

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



Sunday, 11 May 2025

Easter 4

Processional Hymn:

All people that on earth do dwell
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
serve Him with joy, His praises tell
come now before Him and rejoice

Know that the Lord is God indeed
He formed us all without our aid
we are the flock He loves to feed
the sheep who by His hand are made

O enter then His gates with praise
and in His courts His love proclaim
give thanks and bless Him all your days
let every tongue confess His name

The Lord our mighty God is good
His mercy is forever sure
His truth at all times firmly stood
and shall from age to age endure

Praise God the Father, God the Son
and God the Spirit evermore
all praise to God the Three in One
let heaven rejoice and earth adore.

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:

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and will guide them to the springs of the water of life, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7:17

Collect:

God of peace, by the blood of the eternal covenant You brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep; make us perfect in every good work, and work in us that which is pleasing and good; through Jesus Christ to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

A reading from the book of Acts: *Acts 9: 36-43*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23:

The Lord is my Shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

You Lord make me lie down in green pastures:

and lead me beside the waters of peace.

You revive my spirit:

and guide me in right pathways for Your Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

I will fear no evil:

for You are with me, Your rod and Your staff are my comfort.

You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies:

You have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is overflowing.

Surely Your goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 7: 9-17*

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Gradual Hymn:

He is Lord, He is Lord

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord

Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord

He is King, He is King

He is risen from the dead and He is King

Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is King

He is Love, He is Love

He is risen from the dead and He is Love

Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Love.

Gospel:

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

Praise and glory to God.

John 10: 22-30

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 youth and children in the Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, and for the people of the Clive Co-operating Parish, their Ministry Support Team and visiting clergy support.

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:

Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me
Still all my song would be
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee

Though, like a wanderer, the sun goes down
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee

There let the way appear, steps unto heav'n
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n
Angels to beckon me
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee

Then with my waking thoughts, bright with Thy praise
 Out of my stony griefs, Bethel I'll raise
 So by my woes to be
 Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee

Or if on joyful wing, cleaving the sky
 Sun, moon and stars forgot, upwards I'll fly
 Still all my song shall be
 Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

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.**

As our Lord has taught us, let's sing together:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

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.

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:

Almighty God, Giver of all good things, we thank You for feeding us with the Spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We thank you for Your love and care in assuring us of Your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people.

Therefore, everliving God, keep us steadfast in Your holy fellowship. And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are, to serve You faithfully in the world through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. 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:

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
 O what a foretaste of glory divine
 Heir of salvation purchase of God
 born of His Spirit washed in His blood

*This is my story, this is my song
 praising my Saviour all the day long
 This is my story this is my song
 praising my Saviour all the day long*

Perfect submission, perfect delight
 visions of rapture burst on my sight
 angels descending bring from above
 echoes of mercy, whispers of love

*This is my story, this is my song
 praising my Saviour all the day long
 This is my story this is my song
 praising my Saviour all the day long*

Perfect submission, all is at rest
 I in my Saviour am happy and blessed
 watching and waiting, looking above
 filled with His goodness, lost in His love

*This is my story, this is my song
 praising my Saviour all the day long
 This is my story this is my song
 praising my Saviour all the day long*

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.