

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

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



**Sunday 25 July 2021 10am  
St James and St John, Apostles**

### **Processional Hymn**

○ worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him – the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay the burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for you,  
comfort your sorrows and answer your prayerfulness,  
guiding your steps in the way that is true.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth you would count as your own;  
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness –  
these are the offerings to bring to his throne.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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## **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.**

## **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.**

## **Psalm 126**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
**then were we like those who dream.**

Then was our mouth filled with laughter  
**and our tongue with songs of joy.**

Then said they among the nations,  
**'The Lord has done great things for them.'**

The Lord has indeed done great things for us,  
**and therefore we rejoiced.**

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,  
**as the river beds of the desert.**

Those who sow in tears  
**shall reap with songs of joy.**

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,  
**will come back with shouts of joy,  
bearing their sheaves with them.**

### **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**

Jesus said, 'In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer,  
I have overcome the world.' *John 16: 33b*

## Collect

**Grant us, Christ our life,  
the courage of James and John, your friends,  
to undergo your baptism,  
to drink the cup you drank,  
to follow you, even to the place of death.  
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.  
Amen**

## A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah

<sup>1</sup>The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: <sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: <sup>3</sup>You said, 'Woe is me! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.' <sup>4</sup>Thus you shall say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted that is, the whole land. <sup>5</sup>And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the LORD; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.'

*Jeremiah 45.1-5*

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

## A reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Corinthians

We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

<sup>13</sup> But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – ‘I believed, and so I spoke’ – we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup> because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup> Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

*2 Corinthians 4.7-15*

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### **Gradual**

Sons of Thunder, James and John, left their father fishing for they found that they were drawn into Jesus' mission. Christ had strength to calm the sea and to bring great healing; he taught with authority — God's own way revealing.

As they heard the things he taught — love of God and neighbour those ambitious brothers thought they would ask a favour. So they said, ‘Give just one thing; let our words here guide you: Jesus, when you reign as king, let us sit beside you.’

‘Can you drink the cup I drink? Can you take the suffering?’ Jesus told them, ‘Stop and think! This is what I'm offering. Tyrants reign o'er other folk, rising to high places. You must bear a servant's yoke if you want true greatness.’

Christ, we love the honoured place and the seat of glory. Now, remind us, by your grace, of the gospel story: You gave up your life – it's true – with a love unswerving. May all those who follow you seek a life of serving.

### **Gospel**

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

<sup>20</sup>The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. <sup>21</sup>And he said to her,

‘What do you want?’ She said to him, ‘Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.’ <sup>22</sup>But Jesus answered, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?’ They said to him, ‘We are able.’ <sup>23</sup>He said to them, ‘You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.’

<sup>24</sup>When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers.

<sup>25</sup>But Jesus called them to him and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>26</sup>It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; <sup>28</sup>just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

*Matthew 20.20-28*

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

## **Sermon**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We 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.**

**We 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**

Today we pray for the students of the Msalato Theological College in Dodoma and for the people of the Woodville parish.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Bridget, Mike.

### **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.

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**

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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### **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 your hearts to heaven  
**where Christ in glory reigns.**

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,  
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 St James and St John  
and with all 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.**

## **After Communion**

Song of faith that sings forever,  
through God's people, ages long,  
Word that holds the world together  
when our hearts take up the song,  
always, always somewhere sounding,  
though the source we do not see,  
counterpoint to all despairing,  
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exultation,  
rising through the vaults of prayer,  
tune of simple celebration  
offered up in open air,  
song in chapel and cathedral,  
descant to our daily tone,  
song from sickbed or in prison:  
faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,  
when there seems no song to sing,  
hear the constant voice of courage  
out of fear and suffering:  
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,  
all who lift us to be strong,  
endless, endless are the voices  
of the faith that makes the song.

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## **Prayers after Communion**

Eternal God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 give you grace to follow his saints  
in faith and hope and love;

...and the blessing of God,  
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Notices**

### **Concluding Hymn**

For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who in the world their faith in God confessed,  
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were the stranger in the dark of night  
with whom they strove to find their one True Light,  
to whom you gave God's blessing ever bright:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

They are the folk who gave with Love Divine,  
always in service did their wills incline,  
forgetting self, they did with glory shine:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

They followed you, cast out the city's gate  
killed by the eyes and guns of human hate,  
yet trumpets sound their resurrection fête:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And there will dawn a yet more marvellous day,  
the saints with laughter sing and dance and play,  
the Clown of Glory tumbles in the way:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

With earth restored, with this our fragile star,  
in gladness home from pilgrimage afar,  
we find in God a joy that none can mar:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), adapted by J. Cotter  
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## **Dismissal**

Grace be with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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



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