

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 15th May 2022
5th Sunday of Easter

Processional Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all they faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, thou art all compassion
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation
enter every trembling heart.

Come almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Welcome and Greeting

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

Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

E te whānau a te Karaiti,
welcome to this holy table;
welcome to you, for we are Christ's body,
Christ's work in the world.

Welcome to you whose baptism makes you
salt of the earth and light to the world.

Rejoice and be glad.

Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

**Amen. Christ is our light,
the joy of our salvation.**

Praise and glory to Christ,
God's new beginning for humanity
making ritual water gospel wine,
cleansing all our worship.

**Love and loyalty to Christ,
who gives us the gospel.**

Praise to Christ who calls us to holiness.

Song of Praise

Christ is the good shepherd
who knows and cares for every one of the sheep
in different folds.

In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile;
in Christ there is no discrimination
of gender, class or race.

In Christ the poor are blessed,
the simple receive truth hidden from the wise.

Alleluia!

**God of justice and compassion,
you give us a work to do
and a baptism of suffering and resurrection.
From you comes power to give to others
the care we have ourselves received
so that we, and all who love your world,
may live in harmony and trust.**

Forgiveness

We come seeking forgiveness
for all we have failed to be and do
as members of Christ's body.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

**Loving and all-seeing God,
forgive us where
we have failed to support one another
and to be what we claim to be.
Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;
and where our thoughts and actions have been
contrary to yours we ask your pardon.**

Absolution

God forgives us; be at peace.
Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is
resurrection, reconciliation for all.

**We shall all be one in Christ,
one in our life together.
Praise to God who has created us,
praise to God who has accepted us,
praise to God who sends us into the world.**

Gloria

To God we sing on high
with worship, thanks and praise;
whose glory reigns beyond the sky:
brings peace to human days.

In Christ we see the face
of love, the only Son,
the Lamb of God whose saving grace
o'er sin and death has won.

Receive our prayer, O Lord,
the high and holy one –
in Jesus Christ and Spirit poured
the Father's glory's done!

Sentence

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and
God abides in them.

John 4:16b

Collect

**Alleluia, God Eternal;
love marks your presence.
Plant in us your love,
nurture in us your likeness,
and let us reflect your glory.
For you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

¹The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵'I was in the city of

Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Acts 11.1-18

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

¹I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Revelation 21.1-6

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Gradual hymn

In Christ there is no East or West,
In him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, members of the faith,
Whatever your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In him meet North and South;
All Christlike souls are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Gospel

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

³¹During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

John 13.31-35

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the work of AAW in Polynesian and Papua New Guinea and for the people of the Taradale parish and their clergy.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Colin, Shirley.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of God be always with you.

Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Christ's is the world in which we move;
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who meets us here.

*To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the people we must avoid -
strange or bereaved or never employed.
Feel for the women and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain.

*To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the women whom men have defiled,
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.

*To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the lives by life confused,
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

*To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Offertory prayer

God of all creation, you bring forth
bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine
will be for us
the body and blood of Christ.

**All you have made is good.
Your love endures for ever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

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 the joy of our salvation, God of the universe,
to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.
You said, 'Let there be light';
there was light.

Your light shines on in our darkness.
For you the earth has brought forth life
in all its forms.

You have created us
to hear your Word, to do your will
and to be fulfilled in your love.
It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us
the way we need to follow
and the truth we need to know.

You sent your Son to give his life
to release us from our sin.

Christ is risen from the dead.
Love is come again:
Christ is sovereign over space and time.

You send your Holy Spirit
to strengthen and to guide,
to warn and to revive your Church.

Therefore, with all your witnesses
who surround us on every side,
countless as heaven's stars,
we praise you for our creation
and our calling,
with loving and with joyful hearts:

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just,
glory and goodness come from you.
Glory to you most high and gracious God.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son,
who washed his disciples' feet.
'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died
he took bread and gave 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,
and gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you, shed for all,
to forgive sin;
do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine
we recall your goodness to us.

**God of the past and present,
we your people remember your Son.
We thank you for his cross and rising again,
we take courage from his ascension;
we look for his coming in glory
and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Send your Holy Spirit,
that we who receive Christ's body
may indeed be the body of Christ,
and we who share his cup
draw strength from the one true vine.

**Called to follow Christ,
help us to reconcile and unite.
Called to suffer,
give us hope in our calling.**

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new;
you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

**Praise, glory and love be yours,
this and every day,
from us and all people,
here and everywhere. Amen.**

As Christ teaches us we pray, (singing)

**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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of bread

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

Christ is the bread of life.

His blood was shed for our forgiveness

Christ is risen from the dead

The Invitation

Come God's people,
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

All are invited. Come to this table and share.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God.**

Communion hymn

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here,
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Prayers after Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ
is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

Prayer after Communion

Blessed be God who calls us together.
Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.
Praise to God who gives hope and freedom

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.
Praise to God who is revealed as love

Blessed be God who alone has called us.
**Therefore we offer all that we are
and all that we shall become**

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.
**Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.
Our hands were empty, and you filled them.**

Blessing

The God who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
..and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life
be with you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Notices

Concluding Hymn

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
be now and ever near me
my Saviour and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me
to hasten or control;
and speak to make me listen,
O guardian of my soul.

O let me see your footmarks,
and in them plant my own;
my hope to follow truly
is in your strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end:
and then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

Dismissal

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

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.



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