

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 25th September 2022

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them, springing fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day.

Welcome and Greeting

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

Welcoming remarks

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 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.**

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.**

Sentence

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that
you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and
effective.

James 5:16

Collect

**God of resurrection,
where there is death, you bring new life;
challenge our attachment to wealth and power,
so that we may release others
from the chains of poverty, hunger, and injustice,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through the Risen Christ,
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 the prophet Amos

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts:

- ¹Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria!
- ⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
- ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
- ⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
- ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Amos 6.1a,4-7

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the 1st letter to Timothy

⁶There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But

those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

1 Timothy 6.6-19

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Gradual hymn

God has spoken by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging word;
from each age to age, proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
in the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor still holds fast:
God is king, his throne eternal,
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son;
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one:
spoken by the Word incarnate,
Life, before all time began,
light of light, to earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of Man.

God is speaking by his Spirit
speaking to our hearts again;
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith is standing fast:
God abides, his word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.

Gospel

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

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: ¹⁹‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried

away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." ²⁵But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." ²⁷The man who had been rich said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - ²⁸for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." ³⁰He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." ³¹Abraham said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Luke 16.19-31

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon

Prayers of the People

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

Today we pray for the Christian community in Pakistan and for the people of the Southern Hawkes Bay Parish and their clergy.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: 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.

Offertory Hymn

Immortal love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea!

Upon our lips we bear the name
all other names above;
yet love alone knows whence it came,
that all-embracing love.

We may not climb the heavenly steps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.

The margin of his robe we feel
through sorrow and through pain;
we touch the Lord whose love can heal,
and we are whole again.

Through him the earliest prayers are said
that children's lips can frame;
the last low whispers of our dead
are burdened with his name.

Alone, O Love no words can tell,
your saving name is given;
to turn aside from you is hell,
to walk with you is heaven!

Jubilate Hymns version of 'Immortal love, for ever full', John Greenleaf Whittier (1807 - 1892)
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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, (singing)

**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 hymn

Breathe on me, breath of God
fill me with life anew,
that as you love, so I may love
and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
fulfil my heart's desire
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heavenly fire.

Breathe on me, breath of God
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of your eternity.

Prayers after Communion

Lord God, you alone are our true judge,
for you know what we are,
you know what we should be,
and with you there is mercy.
Give us feeling for what is right;
set us on fire to see that right is done.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. **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

Concluding Hymn

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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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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