

ORDER OF SERVICE

5 June 2022

Pentecost

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Spirit divine attend our prayers	TIS 406 (Tune: Ellacombe TIS 453)	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	God is great (All creation cries to you) Breathe	P&W 931/CCLI 3375851 SCE[2] 1007/CCLI 1874117	
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Emily/Selena
Song	All who are thirsty	CCLI 2489542	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Genesis 11:1-9;	Acts 2:1-21;	John 14:8-17, 25-27
Message	<i>The force be with you</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	All praise to him	CCLI 7096636	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication			Rev Allan Smith
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Baptism Song	Covenant child	CCLI# 2494582	
Baptism (Leilani and Ethan)	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Baptism)	The great southland (This is our nation)	P&W 629	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	The great southland (This is our nation)	P&W 629	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Kel & Mathias
Song Selector	Allan Smith
Backup Singers	
Piano	Selena Anderson
Additional Music	Tony Leong
Sound System	Liam Rippingale
Data Operator	Nathan Rippingale
Power Point Producer	Nathan Rippingale
Offering Collectors	-NA-
Communion Bread	-NA-

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Ps. 104:33-35)*

Come and worship the God of all creation

I will sing to the LORD all my life

and celebrate my God with music as long as I live.

Come and worship the God who gave you breath

May my meditation please the LORD,

as I have delighted in the LORD God.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

Let us worship God.

SONG [Spirit divine attend our prayers](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired - through Christ Jesus our Lord. - Amen.

SONG [God is great \(All creation cries to you\)](#)

[Breathe](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy God, Keeper of promises:

you fill the empty aching of our lives with the comfort of your presence;

you rejoice in us as your children even when we throw temper tantrums;

you re-energize us with your grace when we become most settled.

Jesus Christ, Giver of peace:

we are not orphans of this world, but claimed as your sisters and brothers;

you do not give up on us, but give yourself for our sakes;

you show us the path to God, when we have lost our way.

Holy Spirit, Gentle Teacher:

you go to bat for us when we are in a slump;

you whisper the language of faith when we have forgotten the words;

you re-member us when we are most fragmented.

Heart of our hearts,

Flesh of our flesh,

Spirit of our spirits:

hear us as we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of amazing love and unexpected grace,

Open our eyes that we may see You
especially in those times when we feel abandoned by You;
Forgive us that we so easily allow circumstance to blind us
to Your Presence.

Touch our lives that we may know You
especially in those times when we feel unable to cope;
Forgive us that we too frequently mistrust Your power.

Fill our hearts that we may become like You
especially when Your message needs to be heard;
Forgive us that we forget who we are: children of God with Your Spirit in us.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The one who has corrupted this world
has already been condemned,
but everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord
will be saved.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
be at peace for your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [All who are thirsty](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[Genesis 11:1-9](#)

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

[John 14:8-17, 25-27](#)

SERMON [The force be with you](#)

SONG [All praise to Him](#)

OFFERING

Bless these gifts, O God, and bless us as we offer ourselves to serve you in different ways and to praise you in many voices. Send your Spirit upon us, that when we speak the word of your love, people may hear and understand as on that Pentecost day so long ago. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Spirit of God, come among us. Stir us to action. Inspire us to share the good news of God's love with others in the ways they need to hear it. Raise up willing servants so that pastors, associates in ministry, lay volunteers and congregation members might speak your words of love at all times. (Acts 2:1-21)

Creator God, you have wonderfully and marvellously made all that exists. From the greatest to the least, we depend on you for our very lives. In gratitude for your bounty, help us to share all that we have so that others may have shelter and adequate clothing and may not hunger. You have given all this and more to us and we thank you. (Psalm 104:24-35)

God of hope, before we can express our needs in words, you know the desires of our hearts. But, what we sometimes wish for is not healthy for ourselves or others. Help us to focus our minds on what is pleasing to you. Put an end to our fears, prejudices and ignorance of others' worth so that we might always see Jesus' face on those we meet. (Romans 8:22-27)

Ever-present God, the apostles faced the future in fear when Jesus left their sides. But, you sent the Advocate, your Spirit, to console, to comfort and to bring hope. Be present now with these, your children, who need your care.

This morning, we pray especially for...

Guide us into all the truth. We are yours. Be present for us and for those we've named. (John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BAPTISM SONG Covenant child

SONG [The Great Southland](#) (This is our nation)

WORD OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go out into the world,
and labour to bring forth new life.
Dream dreams, pursue visions
and speak of God's goodness
in the words of those who would hear.

And may the grace...

HOLY COMMUNION: Pentecost Year C

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you pour out your Spirit on all flesh
and amaze us with your deeds of power.

In your infinite wisdom, you created the earth
and made it pregnant with new life.
You raised living creatures from the dust,
by the power of your Word
and breathed into them the breath of your Spirit.

Your Son, Jesus, taught us your truth
and, before being given up to death,
he promised to send us the Holy Spirit
to support us in both strength and weakness
as we labour with you
to bring to birth the promised fulfilment
of our deepest hopes and yearnings.

In these last days you have poured out
the new wine of the Spirit,
intoxicating us with visions and dreams,
awakening within us your marvellous gifts
and firing our tongues with everlasting songs of joy.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,
you gave your Son to die and raised him to give us
eternal life.
Grant that we who have received his body and blood
may live in him and serve you as your children.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...