

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Otumoetai



Sunday 13 September 2020 10am

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome and Greeting

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

Amen.

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.**

Forgiveness

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

**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.**

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Sentence

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Psalm 130:3-4

Collect

**Compassionate God,
your forgiveness is more than we can imagine.
Enable us to take hold of the forgiveness you offer
and to have the grace to forgive others as we are forgiven.
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

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to

him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Genesis 50.15-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Romans

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Romans 14.1-12

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Gospel

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

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ ²²Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.’

²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” ³⁴And in anger his lord

handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.
³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Matthew 18.21-35

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

Sermon

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the people of the Central Hawkes Bay parish and their clergy, and for the Bible Society of New Zealand.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Cherie, Sherryl, Phyllis, Ron & Sue, Norman & Dinah, Colin.

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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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 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.

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 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 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.**

As Christ teaches us we pray (saying 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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of bread

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The Invitation

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

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 music

Sentence after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer 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 to 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

The Lord bless you and keep watch over you;
the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord look lovingly on you and give you peace...

..and the blessing of God,
the Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life,
be with you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Notices

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Dismissal

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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