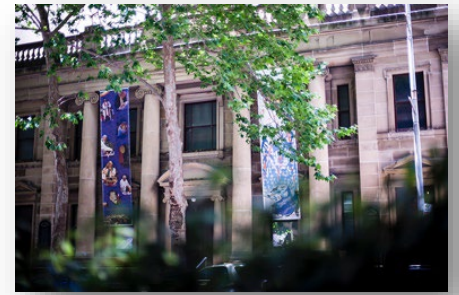


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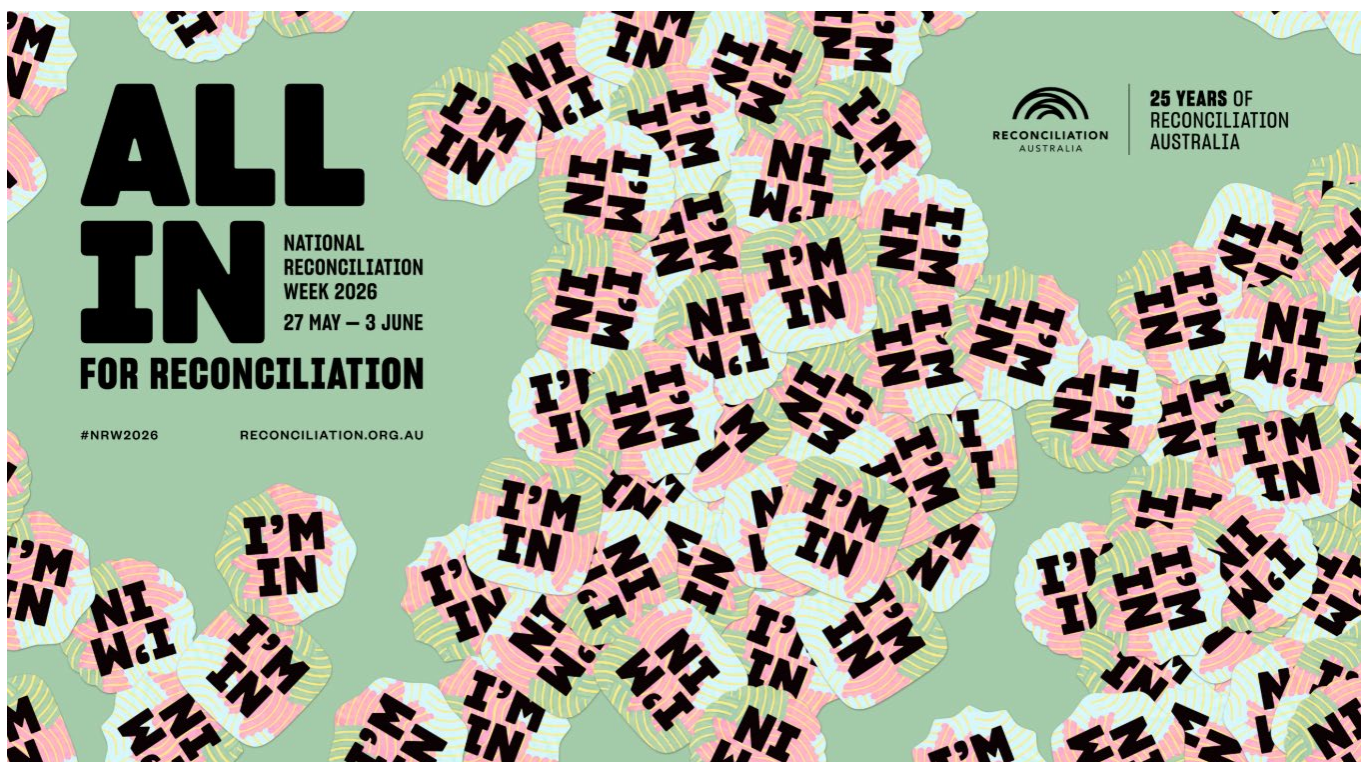
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Sunday Gathering

31 May 2026

Trinity Sunday National Reconciliation Week



Welcome to Pitt Street Uniting Church

This is a place of welcome for all people regardless of race, sex, creed, age, cultural backgrounds, sexuality, gender identity or intersex status.

