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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost @ Ashburton-Burwood UCA 26th July 2026



We Gather

Welcome [Fran Willmott](#)

Opening Hymn [Alan Bailey](#)

“All the hungry, all the thirsty”

(Tune: Ode to Joy TIS 152)

All the hungry, all the thirsty,
all who look for strength may come,
all the needy, all the lonely,
all who long to find a home.
Here's a door that's always open,
here's a table spread for all,
here a welcome, here a family,
here your heart can hear God's call.

All the gifted, all the joyful,
all whose hope is strong, come too,
come with overflowing blessings,
come with reassures old and new.
Here's a task that needs those riches,
here good news is always heard,
here a living faith grows bolder,
here your voice can speak God's word.

All the gifts of God's peoples,
all the struggles, all the pain,
all the Spirit-led abundance,
all the grief and loss and gain –
brought together in one Body,

burdens lighten, joys increase,
and together we can ask for
Jesus 'strength and Jesus 'peace.

All God's people, praise your Maker,
praise the one who called you here.
All disciples, praise your Teacher;
loving, leading, always near.
All you faithful, praise the Spirit,
lifting every heart to pray.
Praise the Holy One who gives us
grace along the travellers 'way.

(Words: Elizabeth Smith)

Acknowledgement of Country

[Fran Willmott](#)

We acknowledge all First Peoples of the
beautiful lands on which we live and celebrate
their enduring knowledge and connections to
Country. We honour their wisdom and pay our
respects to Elders past and present.

<http://www.naidoc.org.au>

Call to worship [Fran Willmott](#)

The reign of God is like a mustard seed,
small enough to be overlooked.

**Yet in God's hands it grows into shelter and
hope.**

The reign of God is like yeast,
working quietly and patiently.

**Until everything is transformed by God's
grace.**

Come, let us seek the treasure that never
fades.

**We come to worship the God whose reign is
worth everything.**

Peace [Rev. Yoo Mi Park](#)

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

As a sign of the richness of God's family, let's
share the peace of Christ in whatever
language is closest to your heart.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Gracious and loving God,
You are not a distant ruler,
but the One whose reign is revealed through
mercy, justice, compassion and love.

You plant seeds of hope in weary hearts.
You work quietly in ordinary lives.
You call us to discover treasures that this
world cannot offer.
We praise you because your wisdom is greater
than human understanding.
Your love is stronger than fear.
Your grace is richer than all earthly wealth.

Open our hearts today,
that we may delight in your presence,
receive your transforming love,
and learn again what it means to live under
your gracious reign.

God of mercy,
we confess that we often treasure the wrong
things.
We become anxious about success,
attached to comfort, and distracted by the
voices around us.
Like Solomon before his prayer,
we sometimes seek confidence in ourselves
instead of wisdom from you.

Forgive us when we fail to recognise your
quiet work among us.
Forgive us when we value what is temporary
more than what is eternal.
Plant your word more deeply within us.
Shape our hearts by your Spirit.
Teach us to seek first your reign, trusting that
your grace is enough for every day.
In Jesus 'name. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news.
Paul reminds us,
"Nothing in all creation will be able to separate
us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord."

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, accepted, and
welcomed into God's gracious reign. Thanks
be to God.

Hymn of Praise [Alan Bailey](#)
TIS 408 "O breath of God"
[Selected by Anne Forrest](#)

We Listen

[Tina Wong, Jeff Wong](#)

Your word is a lamp to our feet.
A light to our path.

Psalm 119:129-136 -*New International
Version* - p. 610-611 in *pew bibles*

- ¹²⁹ Your statutes are wonderful;
therefore I obey them.
¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.
¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant,
longing for your commands.
¹³² Turn to me and have mercy on me,
as you always do to those who love your
name.
¹³³ Direct my footsteps according to your
word;
let no sin rule over me.
¹³⁴ Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may obey your precepts.
¹³⁵ Make your face shine on your servant
and teach me your decrees.
¹³⁶ Streams of tears flow from my eyes,
for your law is not obeyed.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 — *New
International Version* - p.969 in *pew bibles*

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

- ³¹ He told them another parable: "The
kingdom of heaven is like a mustard
seed, which a man took and planted in his
field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds,

yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

³³ He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.” ...

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

Lord may your word live in us
and bear much fruit to your glory

Sermon: The Reign Worth Everything

We Respond

Hymn of Response [Alan Bailey](#)

TIS 624 “Christ be my leader by night as by day”

Notices [Fran Willmott](#)

Prayers of the People [Anne Campbell](#)

The Lord’s Prayer [Anne Campbell](#)

We are sent

Offering invitation

Jesus tells us that the reign of God is a treasure beyond all price. Our offering is not a payment for God’s love. It is our joyful response to the God who has already given us everything in Christ. Let us offer ourselves and our gifts with grateful hearts.

Hymn of Sending [Alan Bailey](#)

TIS 745: “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God”
Selected by Anne Forrest

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God,
Every good gift comes from you.
Receive these offerings and use them for the work of your reign—
bringing hope to the weary,
justice to the vulnerable,
friendship to the lonely,
and good news to the world.
May our lives, as well as our gifts,
bear witness to the treasure we have found in Christ. **Amen.**

Commission and Blessing

Go now into the world as people who have discovered a greater treasure.
Plant seeds of hope.
Be yeast in places of despair.
Live each day under the gracious reign of God,
and share the treasures with everyone you meet.

May Christ, the treasure beyond all treasures,
fill your hearts with joy.
May the Holy Spirit continue God's quiet work
of transformation within you.
And the blessing of God,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Sung Blessing [Alan Bailey](#)
TIS 778 "Shalom to you now"

Postlude



*All are welcome to morning
tea and an ongoing
conversation in the LightHouse
.... follow the people!*

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