

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



**Sunday, 13 July 2025**  
*Ordinary Time 15*

**Processional Hymn:**

What a friend we have in Jesus  
 All our sins and griefs to bear  
 What a privilege to carry  
 Everything to Him in prayer  
 O what peace we often forfeit  
 O what needless pain we bear  
 All because we do not carry  
 Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations  
 Is there trouble anywhere  
 We should never be discouraged  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer  
 Can we find a friend so faithful  
 Who will all our sorrows share  
 Jesus knows our every weakness  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden  
 Cumbered with a load of care  
 Jesus is our only refuge  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer  
 Do your friends despise forsake you  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer  
 In His arms He'll take and shield you  
 You will find a solace there.

**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:**

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Love your enemies,  
do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.

*Luke 6: 31, 35*

**Collect:**

**Almighty God, You teach us in Your Word that love  
is the fulfilling of the law; grant that we may love You  
with all our heart and our neighbour as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy:** *Deuteronomy 30: 9-14*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25: 1-10**

To You Lord I lift up my soul, my God I have put my trust in You

**Let me not be disappointed  
nor let my enemies triumph over me**

For all those who hope in You shall not be ashamed

**but only those who wantonly break faith**

Make known to me Your ways O Lord

**and teach me Your paths**

Lead me in the way of Your truth and teach me

**You are God my Saviour  
for You have I waited all the day long**

Call to remembrance O Lord Your tender care

**and the unfailing love which You have shown from of old**

Do not remember the sins and offences of my youth

**but according to Your mercy  
remember me Lord in Your goodness**

You O Lord are upright and good

**therefore You show the path to those who go astray**

You guide the humble to do what is right

**and those who are gentle You teach Your way**

All Your ways are loving and sure  
**to those who keep Your covenant and Your commandments**

For Your Name's sake O Lord  
**pardon my guilt, which indeed is great.**

**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 Colossians:** *Colossians 1: 1-14*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**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 Luke.

**Praise and glory to God.**

*Luke 10: 25-37*

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 Anglican Missions volunteers, and for the people of the Te Puke Parish and their clergy.

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

### **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:**

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood  
Died He for me, who caused His pain  
For me, who Him to death pursued  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou my God, shouldst die for me  
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Tis mystery all, th'Immortal dies  
Who can explore His strange design  
In vain the first born seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine  
Tis mercy all, let earth adore  
Let angel minds enquire no more  
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He left His Father's throne above  
 So free, so infinite His grace  
 Emptied Himself of all but love  
 And bled for Adam's helpless race  
 Tis mercy all, immense and free  
 For, O my God, it found out me  
 Tis mercy all, immense and free  
 For, O my God, it found out me  
  
 No condemnation now I dread  
 Jesus and all in Him is mine  
 Alive in Him, my living Head  
 And clothed in righteousness divine  
 Bold I approach the eternal throne  
 And claim the crown, through Christ my own  
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### **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.**

*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.**

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Save us, Jesus, from hurrying away, because we do not wish to help,  
because we do not know how to help, because we dare not.  
Inspire us to use our lives serving one another ...

**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:**

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, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be with you, with all those you love, and with those you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn:**

Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer  
 Pilgrim through this barren land  
 I am weak but Thou art Mighty  
 Hold me with Thy powerful 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 stream doth flow  
 Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
 Lead me all my journey through  
 Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer  
 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.

**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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