

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



Sunday, 24 August 2025
Ordinary Time 21

Processional Hymn:

God is working His purpose out
 As year succeeds to year
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 And the time is drawing near
 Nearer and nearer draws the time
 The time that shall surely be
 When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
 As the waters cover the sea

From utmost east to utmost west
 Wherever foot has trod
 By the mouth of many messengers
 Rings out the voice of God
 Listen to Me you continents
 You islands look to Me
 That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
 As the waters cover the sea

We shall march in the strength of God
 With the banner of Christ unfurled
 That the light of the glorious gospel of truth
 May shine throughout the world
 We shall fight with sorrow and sin
 To set the captives free
 That the earth may be filled with glory of God
 As the waters cover the sea

All we can do is nothing worth
Unless God blesses the deed
Vainly we hope for the harvest tide
Till God gives life to the seed
Nearer and nearer draws the time
The time that shall surely be
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

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:

**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:

You, O Lord are my hope, my trust from my youth.
Upon You have I leaned since my birth.

Psalm 7:5-6

Collect:

**Universal and unchanging God, we are unalterably one with
all humanity. Grant that we who share Christ's blood may,
through Your unifying Spirit, break down the walls that
divide us. Hear this prayer for Your love's sake. Amen.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah: *Isaiah 58:9b-14*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103: 1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul
and all that is within me bless His holy Name

Bless the Lord, O my soul
and do not forget all His benefits.

Who forgives all your iniquity
Who heals all your diseases

Who redeems your life from the Pit
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy

Who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known His ways to Moses
His acts to the people of Israel

The Lord is merciful and gracious
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**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 Epistle to the Hebrews: *Hebrews 12:18-29*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
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Gradual Hymn:

Purify my heart
 Let me be as gold
 And precious silver
 Purify my heart
 Let me be as gold, pure gold

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
Is to be holy, set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will*

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from all sin

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Gospel:

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

Luke 13: 10-17

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:

Today we pray for the Ontong Java Resilience Project and for the people of the Taupō 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:

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:

O worship the King, all glorious above
 O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love
 Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
 Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise

 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
 Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space
 His chariots of wrath, the deep thunder clouds form
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

 This earth with its store of wonders untold
 Almighty Thy pow'r hath founded of old
 Hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree
 And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea

 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light
 It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain
 And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail
 Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
 Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend

 O measureless might, ineffable love
 While angels delight to hymn Thee above
 Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays
 With true adoration, shall sing to Thy praise.

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.**

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:

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:

**We do not presume to come to Your holy table,
 merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
 but in Your great mercy. We are not worthy
 even to gather the crumbs from under Your table.
 But You are the same Lord,
 whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
 so to eat the body of Your dear Son and to drink His blood,
 that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. 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:

Almighty God, Giver of all good things, we thank You for feeding us
with the Spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Saviour
Jesus Christ. We thank you for Your love and care in assuring us of
Your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all
faithful people.

**Therefore, everliving God, keep us steadfast
in Your holy fellowship. And now we offer ourselves,
all that we have and are, to serve You faithfully in the world
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom with You and
the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.
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:

Praise to the Lord
The Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear
Now to His temple draw near
Joining in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
 Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
 Shieldeth thee gently
 From harm or when fainting sustaineth
 Hast thou not seen
 How thy heart's wishes have been
 Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord
 Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
 Surely His goodness
 And mercy shall daily attend thee
 Ponder anew
 What the Almighty can do
 If to the end He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord
 O let all that is in us adore Him
 All that hath life
 And breath come now with praises before Him
 Let the 'Amen'
 Sound from His people again
 Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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.