

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



Sunday, 8 September 2024
Ordinary Time 23

Processional Hymn:

All people that on earth do dwell
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
serve Him with joy, His praises tell
come now before Him and rejoice

Know that the Lord is God indeed
He formed us all without our aid
we are the flock He loves to feed
the sheep who by His hand are made

O enter then His gates with praise
and in His courts His love proclaim
give thanks and bless Him all your days
let every tongue confess His name

The Lord our mighty God is good
His mercy is forever sure
His truth at all times firmly stood
and shall from age to age endure

Praise God the Father, God the Son
and God the Spirit evermore
all praise to God the Three in One
let heaven rejoice and earth adore.

Welcome and Greeting:

In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **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 good Shepherd who knows and cares for every one of the sheep in different folds. In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile; in Christ there is no discrimination of gender, class or race. In Christ the poor are blessed; the simple receive truth hidden from the wise.

**Alleluia! God of justice and compassion
You give us a work to do and a baptism
of suffering and resurrection.**

**From You comes the power to give to others
the care we have ourselves received,
so that we and all who love Your world,
may live in harmony and trust.**

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:

God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

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:

So speak and so act, as those who are to be judged by the law of
liberty.

James 2: 12

Collect:

**God the strength of all who believe in You, increase our faith
and trust in Your Son Jesus Christ, that in Him we may live
victoriously, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Isaiah 35: 4-7a

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

Psalm 146

Whakamoemititia a Ihowa. Praise the Lord O my soul
As long as I live, I will praise the Lord

Yes, as long as I have life
I will sing praises to my God

Put no trust in princes, nor in any human power
For in them there is no help

When they breathe their last, they return to dust
Then all their plans come to nothing

Happy are those whose Helper is the God of Jacob
Whose hope is in the Lord their God

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them
Who keeps a promise forever

Who defends the cause of the oppressed
And gives food to the hungry

The Lord sets free the prisoner and gives sight to the blind
**The Lord raises up those bowed down,
and loves those who are just**

The Lord cares for the stranger in the land
and sustains the widows and orphans
But turns the way of the wicked to ruin

The Lord shall reign forever

**Your God, O Jerusalem, shall reign for all generations
Whakamoemititia a Ihowa. 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 of James:

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep

warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2: 1-17

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Gradual Hymn:

Give thanks with a grateful heart
give thanks to the Holy One
give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

And now, let the weak say I am strong
let the poor say I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us

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Give thanks, give thanks

Gospel:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Praise and glory to God.

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and

throw it to the dogs.’ But she answered him, ‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’ Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter.’ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

Mark 7: 24-37

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:

Today we pray for the continued development of the Anglican Alliance Partners in Risk and Resilience (PiRR) tool, and for the people of the Mount Maunganui Parish and their clergy.

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

**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:

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise
my great Redeemer's praise
the glories of my God and King
the triumphs of His grace
the triumphs of His grace
the triumphs of His grace

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease
and bids our sorrows cease
this music in the sinners ears
is life and health and peace
is life and health and peace
is life and health and peace

He breaks the power of cancelled sin
He sets the prisoner free
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me
His blood availed for me
His blood availed for me

He speaks and listening to His voice
new life the dead receive
new life the dead receive
the mournful broken hearts rejoice
the humble poor believe
the humble poor believe
the humble poor believe

My gracious Master and my God
assist me to proclaim
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of Your Name
the honours of Your Name
the honours of Your Name.

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.

*Ko te hari mo to mātou whakaorangia, e te Atua o Tua-whakarere,
ki te tuku whakawhetai ki a koe I roto I a Ihu Karaiti.*

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.

I tukua mai e koe tau Tama kia whakamatea hei toha I te ora, hei wewete I o mātou hara. Kua unuhia o mātou he e tona ripeka.

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.

*Ka aru mātou i a te Karaiti
Tui, tui, tuituia mātou.
Tuia, ki te mamae
Tuia ki te tumanako
Tui, tui, tuia ki te ora.*

**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.**

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:

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

Christ is the bread of life.

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

Christ is risen from the dead.

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

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 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 God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be with you, with all those you love, and with those you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn:

Thou Whose Almighty Word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight
hear us we humbly pray
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray
let there be light

Thou Who didst come to bring
on Thy redeeming wing
healing and sight
health to the sick in mind
sight to the inly blind
O now to humankind
let there be light

Spirit of Truth and Love
life-giving holy Dove
speed forth Thy flight
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light

Holy and blessed Three
glorious Trinity
Wisdom, Love, Might
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride
though the earth far and wide
let there be light.

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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