

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



**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
*Ordinary Time 13*

**Processional Hymn:**

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
 pilgrim through this barren land.  
 I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
 hold me with thy pow'rful hand.  
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
 feed me till I want no more,  
 feed me till I want no more

Open now the crystal fountain  
 whence the healing waters flow.  
 Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
 lead me all my journey through.  
 Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
 be thou still my strength and shield,  
 be thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
 bid my anxious fears subside.  
 Death of death and hell's destruction,  
 land me safe on Canaan's side.  
 Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
 I will ever give to thee,  
 I will ever give to thee.

**Welcome and Greeting:**

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

**Call to Worship:**

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,  
release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind  
and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

**Benedicite Aotearoa:**

O give thanks to our God who is good: whose love endures for ever.  
You sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky:

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

All mountains and valleys, grassland and scree,  
glacier, avalanche, mist and snow:

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

You kauri and pine, rata and kōwhai, mosses and ferns:

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Dolphins and kahawai, sealion and crab,  
coral, anemone, pipi and shrimp:

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Rabbits and cattle, moths and dogs, kiwi and sparrow  
and tui and hawk:

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

You Māori and Pākehā, women and men, all who inhabit  
the long white cloud:

**give to our God your thanks and praise**

All you saints and martyrs of the South Pacific:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

*Silence*

**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.

*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 forgives you. Forgive others; Forgive yourself.

*Silence*

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:  
approach God in peace.

**Sentence:**

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ  
Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 6:23*

**Collect:**

**Almighty Father,  
grant that we your children  
may never be ashamed  
to confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
but continue his faithful servants  
to our lives' end;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**A reading from the book of Genesis: *Genesis 22: 1-14***

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 13**

How long O Lord will you utterly forget me:  
**how long will you hide your face from me?**

How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,  
and be so grieved in my heart day and night:  
**how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

Look at me, and answer me O Lord my God:  
**give light to my eyes, lest I fall asleep in death,**

lest my enemies should claim to have prevailed against me:  
**lest my foes should rejoice at my downfall.**

But my trust is in your mercy:  
**let my heart be joyful in your salvation.**

I will sing to you O Lord,  
because you have dealt so lovingly with me:  
**I will praise your name O Lord most high.**

**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 6: 12-23***

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn:**

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,  
eternal fount of love,  
in flame, we pray, our inmost hearts  
with fire from heaven above.

As thou in bond of love dost join  
the Father and the Son,  
so fill us all with mutual love,  
and knit our hearts in one.

All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run.

**Gospel:**

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

**Praise and glory to God.**

*Matthew 10: 40-42*

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

**Sermon**

**The Apostles' Creed:**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People:**

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

Today we pray for the Bricks of Life and give thanks for the remarkable transformation of a Northern Ethiopian village because of this project, and we pray for the New Zealand Church Missionary Society

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

### **The Peace:**

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

*Colossians 3: 14 (adapted)*

May 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:**

The church of God a kingdom is,  
 where Christ in power doth reign;  
 where spirits yearn till, seen in bliss,  
 their Lord shall come again

Glad companies of saints possess  
 this church below, above;  
 and God's perpetual calm doth bless  
 their paradise of love

An altar stands within the shrine  
 whereon, once sacrificed,  
 is set, immaculate, divine,  
 the Lamb of God, the Christ

There rich and poor, from countless lands,  
 praise God on mystic Rood;  
 there nations reach forth holy hands  
 to take God's holy food

There pure life-giving streams o'erflow  
 the sower's garden-ground;  
 and faith and hope fair blossoms show,  
 and fruits of love abound

O King, O Christ, this endless grace  
 to us and all men bring,  
 to see the vision of your face  
 in joy, O Christ, our King.

**Prayer at the Preparation of the Table:**

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation:  
 through Your goodness we have this bread and wine to share,  
 which earth has given, and human hands have made.  
 They will become for us the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

The Spirit of God be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift your hearts to heaven.

**Where Christ in glory reigns.**

Let us give thanks to 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 first born from the dead,  
the pioneer of our salvation, Who is with us always, 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 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 You 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 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 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 celebrations 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.**

*Silence*

*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:**

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 cup of blessing for which we give thanks  
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

### **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.**

### **Communion**

#### **Prayer After Communion**

Ka whakatikatika e ia i ō tātou waewae ki te huarahi o te rangimarie.

God will guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1: 79 (adapted)*

Most loving God, creator and redeemer,  
we give you thanks  
for this foretaste of your glory.

**Through Christ, and with all your saints,  
we offer ourselves  
and our lives to your service.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit,  
to stand with you in your world.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,  
our friend and brother. Amen.**

**Blessing:**

God be your comfort, your strength;  
 God be your hope and support;  
 God be your light and your way;

and the blessing of God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit  
 be with you, with all those you love, those who love you, and all those  
 you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn:**

Arahina, Arahina  
*Lead us*

Arahina e te Atua  
*Lead us Lord*

Tiakina, tiakina  
*Care for us*

Tiakina e te Atua  
*Care for us Lord*

Arohaina, arohaina  
*Love us*

Arohaina e te Atua  
*Love us Lord*

**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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