

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



Sunday, 3 August 2025
Ordinary Time 18

Processional Hymn:

For all the saints, who from their labours rest
 Who to the world by faith, their Lord confessed
 Your Name O Jesus, be forever blessed
 Alleluia, alleluia

One holy people fellowship divine
 We feebly struggle they in glory shine
 In earth and heaven the saints in praise combine
 Alleluia, alleluia

The golden evening brightens in the west
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest
 The peaceful calm of paradise the blessed
 Alleluia, alleluia

But Look, there breaks a yet more glorious day
 Saints all triumphant rise in bright array
 The King of glory passes on His way
 Alleluia, alleluia

From earth's wide bounds, from dawn to setting sun
 Through heaven's gates to God the Three-in-One
 They come to sing the song on earth begun
 Alleluia, alleluia.

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:

Let us pray together:

**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 Gloria:

**Glory to God in the highest and
peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our
prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. 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

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

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 Christ'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:

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

Collect:

**God of all the earth, You have given us the heritage of this
good and fertile land; grant that we may so respect and use it
that others may thank us for what we leave to them; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes:

Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 49: 1-12

Hear this all you people

give heed, all who inhabit the world

people of both low and high estate

the rich and the poor together

My mouth shall speak words of wisdom
the thoughts of my heart are full of understanding
 I will turn my mind to a proverb
and with harp and song declare its meaning

Why should I fear in evil days?
when the wicked dog my steps and beset me

They are people who trust in their wealth
and boast of their abundant riches

Truly one cannot ransom oneself
or pay to God the price of one's life

the ransom that would permit life to go on forever
and never come to the pit of death

For that ransom would be far too costly
for ever beyond human ability to pay

We see that the wise also die, as well as the foolish and stupid
they perish alike, and leave their wealth to others

Their tomb is their home forever,
 their dwelling-place from age to age
though once they called estates after their own names

One who is rich but without understanding
is like the beasts that perish.

**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 3: 1-11*

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

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
 Glows 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 Luke:

Praise and glory to God.

Luke 12: 13-21

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 the people of Tonga, and for the Diocesan
Standing Committee and its members.

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

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:

Brother sister let me serve you
 Let me be as Christ to you
 Pray that I may have the grace to
 Let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on a journey
 Fellow trav'lers on the road
 We are here to help each other
 Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ-light for you
 In the night-time of your fear
 I will hold me hand out to you
 Speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping
 When you laugh I'll laugh with you
 I will share your joy and sorrow
 Till we've seen this journey through

When we sing to God in heaven
 We shall find such harmony
 Born of all we've known together
 Of Christ's love and agony

Brother sister let me serve you
 Let me be as Christ to you
 Pray that I may have the grace to
 Let you be my servant too.

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. By His death
 on the cross, He made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the
 world and freed us from the bondage of sin.

You raised Him to life triumphant over death;
 You exalted Him in glory. 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.**

As our Lord has taught us, let's pray together:

**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 forever.
Amen.**

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.**

Let's pray together:

**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.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us Your peace.

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.

Prayers after Communion:

Father of all, we give You thanks and praise, that when we were still far off, You met us in Your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, He declared Your love,
gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live His risen life;
we who drink His cup, bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope You have set before us,
so we and all Your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise Your 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:

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
Whose trust ever childlike
No cares can destroy
Be there at our waking
And give us we pray
Your bliss in our hearts Lord
At the break of the day

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith
Whose strong hands were skilled
At the plane and the lathe
Be there at our labours
And give us we pray
Your strength in our hearts Lord
At the noon of the day

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace
Your hands swift to welcome
Your arms to embrace
Be there at our homing
And give us we pray
Your love in our hearts Lord
At the eve of the day

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm
Whose voice is contentment
Whose presence is balm
Be there at our sleeping
And give us we pray
Your peace in our hearts Lord
At the end of the day.

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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