unending hymn.



Encouraging God, your Son Jesus died for us
so that we might live together with you.
He went through the deep night of betrayal, anguish in Gethsemane,
trial by his own people, and scourging by his oppressors
that we might live in endless day.
Send your Holy Spirit that your people may be turned
from the fear of your wrath to the anticipation of your glory.
By that same Spirit of salvation and hope,
sanctify these gifts of bread and wine
that in your kingdom of grace they may be for
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying.
'Take, eat; this is my body which us given for you;
do this in remembrance of me"
After supper he took the cup,
Again, he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me

Great is the mystery of faith.



Generous God,
when your church is entrusted with a little, make it faithful,
and when your people are sent forth to take care of much,
make them wise and true and kind.
As you invested your whole heart in the uncertain market of our love,
show your children where to take risks, when to enter the unknown,
and how to trade with your bounty.
Prepare the hearts of the flourishing and the fragile
for the day of your revelation
that when all secrets are made known and all desires laid bare,
your understanding and forgiving grace may see
the virtue behind our clumsiness and the goodness amid our folly.
Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope
that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy,
when your whole creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love,
and you are all in all, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Communion Rite -

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus Dei



Communion - *Please form a circle around the alter.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he gave himself for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to share with us in communion with Jesus who told us to break bread and share wine in remembering him and celebrating the reality of his presence.

Administration of Communion.
The body of Christ [the bread of heaven] keep you in eternal life. **Amen**
The blood of Christ [the cup of salvation] keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Communion Chant TIS 773 Gloria, Gloria in excelsis.

Prayer of Virtual Communion
Jesus, we believe that You are present in the Holy Sacrament. Our friends online desire to receive You. Since they cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into their hearts. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer
Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, give us courage for our pilgrimage, and bring us to the joys you promise.

Prayer of self-offering
Father, **we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**
Please return to your seat.

Notices

Statutory Annual Meeting
Next Sunday 22nd November following the service.

Refugee Donations
Please bring non-perishable food, drink, clothing or bedding which we will donate to:
https://www.westwelcomewagon.org.au/donate/

Today's Quote
The most important hour is always the present. The most significant person is precisely the one sitting across from you right now. `the most necessary work is always love.
Meister Eckhart (c. 1260 – c. 1327)

Creation Care Notice
During the week, ANZ changed one of their policies. This ruled out ANZ funding the pipeline from the NT Beetaloo fracking field to Gladstone on the east coast. Before this ANZ was the last of the four big banks that did not have a policy prevent such a loan. Without overseas or Federal Govt funding, this has probably prevented the construction of this pipeline. This almost certainly prevents the export of gas from Beetaloo, which in turn probably makes the Beetaloo project unfinancial. Was this change of policy due to the pressure put on ANZ by many volunteer grass roots groups (ACF, Market Forces, Get Off Gas, ARRCC, Climate Choir Melbourne and many more)?

Green Tip

Your voice could make a difference, so add yours to any petition/letter you agree with. How about supporting the 3:30:300 campaign for Melbourne to reforest and restore the wetlands in the city? (Every house has visibility of 3 mature native trees, every neighbourhood has 30% tree canopy cover, everyone can walk to a park/green space within 300 metres). See https://act.350.org.au/petitions/reforest-melbourne-and-restore-the-wetlands.

Prayer of the Harvest,

O Lord of the Harvest: Give us great confidence in the work of your Son and Spirit. Send workers into the harvest. Grow us as disciples. Raise up leaders to shepherd your people. Renew your Church in faith, hope and love. We ask this so that every disciple, leader and church will take faithful steps of ministry and mission, for the glory of your Name and for the benefit of this world, which you love and which we serve. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Keep awake and be sober, for you are God's children of light and children of the day.

Embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Encourage one another and build up each other in faith, hope and love, always strong in the Spirit.

And the blessing of our gracious God the holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity bless you and keep you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn TIS 690 Beauty for brokenness.

Please join us after the service for Morning Tea

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