

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



Sunday, 29 September 2024
Ordinary Time 26

Processional Hymn:

Praise my soul the King of heaven
to His feet thy tribute bring
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
who like me His praise should sing
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King

Praise Him for His grace and favour
to our fathers in distress
praise Him still the same as ever
slow to chide and swift to bless
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness

Father like, He tends and spares us
well our feeble frame He knows
in His hands He gently bears us
rescues us from all our foes
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows

Angels help us to adore Him
Ye behold Him face to face
sun and moon bow down before Him
dwellers all in time and space
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

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:

Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be seasoned?
Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another. *Mark 9:50*

Collect:

God of grace and goodness, You know that by reason of our frailty we cannot but fail; keep us always under Your protection and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A reading from the Book of Numbers:

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.'

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child", to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once - if I have found favour in your sight - and do not let me see my misery.'

So the Lord said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.'

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!'

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19: 7-14

The Law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul

**The instruction of the Lord is sure,
and gives wisdom to the simple**

The precepts of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart

**The commandment of the Lord is pure
and gives light to the eyes**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever

The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous every one

They are more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold

Sweeter also than honey, pure honey from the comb

By them is Your servant taught

And for keeping them there is great reward

Who can discern unwitting sins

O cleanse me from all my secret faults

Keep Your servant also from presumptuous sins,

lest they get the better of me

Then I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence

Let the words of my mouth, and the thoughts of my heart

**Be acceptable in Your sight,
O Lord my Strength and my Redeemer.**

**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:

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore 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. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

James 5: 13 – 20

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Gradual Hymn:

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us
You are one with us, Mary's Son
Cleansing our souls from all their sin
pouring Your love and goodness in
Jesus our love for You we song
living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day
teach us how to pray, Son of God
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of You
into our lives Your pow'r breaks through
living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us
born as one of us, Mary's Son
led out to die on Calvary
risen from death to set us free
living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to You
live my life for You, Son of God
all Your commands I know are true
Your many gifts will make me new
into my life Your pow'r breaks through
living Lord.

Gospel:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Praise and glory to God.

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for

you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Mark 9: 38-50

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 Tearfund New Zealand and for all those involved in Mission to Seafarers.

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

**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:

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on His love with sweetest song
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on His Name

Blessings abound where'er He reigns
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains
the weary find eternal rest
and all the humble poor are blest

To Him shall endless prayer be made
and praises throng to crown His head
His Name like incense shall arise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King
angels descend with songs again
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

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:

O God our help in ages past
our hope for years to come
our shelter from the stormy blast
and our eternal home

Beneath the shadow of Your throne
Your people lived secure
sufficient is Your arm alone
and our defence is sure

Before the hills in order stood
or earth from darkness came
from everlasting You are God
to endless years the same

A thousand ages in Your sight
are like an evening gone
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun

Time, like an ever rolling stream
will bear us all away
we pass forgotten, as a dream
dies with the dawning day

O God our help in ages past
our hope for years to come
be our defence while life shall last
and our eternal home.

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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