

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



Sunday, 27 April 2025
Easter 2

Processional Hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
 God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
 Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
 Which wert and art and evermore shall be

Holy, holy, holy, Though the darkness hide Thee
 Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
 Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
 Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
 All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth and sky and sea
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
 God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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.

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:

**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 Christ'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:

Jesus said to Thomas: 'Put your finger here and see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it in My side. Do not doubt but believe.'

John 20:27

Collect:

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, You have broken the power of death and brought life and immortality to light; grant that we who have been raised with Him may triumph over all temptation and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A reading from the book of Acts: *Acts 5: 27-32*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150:

Praise the Lord. O praise God in the holy place

Praise our God in the mighty heavens

Praise the Lord for many acts of power

Praise our God for greatness beyond measure

Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet

Praise our God upon the lute and harp

Praise the Lord with timbrels and dancing

Praise our God upon the strings and pipe

Praise the Lord with clash of cymbals

Praise our God upon resounding cymbals

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord

O praise the Lord.

**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.**

A reading from the book of Revelation: *Revelation 1: 4-8*

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Gradual Hymn:

Breathe on me Breath of God
Fill me with life anew
That as You love so may I love
And do what You would do

Breathe on me Breath of God
Until my heart is pure
Until my will is one with Yours
To do and to endure

Breathe on me Breath of God
Fulfil my heart's desire
Until this earthly part of me
Glow with Your heav'nly fire

Breathe on me Breath of God
So shall I never die
But live with You the perfect life
Of Your eternity.

Gospel:

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

Praise and glory to God.

John 20: 19-31

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

Sermon

The Nicene 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 the Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation in
Uganda, and for the residents and staff of Hodgson House.

We pray also for those in need, especially those who have asked for
our prayers: Craig, Viv, Hazel, Lynda, Lawrence.

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:

Be still and know that I am God

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I am the Lord that healeth thee

I am the Lord that healeth thee

I am the Lord that healeth thee

In Thee O Lord I put my trust

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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.

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.

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.

In Him You have made us a holy people by sending upon us Your Holy and life-giving Spirit. 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 before He died, 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 whakaorangia 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:

**We do not presume to come to Your holy table,
 merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
 but in Your great mercy. We are not worthy
 even to gather the crumbs from under Your table.
 But You are the same Lord,
 whose nature is always to have mercy.
 Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
 so to eat the body of Your dear Son and to drink His blood,
 that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.**

***Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
 Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
 Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us Your peace.***

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.

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:

This is the day the Lord has made
He calls the hours His Own
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad
And praise surround His throne

Today He rose and left the dead
 And Satan's empire fell
 Today the saints His triumphs spread
 And all His wonders tell

Hosanna to th'annointed King
 To David's holy Son
 Make haste to help us Lord, and bring
 Salvation from Thy throne

Blest be the Lord: let us proclaim
 His messages of grace
 Who comes in God His Father's Name
 To save our sinful race

Hosanna in the highest strains
 The Church on earth can rise
 The highest heav'ns in which He reigns
 Shall give Him nobler praise.

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.