

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



Sunday, 30th August 2026
Ordinary Time 22

Processional Hymn:

Be still, my soul! for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain:
leave to your God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! your best, your heav'nly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul! for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know
the voice that calmed their fury long ago

Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.
Be still my soul! when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Welcome and Greeting:

In the name of God, The Lover, The Beloved, and The Love Between
Amen.

Call to Worship:

E te whānau a te Karaiti, welcome to this holy table; welcome to you,
for we are Christ's body, Christ's work in the world. Welcome to you
whose baptism makes you salt of the earth and light to the world.

Rejoice and be glad. Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

Amen. Christ is our light, the joy of our salvation.

Praise and glory to Christ, God's new beginning for humanity
making ritual water gospel wine, cleansing all our worship.

Love and loyalty to Christ Who gives us the gospel.

Praise to Christ Who calls us to holiness.

Song of Praise:

Christ is the living water
cleansing, refreshing, making all things new.
Christ is the living bread;
food for the hungry,
strength for the pilgrim and the labourer.

**So now we offer our thanks
for the beauty of these islands;
for the wild places and the bush,
for the mountains, the coast and the sea.**

**We offer thanks and praise to God for this good land;
for its trees and pastures,
for its plentiful crops
and the skills we have learned to grow them.**

**Our thanks for marae and the cities we have built;
for science and discoveries,
for our life together,
for Aotearoa, New Zealand.**

Confession:

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be
and do as members of Christ's body.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

**Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed
to support one another and to be what we claim to be.**

**Forgive us where we have failed to serve You;
and where our thoughts and actions have been
contrary to Yours we ask Your pardon.**

Absolution:

Mā te Atua e muru ō koutou hara; kia mau te rongo.
God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

Kia koa, kia hari,
ko te Karaiti te aranga, te tāroi o te riri.

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection,
reconciliation for all the human race.

**We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together.
Praise to God who has created us,
praise to God who has accepted us,
praise to God who sends us into the world.**

Sentence:

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your
cross and follow him.

Matthew 16:24–25

Collect:

**God of unchangeable power,
our strength at all times;
guard us from all dangers
and support us in all difficulties
that we may live victoriously now and forever;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

A reading from the book of Exodus: *Exodus: 3:1-15*

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

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 44b

Give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord:
make known to the nations what God has done.

Sing to God, O sing God's praise:
tell of all the wonderful deeds of the Most High.

Exult in God's holy name:
let the heart of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Turn for help to the Lord your strength:
and constantly seek God's presence.

Remember the marvellous things the Most High has done:
the wonders, and the judgments God has given,

O children of Abraham the servant of God:
O offspring of Jacob the chosen of the Lord.

Then Israel came into Egypt:
Jacob settled in the land of Ham.

There Lord you made your people fruitful:
and they became stronger than their enemies,

whose hearts you turned to hatred of your people:
and to deceitful dealing with your servants.

Then you sent Moses your servant:
and Aaron whom you had chosen.

so that they might keep your statutes and obey your laws:
Whaka'moemi'titia a lhowā. / O ' praise - the Lord.

**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 Romans: *Romans 12:9-21*

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Gradual Hymn:

"Take up thy cross," the Savior said,
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after Me."

Take up thy cross, let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only they who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Gospel:

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

Matthew 16:21-28

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ, the Word.

Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith:

**You, O God are supreme and holy
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to You.
You have revealed and proved Your love for us in Jesus Christ,
Who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be Your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; You overcome death.**

**You are our God.
We worship You.**

Prayers of the People:

*Let us pray for the Church and the world giving thanks for God's
goodness.*

Today we celebrate and give thanks for the Five Marks, which guide and provide a basis for everything that is done at Anglican Missions and Anglican World Aid, and we pray for Ecumenical Bodies including Christian World Service and Uniting Churches of Aotearoa.

We pray also for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Viv, Lynda, Lawrence, Jon, Reg, Angela R, and Robyn.

**Praise to You abundant God, for when we ask, You give;
when we seek, You show the way.
When we knock, You answer.
Praise to You for Your unfailing grace.
Make us now Your faithful people. Amen.**

The Peace:

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace.

Who breaks down the walls that divide.

The peace of God be always with you.

Praise to Christ Who unites us in peace.

Offertory Hymn:

Do all the good you can,
to each and every man,
woman and child.
This is the way to live,
at one with those who give,
so others can then live,
life to the full

Do all the good you can,
by all means you can,
this is our prayer.
So, look for ways that seek,
poverty to defeat,
hopelessness to unseat,
Life to secure

Do all the good you can,
In all the ways you can,
To all you can.
Let us be colour blind,
accept all God designed,
all al be loving, kind
this is our prayer

Do all the good you can,
during your whole lifespan,
this is God's plan.
For you and all who seek,
to make this life complete,
sharing with all you meet,
faith, hope and love.

Blessing of the Offertory

Blessed are you, 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 for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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 the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give You thanks
through Jesus Christ.

You said: 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in
our darkness. For You the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear Your Word, to do Your will and to be fulfilled in Your love. It is right to thank You. You sent Your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

You sent Your Son to give His life to release us from our sin.
His cross has taken our guilt away.

You send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide,
to warn and to revive Your Church.

Therefore, with all Your witnesses who surround us on every side,
countless as heaven's stars, we praise You for our creation and our
calling with loving and with joyful hearts.

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just, glory and goodness
come from You. Glory to You, most high and gracious God.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son,
who washed his disciples' feet.
'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died
he took bread and gave 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 gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you, shed for all,
to forgive sin;
do this to remember me.

Therefore, with this bread and wine we recall Your goodness to us.

**God of the past and the present, we Your people remember
Your Son. We thank You for His cross and rising again,
we take courage from His ascension; we look for His
coming again in glory, and in Him we give ourselves to You.**

Send Your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body
may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share His cup
draw strength from the one true vine.

**Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite.
Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.**

For You the heavenly One make all things new;
You are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

**Praise, glory, and love be Yours, this and every day,
from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.**

Silence

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:

Te tinana o te Karaiti i whatia mō tātou.

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

Christ is the bread of life.

I maringi ōna toto hei murunga hara.

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

Christ is risen from the dead.

The Invitation:

*Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,
tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.*

Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

Communion

Post Communion Sentence:

Tender God,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands
the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Prayers after Communion:

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

**Therefore, we offer all that we are
and all that we shall become.**

Accept O God, our sacrifice of praise.

**Amen. Accept our thanks for all You have done.
Our hands were empty, and You filled them.**

Blessing:

May Christ be within us to keep us,
beside us to guard,
before us to lead,
behind us to protect,

beneath us to support,
above us to bless.

receive this blessing in the name of God, The Lover, The Beloved, and
The Love Between

May it rest on you, all those you love, those who love you, and those
you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn:

Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode:
on the rock of ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
with salvation's walls surrounded
you may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters
springing from eternal love!
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove:
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
grace, which like the Lord the giver
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near:
thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name:
fading are the world's best pleasures,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

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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