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The Holy Eucharist



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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

"50 years of deadly" using A Christian Eucharist for Gondwana¹²



NAIDOC
WEEK
50 YEARS
DEADLY
5-12 JULY 2026

[Opening Hymn](#) **We Honour the Land**

Acclamation:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's Country, now and for ever.

The Creator be with you

And also with you

Sentence

'The earth is God's, and everything in it, the cosmos and all who find their home therein; for God founded it upon the oceans and caused it to grow in the midst of the waters.'

Psalm 24:1-2

Acknowledgement:

Let us pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people whose land we meet on today. [Common Grace video](#)

¹ Glenn Loughrey The Anglican Province of Victoria Liturgical Committee Prayer and Intercession Aboriginal Gathering Based on the Process from the Statement of the Heart. Authorised for use by the Archbishop of Melbourne on 8 December 2022

² Garry Deverall Gondwana Theology 2018 p75

Seasonal Invitation

O God of our ancestors, God who speaks with us through the weave of our dreaming; God of Israel, who rescued your people from slavery in Egypt,

Come now to comfort your people. *[a brief silence may be kept]*

Our God our Wisdom, you who sang the ancient pathways, through death and despair to a land flowing with nectar and honey,

Come now to save your people. *[a brief silence may be kept]*

O God the Spirit, breath of life and holy fire; God of gracious abundance, who fills all that is alive with both joy and holy purpose,

Come now to renew your people. *[a brief silence may be kept]*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart. [a brief reflection]

Penitence

Creator God, 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

O God of our wisdom, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Gloria

Canon after 4 bars

1
Glor - y to God in the High - est and peace to his peo - ple of earth.

5

9 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fath - er, we

13 wor - ship you, we - give you thanks, we praise you for your glor - y. Lord

17 Jes - us Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

21 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

25 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fath - er: re - ceive our prayer. For

29 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One; you a - lone are the Lord;

33

you a - lone are the Most Hight, Jes - us Christ, with the Ho - ly Spr - it, in the
Glor - y of God the Fath - er. A - men

The Collect

[Let us pray.]

Blessed God, Ancient Spirit of Gondwana, you are the one in whom we live and move and have our being, you are the one who nurtures and feeds us with the pure nectar of our ancient faith.

Come now, Blessed One, gather us together in a spirit of hospitality, that we may welcome your own wisdom in each other's wisdom, and hear your own voice in each other's voices. Help us to patiently wait for the word of liberation, that our hurts may indeed be healed and our work for others hallowed. Help us to do so after the example of Jesus our Lord, he who lives and reigns with you in the trinity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. ¹² You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

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

Psalm 119:105-112 - *read antiphonally.*

Your word is a lamp for my feet, **a light on my path.**
I have taken an oath and confirmed it, **that I will follow your righteous laws.**
I have suffered much; **preserve my life, Lord, according to your word.**
Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, **and teach me your laws.**
Though I constantly take my life in my hands, **I will not forget your law.**
The wicked have set a snare for me, **but I have not strayed from your precepts.**
Your statutes are my heritage forever; **they are the joy of my heart.**
My heart is set on keeping your decrees **to the very end.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:1-11

8 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.

And so, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn TIS 410 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling.

Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew, Chapter 13 beginning at the 1st verse. **Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Whoever has ears, let them hear."

18 "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

For the Gospel of the Lord

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

[The Sermon / Homily](#)

[NAIDOC Week 2026 \(short version\)](#)

[NAIDOC Week 2026 \(full length version\)](#)

[Affirmation of Faith](#)

Where possible please stand

**We believe in God,
Who created the world in love,
Who led the First Peoples to this land,
Who rescued Israel from slavery in
Egypt, who send the ancestors and
the prophets to judge and to bless,
Who returns the exiles to their home,
Whom Jesus called his Father.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Born of Mary, born under law
Son of David and Son of God,
Proclaimer of God's peace and justice
Healer and exorcist, tortured and
crucified by evil men,
Sacrament of God's love,
Risen to reconcile all the world,
Coming again to make the world new.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
Whose breath gave life to creation,
Who speaks through ancestors and
prophets,
Who is the love between the Father
and the Son,
Who came upon Jesus at his baptism,
Who gives birth to the church,
Christ's body
Who pours out gifts for the ministry
of love,
Who works night and day to renew all
that is alive.**

**We believe in God, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

[Intercessions](#)

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

Let us pray for the church and for the world, that God may change our hearts of stone to hearts that can feel. O great God of Gondwana, who keeps your *makarrata* of love with all who love and obey you; may your eyes and ears be open to the cries of your servants.