Wherever you are on your journey, where you have come from and wherever you are going to, whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here.

All we ask for is mutual respect.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in **bold**.

We will sing hymns without announcement. Stand if you are able. but feel free to remain seated if that is more comfortable

MUSICAL PRELUDE

A gong sounds – centring prayer/meditation.

Please stand as you are able

We gather as people of faith

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Creator, Companion, Comforter

Words: Craig Mitchell; Tune: Bunessan TiS 156

God of Creation, gentle life-giver,
present at birth, and all through our days,
Author of sunrise, Song in the night sky,
here in this place, we offer our praise.

Jesus, Companion, teacher and healer
friend of the grieving, suffering, the poor
stand with your people, whisper among us
promise of mercy, goodness for all.

Please remain standing.

GATHERING

We gather in the presence of God,
known in our heritage as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Holy One who is beyond us,
the One who is with us,
and the One who moves among us.

In this shared life, we are invited –
to wonder, to listen, to belong.
Let us be aware of the Wellspring of Life.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we gather, we acknowledge the traditional owners of this land,
the Gadigal people of the Eora.

**We pay our respects to their elders, past and present, as we
commit ourselves to pray and work for a more just future.**

‘The First Peoples had already encountered
the Creator God before the arrival of the colonisers.

**The Spirit was already in the land,
revealing God to the people,
through law, custom and ceremony.’**

*(from the Preamble to the Constitution of the Uniting Church in
Australia, 2009)*

HYMN (continued)

Spirit of Comfort, blow through Creation
stir up new life, breathe peace through our world.
Healer of hearts, and hope for tomorrow,
weave all our sorrows into new dawn.

Please be seated.

GREETINGS

Budyeri Gamarruwa

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

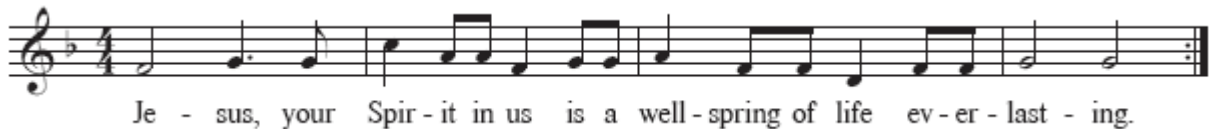
We move to a time of reflection,
in which we pause to consider those things in our own lives,
and in our nation,
which fall short of the vision of wholeness and reconciliation.

A time of silence.

TAIZE CHANT

sung twice

Jesus your spirit in us, is a well-spring of life everlasting.



Spirit of Love
brooding over the water of our chaos:
inspire us to generous living.

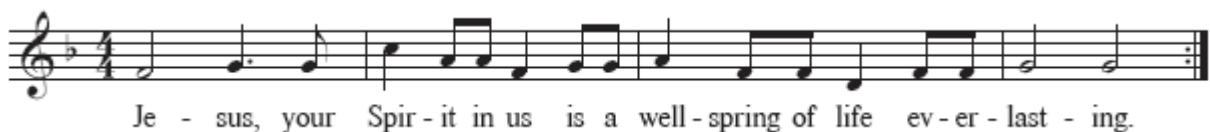
Wind of Creativity,
dancing over the desert of our reluctance:
lead us to the oasis of celebration.

Breath of Life,
inspiring communication among strangers:
guide us as we seek to walk together.

TAIZE CHANT

sung twice

Jesus your spirit in us, is a well-spring of life everlasting.



JESUS' PRAYER



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be your
Name, your King-dom come, your will be done on earth as in hea-ven.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our
sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Do not bring us to the time of trial
but de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the King-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are
yours now and for ev - er A - men. A - men.

WORDS OF RENEWAL

Wonder and awe,
healing, wholeness and reconciliation,
are gifts for all.

We give thanks for the gifts of God, our Mother.

THE PEACE

May the peace of the Divine Presence be with you.
And also with you.

*We are invited to greet those around us,
sharing a sign of peace.*

We listen for words of the Spirit

Listen for words of faith in the Gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 28:16-20

For the challenge of the Good News,
We give thanks.

