

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



**Sunday, 21 April 2024**  
*Easter 4*

**Processional Hymn:**

Praise my soul the King of heaven  
to His feet thy tribute bring  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven  
who like me His praise should sing  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress  
praise Him still the same as ever  
slow to chide and swift to bless  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness

Father like, He tends and spares us  
well our feeble frame He knows  
in His hands He gently bears us  
rescues us from all our foes  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows

Angels help us to adore Him  
Ye behold Him face to face  
sun and moon bow down before Him  
dwellers all in time and space  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

**Welcome and Greeting:**

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

**Amen.**

*Welcoming remarks, Notices and Celebrations*

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:**

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:**

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord: 'I know my own and my own  
know me.'

*John 10:14*

**Collect:**

**Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold; feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, where You reign one God for ever. Amen.**

**The first reading:**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

*Acts 4: 5-12*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23:**

*(Liturgist)*

**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 the 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 staff are my comfort.  
You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies:  
You anoint 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.**

**The second reading:**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*1 John 3: 16-24*

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## Gradual Hymn:

*A new commandment I give unto you  
that you love one another, as I have loved you  
that you love one another, as I have loved you*

By this shall all know that you are My disciples  
if you have love for one another  
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if you have love for one another

*A new commandment I give unto you  
that you love one another, as I have loved you  
that you love one another, as I have loved you*

You are My friends if you do what I command you  
Without My help you can do nothing  
You are My friends if you do what I command you  
Without My help you can do nothing

*A new commandment I give unto you  
that you love one another, as I have loved you  
that you love one another, as I have loved you*

I am the True Vine, my Father is the Gard'ner  
Abide in Me, I will be with you  
I am the True Vine, my Father is the Gard'ner  
Abide in Me, I will be with you

*A new commandment I give unto you  
that you love one another, as I have loved you  
that you love one another, as I have loved you*

True love is patient, not arrogant nor boastful  
love bears all things, love is eternal  
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that you love one another, as I have loved you  
that you love one another, as I have loved you*

**Gospel:**

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

**Praise and glory to God.**

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

*John 10: 11-18*

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:**

*Let us pray for the Church and the world giving thanks for God's  
goodness.*

Today we pray for Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
peoples and for the faculty and students of St John's Theological  
College.

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

We pray for the soul of the recently departed, Zoe, and for her  
family.

## **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:**

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shall choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart: it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at your feet its treasure-store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for 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;  
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.

*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 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:

**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.

### **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:**

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son  
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away  
kept the folded grave-clothes where the Body lay

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son  
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb  
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son  
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won*

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life  
Life is naught without Thee, aid us in our strife  
Make us more than conqu'rors through Thy deathless love  
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy Home above

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son  
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.*

**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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