Using the [Responsive Prayer for NAIDOC Week](#) written by Safina Stewart, Common Grace's Storyteller and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Lead Congregational Response (repeated throughout):

Lord Jesus, help us walk together in Your love.

Adoration: Lord Jesus, You are our Faithful One, our Redeemer and our King. You are the Creator of all peoples, the Maker of community, the Protector of the vulnerable, and the Keeper of every promise. Your love is steadfast through every generation. Your justice is unwavering, and Your mercy knows no end. You call us into relationship with You and with one another, and all creation, teaching us how to walk together in love, truth, and peace. As we celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC, we give thanks for the deadly strength, culture, wisdom, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We honour the ways You have sustained communities, cultures, and faith through times of joy and hardship.

Lord Jesus, help us walk together in Your love.

Confession: Merciful Saviour, we come before You with sorrow for the ongoing racism, injustice, violence, and discrimination experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We grieve the silencing of voices, the marginalisation of communities, and the systems that continue to deny dignity, opportunity, and justice.

Forgive us when our ears have been closed, our hearts have been hard, and our actions have fallen short. Forgive our apathy, ignorance, judgement, blame, and betrayal. Forgive us when we have chosen comfort over courage and silence over truth.

Lord Jesus, help us walk together in Your love.

Thanksgiving: Faithful Redeemer, we thank You for the strength, beauty, resilience, and wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We celebrate the gifts of culture, language, storytelling, art, leadership, faith, and community. We give thanks for Elders who guide, for young people who carry culture forward, and for all who work to build stronger futures. Thank You for reminding us to think about what is best in one another: whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—whatever is excellent or praiseworthy.

May we be people who recognise and celebrate these gifts wherever we see them.

Lord Jesus, help us walk together in Your love.

Supplication: Prince of Peace, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to call us into right relationship. Give us courage to show up, to listen deeply, to learn humbly, and to celebrate generously. Help us to walk together in truth, justice, healing, and hope. Teach us to stand up and be counted when injustice remains. Help us to use our voices, our influence, and our actions to bring change. May our churches, communities, and nation become places where all are valued, heard, and respected.

Good Shepherd, guide us in Your way. May we follow Your example as peacemakers, bridge-builders, and bearers of Your love.

Lord Jesus, help us walk together in Your love.

We remember those who are ill and need healing, and for those who have entered into your eternal rest:

Parishioners:

Thanks for recovery of Fr Bruce; Marina, Michael; Margaret; Fr David; Gwendolyn

Friends:

Denise, Judi and Graeme; Amy; Ken; Maryann; Zac; Dylan; Jacob; Andrew; Jan; Richard; Eloise; Grant, Drickis; Heidi; Henry and Sam; Vladimir

Extended Parishioners: **Matt; Maj; Blessing**

Judy Lazarus Transition Centre: **Con, Damien, Tony who is out, Dimitri, and Steve**

Within the wider Anglican Community, we pray today for:

The World: **Eritrea, Ethiopia**

The Anglican Communion: **Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan**

The Anglican Church of Australia: **Diocese of Grafton: Christ Church Cathedral, The Diocese of Melbourne: Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Maroondah, Deanery of the Hills: St Luke's Cockatoo, St Mark's Emerald, St George's Monbulk, Parish of Mount Dandenong, Upper Yarra Anglican Parish, Anglican Parish of Wandin, Seville & Mt Evelyn, Anglican Parish of Upwey/Belgrave, All Saints' (Carlotta Tye Memorial Church) Selby, St Martin's Belgrave Heights**

Anglican Schools and Agencies: **Korowa Grammar School**

Bishops' Visitation: **Holy Trinity, Williamstown; St Augustine, Mentone**

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? Micah 6:8

Greeting of Peace –

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Creator be always with you.

And also with you.



During the offertory hymn a collection may be taken

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Offertory Hymn TIS 476 As a chalice cast in gold

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.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Fruit of the earth and work of human hands, they will become for us the body and blood of Christ. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Creator 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.

God, we praise you because in the beginning you created a garden and asked us to share with you in the joy of making it fruitful.

In company with our ancestors, you provided earth, sun, grain and water, everything we needed to live and work with joy.

