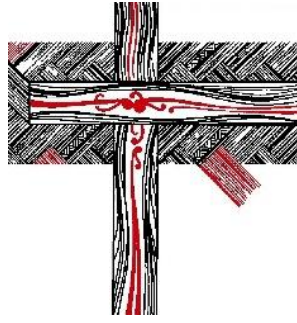


Welcome! Haere Mai!
St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 26 April 2026

Easter 4

Processional Hymn:

Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them, springing, fresh from the Word

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness, of the wet garden
Sprung from completeness, where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning
Born of the one Light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation, of the new day.

Welcome and Greeting:

In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life. **Amen.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen

Christ is risen indeed alleluia

Call to Worship:

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,
release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind
and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

Benedicite Aotearoa:

O give thanks to our God Who is good: Whose love endures for ever.

**You sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky:
give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

**All mountains and valleys, grassland and scree,
glacier, avalanche, mist and snow: give to our God
your thanks and praise.**

You kauri and pine, rata and kōwhai, mosses and ferns:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

**Dolphins and kahawai, sealion and crab,
coral, anemone, pipi and shrimp:
give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Rabbits and cattle, moths and dogs, kiwi and sparrow
and tui and hawk: give to our God your thanks and praise.

**You Māori and Pākehā, women and men, all who inhabit
the long white cloud: give to our God your thanks and praise**

All you saints and martyrs of the South Pacific:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

Confession:

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. Let us confess our sins to the Lord, let us not conceal our wrongdoings.

Silence

God forgives and heals us.

**We need Your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us; some escape us;
some we cannot face.
Forgive us; set us free to hear Your word to us;
set us free to serve You.**

Absolution:

God forgives you. Forgive others; Forgive yourself.

Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
approach God in peace.

Sentence:

‘I am the good shepherd,’ says the Lord. ‘The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.’ *John 10:11*

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.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: Acts 2:42-47

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the first letter of Peter: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green He leadeth me
The quiet waters by

My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
E'en for His own Name's sake

Yea though I walk in death's dark vale
Yet will I fear no ill
For Thou art with me and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes
My head Thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me
And in God's House for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Gospel:

Alleluia, Christ is risen
Christ is risen indeed alleulia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Praise and glory to God.

John 10:1-10

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ, the Word.

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

He descended to the dead.

**On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People:

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

Today we pray for the churches operating throughout Africa, and especially Anglican Missions partners in Ethiopia, Uganda and Tanzania, and for the hospital chaplains in Tauranga – Matiu Best, Leanne Brooks, Shelley Gilmore and Graham Silkstone.

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

The Peace:

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Colossians 3: 14 (adapted)

May the peace of God be with you all.

In God's justice is our peace.

E te whānau / Brothers and sisters,
Christ calls us to live in unity.

We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn:

Honour the dead, our country's fighting brave,
honour our children left in foreign grave,
where poppies blow and sorrow seeds her flowers,
honour the crosses marked forever ours.

Weep for the places ravaged with our blood,
weep for the young bones buried in the mud,
weep for the powers of violence and greed,
weep for the deals done in the name of need.

Honour the brave whose conscience was their call,
answered no bugle, went against the wall,
suffered in prisons of contempt and shame,
branded as cowards, in our country's name.

Weep for the waste of all that might have been,
weep for the cost that war has made obscene,
weep for the homes that ache with human pain,
weep that we ever sanction war again.

Honour the dream for which our nation bled,
held now in trust to justify the dead,
honour their vision on this solemn day:
peace known in freedom, peace the only way.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table:

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation:
through Your goodness we have this bread and wine to share,
which earth has given, and human hands have made.
They will become for us the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Spirit of God be with you
And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven.
Where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, to give You thanks most loving God,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, the first born from the dead,
the pioneer of our salvation, Who is with us always, one of us,
yet from the heart of God.

For with Your whole created universe, we praise You for
Your unfailing gift of life. We thank You that You make us human
and stay with us, even when we turn from You to sin.

**God's love is shown to us; while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, You came
among us in Jesus Christ our crucified and living Lord.

You make all things new, in Christ's suffering and cross
You reveal Your glory and reconcile all peoples to Yourself,
their true and living God.

*In the power of endless life Christ is risen from the grave.
His death has broken death and opened for us the new and
living way. Christ is now our peace and our freedom and our
joy.*

In Your mercy You are now our God. Through Christ You gather us,
new-born in Your Spirit, a people after Your own heart.

We entrust ourselves to You,
for You alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

**Now is the acceptable time,
now is the day of salvation.**

Therefore, with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets,
with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise You and say:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of mercy, giver of life;
earth and sea and sky and all that lives,
declare Your presence and Your glory.**

All glory to You, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation.
Accept our praises living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect
offering for the world, Who, in the night that He was betrayed
took bread, and when He had given You thanks, 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, and 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 to forgive sin.
Do this as often as you drink it to remember Me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death
of Jesus our Redeemer, we meet You in Your glory.
We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon Your name.

Here and now, with this bread and wine,
we celebrate Your great acts of liberation,
ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
Who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way,
our access to You Father, and source of all new life.
In Christ we offer ourselves to do Your will.

Empower our celebrations with Your Holy Spirit, feed us with Your life, fire us with your love, confront us with Your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share Your gifts of love.

**Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before You in earth and heaven,
we worship You, Creator God. 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:

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ

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

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The Invitation:

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ
and Christ in us.**

Post Communion Sentence:

O Christ, door of the sheepfold,
may we enter your gates with praise
and go from your courts to serve you
in the poor, the lost and the wandering,
this day and all our days.

Prayer After Communion

Most loving God, creator and redeemer,
we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

**Through Christ, and with all your saints,
we offer ourselves
and our lives to your service.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to stand with you in your world.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,
our friend and brother. Amen.**

Blessing:

The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good
work to do his will...

and may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life
be with you, with 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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