

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



Sunday, 1 June 2025
Easter 7

Processional Hymn:

Alleluia, sing to Jesus
His the sceptre, His the throne
Alleluia, His the triumph
His the victory alone.
Hark the songs of holy Zion
thunder like a mighty flood
Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by His blood!

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now
Alleluia, He is near us
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er
shall our hearts forget His promise
'I am with you evermore'

Alleluia, bread of angels
here on earth our food, our stay
Alleluia, here the sinful
come to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners
earth's Redeemer, plead for me
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea

Alleluia, King eternal
He the Lord of lords, we own
alleluia, born of Mary
earth His footstool, heav'n His throne
He within the veil has entered
robed in flesh, our great High Priest
He on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

Welcome and Greeting:

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

Call to Worship:

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 the 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.**

Confession:

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.

Silence

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection,
reconciliation for all the human race.

**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.**

Sentence:

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

Acts 16:31

Collect:

Holy God, You feed us with earthly and spiritual food. Deathless, unalterable, You have chosen us, sinful as we are, to hear Your Word and to proclaim Your Truth. Alleluia! Make us salt of the earth; make us yeast in the loaf. Praise to You our God; You answer prayer. Amen.

A reading from the book of Acts: Acts 16: 16-34

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

Psalm 97:

You are King O Lord, let the earth be glad
let the many islets and coastlands rejoice

Clouds and darkness are round about You
righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne

Fire goes before You
and burns up Your enemies on every side

The world is lit up by Your lightnings
and earth trembles at the sight

The mountains melt like wax before You
before the Lord of all the earth

The heavens proclaim Your righteousness
and all the peoples see Your glory

Shame on all who worship images, and glory in their worthless idols
Bow down before the Lord all You gods

Jerusalem hears and is glad
the cities of Judah rejoice O Lord at Your judgments

For You Lord are most high over all the earth
You are exalted far above all the gods

You love those who hate evil
**You preserve the lives of Your servants,
and deliver them from the hand of the wicked**

Light has dawned for the righteous
and joy for the upright in heart

Rejoice in the Lord you righteous
and give thanks to God's holy Name

**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 Revelation to John:

Revelation 21:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

*Bind us together Lord
Bind us together, with cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together, bind us together in love*

There is only one God
There is only one King
There is only one Body
That is why we sing

*Bind us together Lord
Bind us together, with cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together, bind us together in love*

Fit for the glory of God
Purchased by His precious Blood
Born with the right to be free
Jesus the vict'ry has won

*Bind us together Lord
Bind us together, with cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together, bind us together in love*

We are the family of God
We are His promise divine
We are His chosen desire
We are the glorious new wine

*Bind us together Lord
Bind us together, with cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together, bind us together in love*

Gospel:

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

John 17: 20-26

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

Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith:

**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:

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

Today we pray for the people, staff and clergy of Fiji, and for Retired Bishops of Waiapu: John Bluck, George Connor, Murray Mills, David Rice.

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

**Praise to You abundant God, for when we ask, You give;
when we seek, You show the way.
When we knock, You answer.
Praise to You for Your unfailing grace.
Make us now Your faithful people. Amen.**

The Peace:

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace.
Who breaks down the walls that divide.

The peace of God be always with you.
Praise to Christ Who unites us in peace.

Offertory Hymn:

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore 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;
True and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift your hearts to heaven.

Where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

*Ko te hari mo to mātou whakaoranga, e te Atua o Tua-whakarere,
ki te tuku whakawhetai ki a koe i roto i a Ihu Karaiti.*

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.
His cross has taken our guilt away.

*I tukua mai e koe tau Tama kia whakamatea hei toha i te ora,
hei wewete i o mātou hara. Kua unuhia o mātou he e tona ripeka.*

*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 the 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 again 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.

*Ka aru mātou i a te Karaiti
Tui, tui, tuituia mātou.
Tuia, ki te mamae
Tuia ki te tumanako
Tui, tui, tuia ki te ora.*

**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.

*Kei a koe, te whakapai, te korōria, te aroha,
I tēnei ra, i tena ra
Mai i a mātou, mai i te katoa
I konei, i nga wahi katoa. Amine.*

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

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.

Prayers 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 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:

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 God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, with all those you love/pray for, and with those you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn:

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
While heaven's eternal anthem drowns
All music but it's own!
Awake, my soul and sing
Of Him who died to be
Your Saviour and your matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life
Triumphant from the grave
Who rose victorious from the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and reigns on high
He died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love
Who shows His hands and side
Those wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight
But downward bends His burning eye
At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace
His kingdom is at hand
From pole to pole let warfare cease
And Christ rule every land
A city stands on high, His glory it displays
And there the nations 'Holy' cry
In joyful hymns of praise

Crown Him the Lord of years
The Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres
In majesty sublime
All hail, Redeemer, hail
For You have died for me
Your praise shall never, never fail
Through all eternity!

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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