

*Welcome! Haere Mai!*  
**St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai**



**Sunday, 31 March 2024**  
*Easter Day*

**Processional Hymn:**

Rejoice the Lord is King  
Your Lord and King adore  
mortals give thanks and sing  
and triumph evermore

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice*

Jesus the Saviour reigns  
the God of Truth and Love  
when He had purged our stains  
He took His seat above

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice ...*

His kingdom cannot fail  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus giv'n

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice ...*

He sits at God's right hand  
till all His foes submit  
and bow to His command  
and fall beneath His feet

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice ...*



### **Welcome and Greeting:**

In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Grace and peace to you from God.

**God fill you with truth and joy.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Welcoming remarks, Notices and Celebrations*

### **Collect for Purity:**

Let us pray together:

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden;  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,  
so that we may truly love You, and  
worthily praise Your holy Name;  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Gloria:**

Please stand, and say, together:

**Glory to God in the highest and  
peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;**



**You are seated at the right hand of the Father  
receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

**The Summary of the Law:**

Hear the teaching of Christ: a new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

**Confession:**

Hear God's Word to all who turn to Christ:

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,  
that whoever believes in Him should not perish  
but have eternal life.

*John 3: 16*

Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden  
and I will give you rest.

*Silence*

God has promised forgiveness to all who:

truly repent  
turn to Christ in faith, and  
are themselves forgiving.

In silence, let us call to mind our sins:

*Silence*



Let us confess our sins:

**Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have  
thought and said, in the wrong we have done  
and in the good we have not done.**

**We have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness;  
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You.  
Forgive us, for our Saviour's sake, and renew our lives  
to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

**Absolution:**

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you,  
pardon you and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

**Amen.**

**Sharing the Word:**

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

**The Word of Christ dwell in us richly.**

**Sentence:**

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

*Luke 24:34*

**Collect:**

**Living Christ, You are risen from the dead! Love reigns!  
You are life stronger than death; raise our eyes to see You  
as the new day dawns; for the glory of Your holy Name.  
Amen.**



### **The first reading:**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

*Acts 10: 34-43*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24:**

We give thanks to You O Lord for You are gracious

**And Your love endures forever**

Let the house of Israel say

**God's love endures forever ...**

The Lord is my strength and my defence

**And has become my Deliverer**

There are shouts of joy and deliverance in the tents of the righteous

**The right hand of the Lord does mighty things**



The right hand of the Lord raises up

**The right hand of the Lord does mighty things**

I shall not die but live

**And proclaim what the Lord has done**

The Lord has indeed punished me

**But did not give me over to death**

Open to me the gates of the Temple

**That I may enter and give thanks to the Lord**

This is the gate of the Lord

**Through which the righteous shall enter**

I will thank You because You have answered me

**And You have become my deliverer**

The stone which the builders rejected

**Has become the head of the corner**

This is the Lord's doing

**And it is marvellous in our eyes**

This is the day that the Lord has made

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Glory to God, Source of all being,  
Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and will be forever. Amen.**



### **The second reading:**

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*1 Corinthians 15: 1-11*

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**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn:**

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia  
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia  
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia  
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia.



But the pains that He endured, Alleluia  
our salvation have procured, Alleluia  
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia  
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia.

### **Gospel:**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

#### **Praise and glory to God.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I



will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*John 20: 1-18*

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

**Sermon:**

**The Creed:**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day He rose again, in accordance  
with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of God the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and  
glorified and has spoken through the prophets.**



**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead and  
the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of the People:**

Today we pray for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ and we pray for Kawakawa Mai Tawhati Pariha: Rev. Raunikau Stainton, Rev. Kingston Cooper, Rev, Campbell Dewes.

We pray for those in need especially those who ask for our prayers: Craig, Reece, James, Viv.

**The Peace:**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

E te whānau / Brothers and sisters,  
we are the body of Christ.

**By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.**

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.**

**Offertory Hymn:**

God is working His purpose out  
as year succeeds to year  
God is working His purpose out  
and the time is drawing near  
nearer and nearer draws the time  
the time that shall surely be  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea



From utmost east to utmost west  
wherever foot has trod  
by the mouth of many messengers  
rings out the voice of God  
Listen to Me you continents  
you islands look to Me  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea

All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed  
vainly we hope for the harvest tide  
till God gives life to the seed  
nearer and nearer draws the time  
the time that shall surely be  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

**Prayer at the Preparation of the Table:**

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation:  
through Your goodness we have these gifts to share,  
Accept and use our offerings for Your glory  
and for the service of Your kingdom.

