

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

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



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Processional Hymn**

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
it satisfies the hungry soul  
and gives the weary rest.

Jesus! my shepherd, brother, friend,  
my prophet, priest and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see you as you are,  
I'll praise you as I ought.

Till then I would your love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath,  
and may the music of your name  
refresh my soul in death!

## **Welcome and Greeting**

In the name of God,  
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life.

**Amen.**

Grace and peace to you from God.

**God fill you with truth and joy.**

This is the day which the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Welcoming remarks*

## **Opening prayer**

**Faithful one, whose word is life:**

**come with saving power**

**to free our praise,**

**inspire our prayer**

**and shape our lives**

**for the kingdom of your Son,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

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.**

Jesus said:

Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden

and I will give you rest.

God has promised forgiveness

to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith

and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

*Silence*

We pray together:

**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.**

### **Sentence**

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day our Lord is coming.

*Matthew 24:42, 44*

### **Collect**

**God our treasure,**

**the reign of your love and justice is your gift;**

**light our lamps against the darkness,**

**and equip us for your action,**

**so we are ready**

**and do not miss your coming;**

**through Jesus Christ our Liberator,**

**who is alive and reigns with you,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## **A Reading from the book of Genesis**

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, ‘O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Genesis 15.1-6*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

<sup>1</sup>Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had

been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16*

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### **Gradual 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,  
All 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 for ever,  
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.*

## **Gospel**

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

Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>32</sup>‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

<sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

<sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

*Luke 12.32-40*

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ the Word**

## **Sermon**

### **The Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
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 Sisters and Brothers of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and for the people of the East Coast Parish.

We pray for those in need especially those who ask for our prayers:  
Janice H, Colin, Shirley.

### **The Peace**

E te whānau, 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.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Offertory Hymn

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
a ransomed soul he leads me;  
and where the fertile pastures grow,  
with food from heaven feeds me.

Perverse and foolish I have strayed,  
but in his love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with you, dear Lord, beside me;  
your rod and staff my comfort still,  
your cross before to guide me.

You spread a banquet in my sight;  
of love beyond all knowing  
and O the gladness and delight  
from your pure chalice flowing!

And so through all the length of days  
your goodness fails me never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
within your house for ever.

## 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 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.**

Honour and worship are indeed your due,  
our Lord and our God, through Jesus Christ,  
for you created all things;  
by your will they were created,  
and for your glory they have their being.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language,  
with the whole Church on earth and in heaven,  
joyfully we give you thanks and say:

**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 honour to you, God of grace,  
for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ  
once for all on the cross  
to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died,  
he took bread,  
and 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,  
and when he had given you thanks,  
he gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you,  
for 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.

Therefore heavenly Father,  
in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son,  
we now celebrate the wonder of your grace.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness,  
we were far off until you brought us near  
and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine,  
through the power of your Holy Spirit  
feed us with your heavenly food,  
renew us in your service, unite us in Christ,  
as we offer you our songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and for ever. 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**

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.**

### **The Invitation**

In the breaking of the bread, we recognise the risen Lord;  
God-with-us-and-for-us, present among us,  
saying to all people:

Come to this table.  
Come as you are:  
strong in faith and struggling to believe;  
travelling light and heavily burdened;  
whole and broken.

All are invited. Come to this table and share.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God.**

## **Communion hymn**

Be thou my guardian and my guide,  
and hear me when I call;  
let not my slippery footsteps slide,  
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell  
around the path I tread;  
O save me from the snares of hell,  
thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,  
and outward things are strong,  
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,  
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,  
and feel that I am frail;  
that if the tempter cross my way,  
yet he may not prevail.

## **Prayers after Communion**

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise  
be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

**Amen**

**Everlasting God,  
by your Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified;  
hear the prayers we offer  
for all your faithful people  
that in the ministry to which you have called us  
we may serve you in holiness and truth;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ  
Amen.**

### **Blessing**

May God keep you in all your days,  
Christ shield you in all your ways,  
the Spirit bring you healing and peace.  
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you  
and pour upon you blessing and light.  
**Amen.**

### **Notices**

#### **Concluding Hymn**

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a soul like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

God's grace first taught my heart to fear  
his grace my fears relieved.  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through every danger, trial and snare  
I have already come.  
his grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
my shield and stronghold he shall be  
as long as life endures.

### **Dismissal**

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

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

*OT after Pentecost*

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