Listen for words of faith in Paul's letter to the early Christ community in Corinth; and in the words from the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

UCA Basis of Union, from Paragraph 3:

'God in Christ
has given to all people in the Church,
the Holy Spirit
as a foretaste of that
coming reconciliation and renewal,
which is the end in view for the whole creation.
The Church's call is to serve that end:
to be a fellowship of reconciliation ...'.

For the challenges of reconciliation and renewal,
We give thanks.

REFLECTION

Warren Talbot

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN Creator God, you made this land

Words: Keith Pearson, adapted

Tune: St Petersburg TiS 375

Creator God, you made this land
and gave to us the gift of life.
You wish that we should live as one,
but we acknowledge blood and strife.
Let justice everywhere be found,
let discord end and love abound.

Jesus our friend, you lived on earth.
You know our joys, our hopes, our pain.
To call us into covenant,
You gave your life and live in us.
You make us yours, you give us worth,
to be a light on Mother Earth.

Please be seated.

REFLECTIONS

Eleanor Harris, Jo Bowen

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN (continued)

Great Spirit in this ancient land,
speak in the stillness deep within.
Remove all racism and fear,
to give new life to all.
Then help us gently walk as friends,
while reconciled your peace descends.

We respond in love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In response to words such as Spirit of Justice/Unity/Love
we say together:

Give us the hope of reconciliation for all.

Spirit of Life:

Give us the hope of reconciliation for all.

...

We lift up our hopes and concerns
confident that all of life is bonded
in the Great Mystery of Love.

Amen.

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We share our offering, as a symbol of our commitment to God
and to the world God loves.

Music for reflection.

*Please stand as you are able as the offerings are brought
to the table.*

We pray together:

**We dedicate our lives,
and the gifts offered,
to the hope that calls us
towards reconciliation and healing
for all peoples
and for the life of Mother Earth.
Amen.**

God gives us a future, daring us to go
into dreams and dangers on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.

We must leave behind us faults of yesterday,
for God's new beginning is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.

Holy Spirit, teach us how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge of our troubled times.
Love us into action, stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life,
and find our future there.

Please remain standing as you are able.

SENDING OUT

As our gathering concludes,
we celebrate the rich diversity
of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
appreciate the generosity, patience
and forbearance of Indigenous leaders;
and receive with gratitude
the gifts of their ancient wisdom.

May we walk forward together.

BLESSING

And now may the love of the Holy One,
the compassion of the Christ
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
remain with us all.

SUNG AMEN

African American Spiritual Amen

Please be seated.

COMMUNITY GREETING

Please stand as you are able.

RECESSIONAL SONG

Words: Julie Perrin

Music: Robyn Mann

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland
For you, deep blue of the desert skies
For you, flame red of the rocks and stones
For you, sweet water from hidden springs.

From the edges seek the heartlands
and when you're burnt by the journey
may the cool winds of the hovering
Spirit soothe and replenish you.
In the name of Christ, In the name of Christ.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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*Those attending onsite are warmly invited to stay for morning
tea and the Autumn Quarterly Luncheon.*

*Those attending on Zoom are warmly invited to stay online for
community time.*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

*Christa is sometimes used in our liturgies to convey that the risen Christ is not defined or determined by gender.

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Scripture readings: the translation of Matthew 28 is from the Contemporary English version (Bible Society), 1995, unchanged.

The translation of 2 Corinthians 5 is from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVUE), 2021, amended for inclusive language.

The Uniting Church Basis of Union is found at <https://uniting.church/basisofunion/>

The Preamble to the Uniting Church Constitution is found at https://uniting.church/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Preamble_A4_New2024_Final.pdf

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Friday 12 June, 7-9pm

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Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

Piano Concerto no. 1 in E minor, op. 11 (arr. for piano and strings by R. Hofmann)

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Finale (Allegro) from String Quartet no. 13 in B-flat, op. 130 (arr. for strings ensemble by Dono Ng)

PERFORMERS

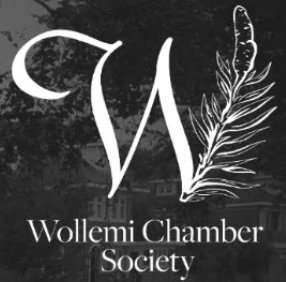
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Henri TOMASI | Concert Champêtre

Heitor VILLA-LOBOS | Chôros No. 2

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