**Blessed be God forever.**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**



It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord,  
almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places  
to give You thanks and praise through Christ Your only Son.

You are the Source of all life and goodness;  
through Your eternal Word, You have created all things from the  
beginning and formed us in Your own image;  
male and female You created us.

When we sinned and turned away, You brought us back to Yourself  
and gave Your Son to share our human nature. By His death  
on the cross, He made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the  
world and freed us from the bondage of sin.

You raised Him to life triumphant over death;  
You exalted Him in glory. In Him You have made us a holy people  
by sending upon us Your Holy and life-giving Spirit.

*You raised Him to life triumphant over death; You exalted Him  
in glory. By His victory over death, the reign of sin is ended,  
a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are  
made whole once more.*

Therefore, with the faithful who rest in Him, with angels and  
archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim Your great  
and glorious name, forever praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to You Holy Father; on the night He was  
betrayed, Your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when He had given You  
thanks, He broke it, gave it to His disciples and said:

Take, eat, this is My body,  
which is given for you;  
do this to remember Me.



After supper, He took the cup; when He had given You thanks,  
He gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you. This is My blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this as often as you drink it, to remember Me.

**Glory to You Lord Christ. Your death we show forth;  
Your resurrection we proclaim; Your coming we await.  
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling Your great goodness to us in Christ,  
His suffering and death; His resurrection and ascension;  
and looking for His coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption  
with this bread of life and this cup of salvation.  
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send Your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we  
receive, may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we,  
filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the  
service of Your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before You in earth and heaven,  
we worship You, O God in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be Yours,  
here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

*Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka waiata tātou:*

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi  
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.  
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.  
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,  
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.  
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane  
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.**



**Murua ō mātou hara, Me mātou hoki e muru nei  
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.  
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;  
Engari whakaoranga mātou i te kino:  
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,  
Āke āke āke. Āmine.**

### **The Breaking of Bread:**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.**

Let's pray together:

**Most merciful Lord, Your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit to eat the crumbs from under Your table.  
But You, Lord, are the God of our salvation  
and share Your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood  
of Your Son, that He may live in us and we in Him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in Your kingdom. Amen.**

### **The Invitation:**

Draw near and receive the body and blood  
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ in remembrance that He died for us.  
Let us feed on Him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### **Communion Hymn:**

Down from His glory,  
Ever living story,  
My God and Saviour came,  
And Jesus was His Name.  
Born in a manger, To His own a stranger,  
A Man of sorrows, tears and agony.



*O how I love Him! How I adore Him!  
My breath, my sunshine, my all in all.  
The great Creator became my Saviour,  
And all God's fullness dwelleth in Him.*

What condescension,  
Bringing us redemption;  
That in the dead of night,  
Not one faint hope in sight,  
God, gracious, tender, Laid aside His splendour,  
Stooping to woo, to win, to save my soul.

*O how I love Him! How I adore Him!  
My breath, my sunshine, my all in all.  
The great Creator became my Saviour,  
And all God's fullness dwelleth in Him.*

Without reluctance,  
Flesh and blood His substance,  
He took the form of man,  
Revealed the hidden plan,  
O glorious myst'ry Sacrifice of Calv'ry,  
And now I know Thou art the great "I Am."

*O how I love Him! How I adore Him!  
My breath, my sunshine, my all in all.  
The great Creator became my Saviour,  
And all God's fullness dwelleth in Him.*

### **Prayers after Communion:**

Father of all, we give You thanks and praise, that when we  
were still far off, You met us in Your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, He declared Your love,  
gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live His risen life;  
we who drink His cup, bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.



**Keep us firm in the hope You have set before us,  
so we and all Your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise Your name.  
Amen.**

**Blessing:**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God  
and of His Son Jesus Christ ...

and may the blessing of almighty God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you, and all those you love, and with those  
you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn:**

We have a gospel to proclaim  
good news for all throughout the earth  
the gospel of a Saviour's Name  
we sing His glory, tell His worth

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim  
the Word made flesh, a light for all

Tell of His death at Calvary  
hated by those He came to save  
in lonely suffering on the cross  
for all He loved, His life He gave

Tell of that glorious Easter morn  
empty the tomb, for He was free  
He broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share His victory



Tell of His reign at God's right hand  
be all Creation glorified  
He sends His Spirit on His Church  
to live for Him, the Lamb Who died

Now we rejoice to name Him King  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth  
the gospel message we proclaim  
we sing His glory, tell His worth.

**Dismissal:**

Haere i runga i te rangimarie, i runga i te aroha,  
me te ngakau hihiko, ki te mahi, ki te Ariki.

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

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