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



Sunday, 5 October 2025

Ordinary Time 27

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 from 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 recreation, of the new day.

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:

Who is the greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? But I am among you as One Who serves.

Luke 22:27

Collect:

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, keep us under the protection of Your good providence, and help us continually to revere and love Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk: Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37: 1-9:

Do not fret because of the wicked: or envy those who do evil.

For they will soon dry up like the grass: and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord and do good:
then you shall dwell in the land, and there find safe pasture.

Find your delight in the Lord:

and the Lord will give you your heart's desire.

Commit your life to the Lord:

put your trust in the One who will act for you,

so that the justice of your cause will break forth as the light: your righteousness like the sun at noon.

Be still before the Lord, and wait in patience: do not grieve at the prosperity of those who follow evil purposes.

Refrain from anger, and suppress your rage: do not fret yourself, for that leads only to evil.

Those who do evil shall perish:

but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.

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 second letter to Timothy: 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

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Gradual Hymn:

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it
For by His pow'r, each tree and flower, was planned and made
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry Jesus is Lord

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal In flesh He came, to die in pain, on Calv'rys tree Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding Yet gave His life as ransom thus setting us free

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqu'ror From death He rose, and all His foes, shall own His Name Jesus is Lord! God sends His Holy Spirit To show by works of power that Jesus is Lord

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!

Gospel:

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

Luke 17: 5-10

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:

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

Today we pray for people in the Pacific who are affected in a cruelly routine manner by natural disasters, rising sea levels and unpredictable weather, and for the people of the Waiapu Anglican Cathedral Parish of St John the Evangelist and their clergy.

We pray also for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Viv, Hazel, Lynda, Lawrence, Vaughan.

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.

Share a sign of the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn:

Father, I place into Your hands
The things I cannot do
Father, I place into Your hands
The things that I've been through
Father, I place into Your hands
The way that I should go
For I know I always can trust You

Father, I place into Your hands
My friends and family
Father, I place into Your hands
The things that trouble me
Father, I place into Your hands
The person I would be
For I know I always can trust You

Father, we love to see Your face
We love to hear Your voice
Father, we love to sing Your praise
And in Your Name rejoice
Father, we love to walk with You
And in Your presence rest
For we know we always can trust You

Father, I want to be with You
And do the things You do
Father, I want to speak the words
That You are speaking too
Father, I want to love the ones
That You will draw to You
For I know that I am one with You.

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 whakaoranga, 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.

You sent Your Son to give His life to release us from our sin. His cross has taken our guilt away.

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. Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again: Christ is Sovereign over space and time.

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.

Kei a koe, te whakapai, te korōria, te aroha, I tēnei ra, i tena ra, mai i a mātou, mai i te katoa. I konei, i nga wahi katoa. Amine.

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 āianei

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.

The Invitation:

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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, with all those you love/pray for, and with those you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn:

Love divine, all loves excelling
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus, Thou art all compassion
Pure, unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
Enter ev'ry trembling heart

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast
Let us all in Thee inherit
Let us find the promised rest
Take away the love of sinning
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith, as its beginning
Set our hearts at liberty

Come, Almighty, to deliver
Let us all Thy life receive
Suddenly return, and never
Nevermore Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love

Finish, then, Thy new creation
True and spotless let us be
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heav'n we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

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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