**Reconciliation Week May 27 – June 3**

**Sunday Morning Worship Order**

*(Adapted and using resources from Tear Australia – Reconciliation Liturgy)*

**We gather and begin in God’s name:**

*[Gathering Prayer for Unity in the Trinity: Source Tear Australia – Reconciliation Liturgy]*

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit

By the Reconciling power of your love, you call us into the Unity of Grace.

Through our many differences:

Differences of gender

Differences of age

Differences of nationalities

Differences of states

Differences of professions

Differences of Christian expression

We gather in your name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**We sing** [**ATE 292: Because we bear your name**](https://youtu.be/FGCoJy5fwFQ) **(CCLI, One Licence)**

**We lay down our sins and burdens before God**

*(Tear Reconciliation Resource)*

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of each other.

Merciful God,

We have clenched our hands in anger to threaten and to hurt.

We have clutched with our hands to keep and to hold selfishly.

We have pointed our finger to accuse and belittle.

We have held our hands idly when there is work to be done.

We have lifted our hands to hide our eyes and shut out sorrow, suffering and need.

We have closed our ears to cries of help with our hands.

We have hidden our hands when we could have reached out to our brothers and sisters in love.

We repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and live through Jesus Christ.

Let us extend our free hands to our neighbour in love.

*-Silent confession-*

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins.

Restore us again, O God our Saviour. Amen

**We Sing** [You are Forgiven – Amazing Love](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avJ4lDnZWRU) | [Hillsong Worship](https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1GCEU_enAU819AU819&sxsrf=ALeKk00bOD7cvyWNKjoyS7YEhvKlho20sw:1588138862694&q=Hillsong+Worship&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAONgVuLSz9U3KLQ0NUqqWsQq4JGZk1Ocn5euEJ5fVJyRWQAAr9ZywiEAAAA&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjD0Y6m9ozpAhW6yjgGHdJ_BOwQMTAAegQIDRAF)

**Prayer of the Thanksgiving for Australia**

(TearAustralia *- Reconciliation Resource: Rev’d Lenore Parker, A Prayer Book for Australia 1999.)*

Creator God, from the dawn of creation you have given your children all good things on earth.

You spoke and the gum tree grew.

In the vast desert and dense forest, and in cities at the water’s edge, creation sings your praise.

Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of our Land.

When Jesus hung on the tree you heard the cries of all your people and became one with your wounded ones: the convicts, the hunted, the dispossessed.

The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew, and bathed it in glorious hope.

In Jesus we have been reconciled to you, to each other and to your whole creation.

Lead us on, Great Spirit, as we gather from the four corners of the earth; enable us to walk together in trust from the hurt and shame of the past into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. Amen

***Or alternatively ……***

# **We pray Psalm 68:4-10, 32-35**

68:4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds--his name is the LORD-- be exultant before him.

68:5 Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

68:6 God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

68:7 O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, Selah

68:8 the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

68:9 Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;

68:10 your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

68:32 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, Selah

68:33 O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

68:34 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

68:35 Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

**We sing** [**AT 250 Glorify Your Name**](https://youtu.be/9egVMmUQ6Wg) **(CCLI)**

**We prepare to hear God’s word**

The Lord be with you

Let us pray

Merciful Father,

you have reached out to all people through your Son Jesus, who died for us all.

Encourage us by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in harmony as your chosen people and give of ourselves to others so we can learn and understand each other and that we can grow as God’s people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

**God speaks to us**

***These following are the readings allocated for the Sunday – perhaps there are others applicable to the Message of reconciliation that would lend themselves to the theme of the worship.***

***Eg Isaiah 5:16-20 | 2 Corinthians 5:16-20***

## The First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

1:6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

1:7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

1:9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

1:10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

1:11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

1:12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

1:13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

1:14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

4:12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

4:13 But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

4:14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.

5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

5:8 Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

5:9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

5:10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

5:11 To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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## Gospel: John 17:1-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to you O Christ**

17:1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,

17:2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

17:4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

17:5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

17:6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

17:7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

17:8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

17:9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

17:10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

17:11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

**We confess our faith- The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,

from thence 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

*\*or: Christian; 'catholic'* here means 'universal'

**We dwell in the word**

**We sing** [**ATW 433 You were in this place**](https://youtu.be/R7798DInPAI) **(CCLI, One Licence)**

**We pray for the church, for ourselves and the world**

*(Tear Australia – Reconciliation Resources)*

Lord God, bring us together as one,

Reconciled with you and with each other.

You made us in your likeness.

You gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.

He has given us forgiveness from sin.

Lord God, bring us together as one,

Different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ:

Together as your body, your church, your people.

Lord God, bring us together as one,

Reconciled, healed, forgiven,

Sharing you with others as you have called us to do.

In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one

**We pray the Lord’s Prayer**

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

***Or from Tear Australia – Reconciliation Liturgy Resources***

**Dhurga Lord’s Prayer**

*Baba-yin Miriwar-ya, mardan-ung gabun.*

**Our Father in Heaven, your name is holy.**

*Baba, walu-ni gurrad-yin-da*

**Father, you come to our land.**

*Ngarr-imbung garuwangan-ung gurrad-yin-ya*

**We will hear your dream in our land,**

*Garuwanga ngarra-na Mriwar-ya*

**The dream they hear in Heaven.**

*Ngumala-yu-ni ngaiwan-da danga-yin naway.*

**Please give to us our food today.**

*Warnadan-imbun garnina-gadhan,*

**We will let go other’s sins,**

*Wurndung uabunja-mbarraga ngaiwan-da.*

**When they do them to us.**

*Baba, munjibi-ngamba-yaminga*

**Father, don’t let us go down**

*Burdu-da garnina-dam.*

**To the track to sin.**

*Wunji-ni ngaiwanga Gunjigarnina-nga*

**Protect us from the Evil One.**

*Garganga-ni gurrad, garganga-ni bulwul,*

**You hold the land, you hold the power,**

*Garganga-ni biningula.*

**You hold the light.**

*Naway ma buraja ma buraja. Yagunadha*

**Today and tomorrow and tomorrow.**

**Amen.**

**God blesses us**

May the God of peace,  
who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
provide you with every good thing you need  
in order to do his will;  
In the name of Christ. Amen

**We sing the closing song** [**LHS 246 What a friend we have in Jesus**](https://youtu.be/Prthhmly0Gg)

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,

All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in prayer.

2 Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged;

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful,

Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness;

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,

Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Saviour, still our refuge!

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer;

In His arms He’ll take and shield thee,

Thou wilt find a solace there.

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