

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



Sunday, 11 January 2026
Epiphany 1

Processional 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 illumining.

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 outpass the pow'r of human telling
Nor can we guess its grace
Till we become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

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:

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1

Collect:

**Jesus, Light of the world, let Your bright star stand over
the place where the poor have to live; lead our sages
to wisdom and our rulers to reverence. Hear this prayer
for Your love's sake. Amen.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah: *Isaiah 60: 1-6*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14:

Give the king Your justice O God

and Your righteousness to a king's son

that he may judge Your people rightly

and uphold the poor with justice

Let the mountains bring forth peace for the people

and the hills prosperity with justice

May the King defend the cause of the poor among the people

save the children of the needy and crush the oppressor

May He live as long as the sun endures

as long as the moon from age to age

May He come down like rain upon the grass

like showers that water the earth

In His days may righteousness flourish

and abundance of peace till the moon is no more

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute

the kings of Sheba and Seba bring their gifts

May all kings fall prostrate before Him

and all nations render Him service

He shall deliver the needy when they cry

and the poor who have no helper

He shall have pity on the weak and the needy
and save the lives of the poor

He shall rescue them from oppression and violence
and their blood shall be precious in His sight.

**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 Paul's letter to the Ephesians: *Ephesians 3: 1-12*

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Gradual Hymn:

Father, we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You.

Jesus, we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You.

Spirit, we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You.

Gospel:

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

Matthew 2: 1-12

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 youth and children in the Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, and for the people of the Clive Co-operating Parish, their Ministry Support Team and visiting clergy support.

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

**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:

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought in the day and the night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true heir
Thou in me dwelling and I in Thy care.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight
Be Thou my armour and be Thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter and Thou my high tower
Raise Thou me heav'nward O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise
Thou my inheritance through all my days
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done
Grant heav'n's joy to me, O bright heav'n's sun
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

*His star, mysterious and inviting
calls us to worship the Christ Who is born.
For He is Emmanuel, God revealed in human form
for all the human race; to Him we offer
our homage and our gifts.*

*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.**

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:

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:

Hail to the Lord's anointed
Great David's greater Son
Hail in the time appointed
His reign on earth begun
He comes to break oppression
To set the captives free
To take away transgression
And rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong
To help the poor and needy
And bid the weak be strong
To give them songs for sighing
Their darkness turn to light
Whose souls, condemned and dying
Were precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth
And love, joy, hope like flowers
Spring in His path to birth
Before Him on the mountains
Shall peace the herald go
And righteousness in fountains
From hill and valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious
He on His throne shall rest
From age to age more glorious
All-blessing and all-blest
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove
His Name shall stand forever
That Name to us is love.

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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