

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



Sunday, 22 February 2026
Lent 1

Processional Hymn:

Lead us Heavenly Father lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us
For we have no help but Thee
Yet possessing ev'ry blessing
If our God our Father be

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us
All our weaknesses Thou dost know
Thou didst tread this earth before us
Thou didst feel it's keenest woe
Lone and dreary, faint and weary
Through the desert Thou didst go

Spirit of our God descending
Fill our hearts with heav'nly joy
Love with ev'ry passion blending
Pleasure that can never cloy
Thus provided, pardoned, guided
Nothing can our peace destroy.

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 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

Jesus said: "Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden
and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28, ESV

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'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:

We do not live by bread alone, but by every Word
that comes from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4:4*

Collect:

Living God, You know better than we, the temptations that will bring us down. Grant that our love for You may protect us from all foolish and corrupt desire. Praise to You our God; You answer prayer. Amen.

A reading from the book of Genesis: *Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32:

Blessèd are those whose offences are forgiven
whose sin has been put away

Blessèd are those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt
and in whose spirit there is no deceit

While I held back from confessing my sin
my body wasted away through my groaning all day long

For Your hand was heavy upon me day and night
**I was dried up and withered,
as it were by drought in summer**

Then I acknowledged my sin to You
my guilt I did not hide

I said: 'I will confess my sins to the Lord'
and so You forgave the wickedness of my sin

Therefore let all those that are faithful
pray to You in time of trouble
when great flood-water rises, it shall not come near them

You are a place to hide me in, You will preserve me from trouble
You will surround me with shouts of deliverance

'I will teach you, and guide you in the way you should go
I will keep you under my eye and give you counsel.'

Be not like horse or mule, which have no understanding
whose course must be checked with bit and bridle

Many pains are in store for the wicked
**but whoever trusts in the Lord
is surrounded by steadfast love**

Be glad you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord
shout for joy all you that are upright in heart.

**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 letter to the Romans: *Romans 5: 12-19*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
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Gradual Hymn:

God forgave my sin in Jesus' Name
I've been born again in Jesus' Name
And in Jesus' Name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

*He said, freely freely you have received
Freely freely give
Go in My Name and because you believe
Others will know that I live*

All power is given in Jesus' Name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' Name
And in Jesus' Name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to

*He said, freely freely you have received
Freely freely give
Go in My Name and because you believe
Others will know that I live*

Gospel:

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

Praise and glory to God.

Matthew 4: 1-11

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:

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

Today we pray for those who move to new lands or travel the seas,
and those who offer assistance and guidance to them, and we pray
for the people of the Rotorua Parish and their clergy.

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

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:

Forty days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted and yet undefiled

Let us Your endurance share
And from earthly greed abstain
With You vigilant in prayer
With You strong to suffer pain

So shall peace divine be ours
Holy gladness pure and true
Come to us, angelic powers
Such as ministered to You

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear
Ever constant by Your side
That with You we may appear
At th'eternal Eastertide.

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.

*Who though tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin;
through Him therefore, we may triumph over sin
and grow in grace.*

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.**

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:

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.**

**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.

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.

Post Communion Sentence:

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10: 19

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:

Praise to the Holiest in the height
And in the depth be praise
In all His Words most wonderful
Most sure in all His ways

O loving wisdom of our God
When all was sin and shame
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came

And that the highest gift of grace
Should flesh and blood refine
God's presence and His Very Self
And essence all-divine

O generous love! That He Who came
As man to smite our foe
The double agony for us
As man should undergo

Praise to the Holiest in the height
And in the depth be praise
In all His words most wonderful
Most sure in all His ways.

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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