

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

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



**Sunday 20 September 2020 10am**

**25<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## **HYMN**

### **Sentence**

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own  
doing; it is the gift of God. *Ephesians 2:8-9*

### **Collect**

**God of grace,  
you are kind to all people,  
good beyond our understanding.  
Help us to be grateful for what we have been given  
and merciful and generous with our sisters and brothers.  
Teach us the ways of your kingdom  
where the last will be first and the first will be last.  
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 Jonah**

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. <sup>11</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>12</sup>He prayed to

the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

*Jonah 3.10-4.11*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I

will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – <sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Philippians 1.21-30*

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## **HYMN**

### **Gospel**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” <sup>7</sup>They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came,

each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

*Matthew 20.1-16*

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ the Word**

## **Sermon**

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o te Wheke: Tauranga, Te Puke, Ohinemutu, Te Ngae, Taupo Rohe, and for Mission Partners serving in the Middle East.

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.

## **HYMN**

## **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,*

**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

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**

## 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

### Prayers after Communion

God, you have given us a lodging in this world  
but not an abiding city.

Help us, as a pilgrim people, to endure hardness,  
knowing that at the end of our journey

Christ has prepared a place for us.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen.**

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**

### **HYMN**

### **Dismissal**

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

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