

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

# **St John's Anglican Church, Otumoetai**



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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

## **Processional Hymn**

Your hand, O God, has guided  
your flock, from age to age;  
your faithfulness is written  
on history's every page;  
They knew your perfect goodness  
whose deeds we now record;  
and both to this bear witness:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your heralds brought the gospel  
to greatest as to least;  
they summoned us to hasten  
and share the great king's feast;  
And this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won.  
And then by earth and heaven,  
your name shall be adored  
and this shall be their anthem  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

## **Welcome and Greeting**

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

Grace to you and peace  
from God our Creator,  
the love at our beginning  
and without end,  
in our midst and with us.  
**God is with us,  
here we find new life.**

## **Epiphany Responses**

Light looked down and saw darkness.  
**'I will go there' said Light.**

Peace looked down and saw war.  
**'I will go there' said Peace.**

Love looked down and saw hatred.  
**'I will go there' said Love.**

So he, the Lord of Light,  
the Prince of Peace, the King of Love,  
**came down and crept in beside us.**

A boy has been born for us;  
**a child has been given.**

Once, we believed we were estranged from God;  
**now we know we are God's people.**

Once we walked in darkness;  
**now we have seen a great light.**

## **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.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

*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 the Creator brings you new life,  
forgives and redeems you.

Take hold of this forgiveness  
and live your life

in the Spirit of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## **Sentence**

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the king of  
Israel!

*John 1:41, 49*

## Collect

**God of call and vocation,  
you call the greatest and the least to follow you;  
open our ears to hear your call,  
empower us by the Holy Spirit to respond  
and willingly embrace the new and living way of discipleship.  
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 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Samuel

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

*1 Samuel 3.1-10*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## A reading of Psalm 139

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You encompass me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
so high that I cannot attain it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.
- 14 My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;  
already in your book were all my members written,
- 16 As day by day they were fashioned  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!
- 18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,  
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

*Psalm 139.1-5,12-18*

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## Gradual

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, 'til earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light shine ever on 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 outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace, till they become the place  
where-in the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

## Gospel

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

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'

<sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'

<sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.'

<sup>51</sup>And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

*John 1.43-51*

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

## **Sermon**

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for the work of the Australian Anglican Missions Board and for the people of the Waipaoa Parish and their clergy.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Cherie, Phyllis, Ron & Sue, Mike & Rachael, Tony.

### **The Peace**

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there shall be no end.

*cf Isaiah 9.6,7*

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

Everyday I will offer you  
Loving God, my heart and mind,  
every way I discover you  
in the work your hand has signed;  
help me see I'm your image, and  
you have dreamed what I might be,  
everyday in your Spirit  
I'll find the love and energy!

Everyday I will look to Christ,  
and give thanks for wine and bread  
through the pain and the emptiness  
where your world cries to be fed;  
help me see I can work for change,  
and wherever I might be,  
everyday in your Spirit,  
I'll find the love and energy!

Everyday I will take your word,  
answer your compassion's claim;  
celebrate every sign of hope  
every deed done in your name;  
help me see you are always there,  
and your light can shine through me,  
everyday in your Spirit  
I'll find the love and energy!

## 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 Spirit of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 to give you thanks most loving God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,  
the pioneer of our salvation,  
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 Christ you fully shared our life.  
Light of the world, joy of every human heart,  
Jesus accepted our estranged and broken state  
and gave us back our life, our world –  
renewed, whole, healed – your gift!

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 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 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 celebration 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.**

*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**

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 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.**

### **During Communion**

Be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee,  
I am the Lord that healeth thee,  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

## **Prayers after Communion**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**May we who have been your guests  
at this communion  
reveal your life to all the world.  
May we be no longer your servants,  
but know your will,  
and be your friends.  
You give us your life,  
may we be worthy of it;  
you give us yourself,  
may we embody you.  
Amen**

## **Blessing**

May Christ's bright star enlighten  
your mind and heart  
as you strive for equality,  
justice and kindness in this world...  
...and the blessing of God,  
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life  
be among you and remain with you always  
**Amen.**

## **Notices**

## Concluding Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike,  
no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking,  
and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled  
at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours,  
and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome,  
your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing,  
and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord,  
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment,  
whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping,  
and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
at the end of the day.

## Dismissal

Grace be with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go in peace.

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ**

## Epiphany

Liturgy drawn from p. 456 Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption



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