

EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH
Trinity Sunday - 30th May 2021

Creating Community with God

Call to Worship

[sung] This Hour Music and Lyrics by Alison Campbell Rate

1. Holy Spirit, come to us this hour, fill us with the wonder of your power:
power to inspire, to set our hearts on fire, to live our lives for you.
2. Holy Spirit, come to us this day, every hesitation sweep away
'til our hearts are glowing, 'til we're overflowing
with the life you bring - with the life you bring.

Chorus Wake us from our sleep and fill our mouths with praise forever.
Lift us to our feet to serve you all our days together.

3. Holy Spirit, come and fill this place. Thrill us with the wonder of your grace:
grace that sets us free, releases us to be your people in the world - people in the world.

Chorus

4. Holy Spirit, come to us this hour, fill us with the wonder of your power:
power to inspire, to set our hearts on fire to live our lives for you - live our lives for you.
Holy Spirit, come, Holy Spirit, come. CCL 65422

Acknowledgement - God's Land

Warami Mittigar! [*Darug: Warm Welcome*]

We listen to the breath of the earth. May we hear the groaning of creation.
We listen to the sighing of the wind. May we hear the songs from the skies.
We listen to the movement of the oceans and waters.
May we hear the shared waters of life in our being.
We open our ears to the wisdom of the Land and her peoples.
May we listen, both to the silence and the speaking.

We honour and pay our respects to those on whose Land we meet,
especially the Wallamattagal clan of the Darug-speaking people.
We pause and we listen.

A silence is kept.

Those who have ears – Hear!

May we hear the voice of the Spirit in Creation, Now and to the end of time.

Song of Praise – Praise with joy the world's Creator Together in Song 179

- 1 Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory -
power to rescue and release.

- 2 Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence -
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.
- 3 Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure –
foolishness none dare deride.
- 4 Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
shown Christ's vibrant unity.

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Confession and Assurance of Grace

You are loved, found and forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

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Human and Divine – encountering Jesus Christ

A Time for Everyone – AKB

Song of Praise – Spirit of Dreaming (Alison Campbell-Rate)

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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Sacred Readings from Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8

A Vision of God in the Temple

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

John 3:1-17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’

⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

In this is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Empowering the Community's Spirit

Offering and Announcements

Prayers of the People –

Song– Hymn TiS 132 Holy, holy, holy

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
early in the morning to you our praise shall be;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore you,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before you,
God everlasting through eternity.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide you,
though the sinful human eye your glory may not see,
you alone are holy, there is none beside you
perfect in power, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
all your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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Commissioning

Go with the strength you have.
Go simply, lightly, gently, in search of love,
and the Spirit go with you.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord -
In the name of Christ – AMEN

And may God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
Bless you now and always – **AMEN**