

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



Sunday, 22 March 2026
Lent 5, Passion Sunday

Processional Hymn:

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adores His sacred Name*

Come, Christians follow where the Captain trod
the king victorious Christ the Son of God

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adores His sacred Name*

From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing unison their songs of praise

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adores His sacred Name*

O Lord once lifted on the tree of pain
draw all the world to seek You once again

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adores His sacred Name*

Set up Your throne that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adores His sacred Name*

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:

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord;

'whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.'

John 1:25-26

Collect:

God in Trinity, Creator, Saviour, Giver of life and truth, reveal the possibilities within us, that we may attain to the fullness of our humanity. Hear this prayer for Your love's sake. Amen.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel: *Ezekiel 37: 1-14*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130:

Out of the depths have I called to You O Lord

Give heed O Lord to my cry

Let Your ears consider well

The plea I make for mercy

If You should keep account of what is done amiss

Who then O Lord could stand?

But there is forgiveness with You

Therefore, You shall be revered

I wait for You Lord with all my soul

And in Your Word is my hope

My soul waits for You O Lord

**More than those who watch by night
long for the morning, more I say, than those who
watch by night long for the morning**

Wait in hope for the Lord, for with the Lord there is love unfailing

And with the Lord there is ample redemption

The Lord will redeem you

From all your many sins.

**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 8: 6-11*

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Gradual Hymn:

Breathe on me Breath of God
Fill me with life anew
That as You love so may I love
And do what You would do

Breathe on me Breath of God
Until my heart is pure
Until my will is one with Yours
To do and to endure

Breathe on me Breath of God
Fulfil my heart's desire
Until this earthly part of me
Glow with Your heav'nly fire

Breathe on me Breath of God
So shall I never die
But live with You the perfect life
Of Your eternity.

Gospel:

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

Praise and glory to God.

John 11: 1-45

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 coordinators and volunteers of the refugee settlement programme in New Zealand, and for the people of the West Rotorua Parish and their Ministry Support Team

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:

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

And when I think, that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die – I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

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.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, You have taught us that what we do for the least of
our brothers and sisters, we do for You. Give us the will to be the
servant of others, as You were the servant of all, in Jesus Name.
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:

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One

*Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done*

Jesus my Redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain

*Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done*

When I stand in glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

*Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

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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