

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



Sunday, 18 May 2025
Easter 5

Processional Hymn:

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name
 let angel's prostrate fall
 let angel's prostrate fall
 bring forth the royal diadem

*and crown Him, crown Him
 crown Him, crown Him
 crown Him, crown Him
 and crown Him Lord of all*

Crown Him, all martyrs of your God
 Who from His altar call
 Who from His altar call
 praise Him Whose way of pain you trod

*and crown Him, crown Him
 crown Him, crown Him
 crown Him, crown Him
 and crown Him Lord of all*

O prophets faithful to His Word
 in matters great and small
 in matters great and small
 Who made His voice of justice heard

*now crown Him, crown Him
 crown Him, crown Him
 crown Him, crown Him
 and crown Him Lord of all*

All sinners, now redeemed by grace
 who heard your Saviour's call
 who heard your Saviour's call
 now robed in light before His face

*O crown Him, crown Him
 crown Him, crown Him
 crown Him, crown Him
 and crown Him Lord of all*

Let every people, every tongue
 to Him their hearts enthrall
 to Him their hearts enthrall
 lift high the universal song

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 crown Him, crown Him
 and crown Him Lord of all*

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:

**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:

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

John 4:16b

Collect:

**Make us glad we pray You, gentle God, to give each other
Your loving care; make us happy to receive it. May there
daily grow within us a generous, trusting spirit. This we ask
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A reading from the book of Acts: *Acts 11: 1-18*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148:

Whakamoemititia a Ihowā. Praise the Lord from the heavens

O praise God in the heights above

Praise the Lord all you angels

O praise God all you heavenly host

Praise the Lord, sun and moon

Praise God all you shining stars

Praise the Lord you highest heavens

And you waters above the heavens

Let them praise the name of the Lord

Who commanded, and they were created

The Lord fixed them in their places forever

By a law which shall never be broken

Praise the Lord from the earth

You sea-monsters and ocean depths

Fire and hail, snow and ice

Stormy wind obeying God's Word,

All mountains and hills

All fruit bearing trees and cedars

Wild beasts and cattle

Reptiles and birds on the wing

Kings of the earth and all peoples
Princes and all rulers of the world

Young men and maidens
Old people and children together

Let them praise Your Name O Lord
**For Your Name alone is exalted, and Your glory
 is above heaven and earth**

You have lifted up your people's head, with praise from all Your
 servants

From the people close to your heart. 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 21: 1-6*

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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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Gospel:

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

Praise and glory to God.

John 13: 31-35

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 Anglican Chinese Mission in Aotearoa New Zealand, and for the people of the Holy Trinity, Tauranga Parish and their clergy.

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:

Come down O Love divine
 Seek Thou this soul of mine
 And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing
 O Comforter draw near
 Within my heart appear
 And kindle it Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn
 Till earthly passions turn
 To dust and ashes in its heat consuming
 And let Thy glorious light
 Shine ever in my sight
 And clothe me round the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
 Mine outward vesture be
 And lowliness become mine inner clothing
 True lowliness of heart
 Which takes the humbler part
 And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong
 With which the soul will long
 Shall far out pass the pow'r of human telling
 Nor can we guess its grace
 Till we become the place
 Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

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:

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does it's successive journeys run
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name

Blessings abound where'er He reigns
The pris'ners leap to lose their chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all the humble poor are blest

To Him shall endless prayer be made
And praises throng to crown His head
His Name like incense shall arise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeat the loud Amen!

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.