But, we got greedy. Instead of sharing what we produce with you, we decided to keep it all for ourselves.

So, you sent your Old People, the custodians and prophets, to call us back to the joy of sharing together in covenant relationship.

But, we would not listen, adding torture and murder to our sins.

In time you sent your Son, but we killed him also.

That was when darkness descended on the world.

That was when joy took its flight.

We praise you God that you did not abandon us to our darkness and greed.

As Christ rose from his grave to fill the whole world with light, we saw the strength of your love.

Strong and constant, you promised that the earth will again bear the fruit of your joy for everyone

who turns from the greed to embrace Christ's loving kindness.

We praise you, God, that our greed will never be strong enough to exhaust your infinite generosity.

And so, we rejoice with angels and saints,

and with the ancestors who envelop us in earth,

sea and sky, singing the song of your unending praise,

Sanctus

Canon after 2 bars

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heav - en and earth are ful of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the
high - est.

Blessed are you, God of Life, and blessed is the Holy One you sent to save us.
In our affliction,

Christ drew near to renew his people in a spirit of mercy, justice and peace.

He became our sister Garrangabumarri (pelican) who,

when times were desperate, feeds her nestlings with her very own blood.

Christ was not afraid to make *makarrata* with us,

to touch and embrace us in the night of our sin

with a message of generosity and care,

that we might all find courage to share your bounty once more.

For this we shall praise and glorify you for ever.

We recall how, on the night in which he was betrayed,

Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, and shared it with his friends saying:

"This is my body which is given for you. Whenever you eat it, remember me." *Bell*

In the same way after they had eaten he took the cup of wine

and, again giving you thanks, he bid them drink:

"This is my blood" he said "I shed it for you to make a new covenant with God.

Whenever you drink of it, remember me. I tell you the truth,

I shall not again drink the fruit of the vine

until I share it with you in the kingdom of God." *Bell*

Great is the mystery of faith.

Acclamation 1

Canon after 1 bar

Christ has died, Christ has ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Come Holy Spirit, come.
 Make of this bread Christ's body.
 Make of this wine his blood.
 As we share the meal together, make us one with Christ,
 one with each other, and one in the ministry we share as his body,
 broken that our country might be made whole.
 Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
 all creation sings your praise, holy Father:

Acclamation 2

Canon after 1 bar

Bless - ing and hon - our and Glor - y and power are
 yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men

Communion Rite -

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
 your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 And 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

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Canon after 3 bars

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world, grant
 us your peace.

Communion - Please form a circle around the altar.

This is the feast of the baptised, those who struggle with God and find that God is love. So, come to this meal not because you are strong but because you are fragile. Come not because of any virtue you may possess but because you trust in Christ's goodness. Come because you love the Lord a little and would like to love God more.

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

[Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir \(CAAWC\) - Desert Song Festival](#)

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.**

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

Stewardship:

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Refugee Donations

The food (and clothing) basket (and bags) has been taken by Debbi to donate to <https://www.westwelcomewagon.org.au/donate/>

Following the visit of Bishop Jacob Deng, we are keen to support his mission to South Sudan.

Elaine writes: *I was struck on Sunday June 27 by the parallels between the Hebrew Bible reading (Genesis 22.1-14) where God instructs Abraham to sacrifice his son and Abraham is prepared to do so, and the compelling reflection by Bishop Jacob Deng from the Diocese of Twic East and what God is calling him to do in returning the lead his church in that place, while leaving his family here in Melbourne. Such a difficult road to travel. Is there some way we could support a small aspect of his ministry?*

Parish Council supports this initiative and if you wish to offer a gift of money, please note it 'For Bishop Jacob' and we will consolidate to offer it to him.

Elaine reminds us that we prayed: *Gracious One, inspire this community with the generosity of Christ's spirit that we may welcome the righteous person and refresh the little ones in our midst.*

Prayer for Growth

God of the unfolding Mission, you are the quiet breath that makes all things bloom. Let your Spirit sweep through our dreams, giving light to our plans and fire to our footsteps. May we grow like a deep-rooted forest – expanding in number, deepening in devotion, and reaching out as a shelter for our neighbours. Through Jesus, our living hope. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

God's blessing be upon you always – that of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go, walk gently on country to love and serve our God.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn **The Great South Land – Vr. 2 – Geoff Bullock.**

Please join us after the service for Morning Tea.

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