

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Otumoetai



Sunday 18 October 2020 10am
St Luke the Evangelist

Processional Hymn

Saint Luke, beloved physician,
with honour now recall,
who served his Master's mission,
who ministered to Paul;
whose skill to distant ages
bequeathed a gift unpriced,
a gospel in whose pages
we see the face of Christ.

He tells for us the stories
of Jesus here on earth,
the unsung pains and glories
that marked the church's birth;
the Spirit's pow'r in preaching,
the contrite sinner freed,
the grace and mercy reaching
our deepest human need.

For all who work our healing
we lift our hearts in pray'r,
the love of God revealing
in science, skill and care:
his gifts be still imparted
to those who make us whole,
like Luke the tender-hearted,
physician of the soul.

Welcome and Greeting

In the name of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grace and peace to you from God.
God fill you with truth and joy.

This is the day which the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your holy name;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Confession

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to God in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in God's mercy.

Cast your burden upon the Lord
and he will sustain you.

In returning and rest
you shall be saved.

In quietness and trust
shall be your strength.

Silence

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You bring light to those in darkness:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Through the cross of Christ,

God have mercy on you,

pardon you and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness

and keep you in life eternal.

Amen.

Gloria

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!

Peace to all your people through the earth be given:

Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,

Singing alleluias to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:

With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!

Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,

Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,

Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:

Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:

In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

Sentence

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good tidings of salvation. *Isaiah 52: 7*

Collect

**Almighty God,
you inspired Luke the physician to proclaim
the love and healing power of your Son;
give your Church grace through his teaching
to strengthen the afflicted,
heal the desolate
and bind up the broken-hearted;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Isaiah 35.3-6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the 2nd letter to Timothy

⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. ⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his

appearing. ⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹²I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁵You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

2 Timothy 4.5-17

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Gradual hymn

God, you spin the whirling planets,
fill the seas and spread the plain,
Mould the mountains, fashion blossoms,
call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in your image,
would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy
and the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful
in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship,
joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image,
focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people,
we move onward toward your goal.

God, your word is still creating,
calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas,
where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion,
polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image,
we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

Gospel

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

¹The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you".

Luke 10.1-9

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 people of the Westshore Parish and their clergy, and for New Zealand Churches seeking to minister to immigrants and refugees.

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

God the Creator, your will for all people is health and salvation.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

Grant to all who are sick injured, lonely, anxious or depressed a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Pour your grace on broken relationships.

Restore to those in distress soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Sustain and support those who seek your guidance and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death,
and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit
those who are bereaved.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin,
in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

Hear us, Lord of life.

With you, Lord, is the well of life.
and in your light do we see light.

Hear us, Lord of life,
heal us, and make us whole.

**O Lord our God, accept the prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion
upon us and all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,
and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.**

Amen.

The Peace

God makes peace within us – let us claim it.
God makes peace between us – let us share it.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

You healed the sick O Lord,
those ill in body, mind,
gave them the health they craved,
freed lives to pain resigned.
As Luke, the doctor, learned from you,
help those who heal, their faith renew.

As Luke with courage went
to heal, restore and teach,
obedient to his Lord
in spirit, action, speech,
give doctors, nurses, clergy too
the healing power that comes from you.

Give wisdom that accepts
whatever life may bring –
the disappointments, hurts,
the cost of suffering;
teach us to trust in all we do
that to our calling we stay true.

Hold those within your care
with minds depressed, confused,
the lost, abandoned, old
that none may be refused
relief from loneliness and pain.
Uphold them Lord, their hope sustain.

We follow in Luke's steps,
physician, writer, saint,
to bring Christ's health to all
the sick, the frail, the faint;
throughout the world the broken heal;
to humankind your love reveal.

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 Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
the pioneer of our salvation,
one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe,
we praise you for your unfailing gift of life.
We thank you that you make us human
and stay with us
even when we turn from you to sin.

**God's love is shown to us:
while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

In that love, dear God,
righteous and strong to save,
you came among us in Jesus Christ,
our crucified and living Lord.
You make all things new.

In Christ's suffering and cross
you reveal your glory
and reconcile all peoples to yourself,
their true and living God.

In your mercy you are now our God.
Through Christ you gather us,
new-born in your Spirit,
a people after your own heart.
We entrust ourselves to you,

for you alone do justice
to all people, living and departed.

**Now is the acceptable time,
now is the day of salvation.**

Therefore with St Luke
and with all saints and martyrs,
apostles and prophets,
with all the redeemed,
joyfully we praise you and say:

**Holy, holy, holy:
God of mercy, giver of life;
earth and sea and sky
and all that lives,
declare your presence and your glory.**

All glory to you, Giver of life
sufficient and full for all creation.
Accept our praises,
living God, for Jesus Christ,
the one perfect offering for the world,
who in the night that he was betrayed,
took bread,
and when he had given thanks,
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 when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you, and for many,
to forgive sin.
Do this as often as you drink it
to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation,
in the suffering and death
of Jesus our redeemer,
we meet you in your glory.
We lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name.

Here and now, with this bread and wine,
we celebrate your great acts of liberation,
ever present and living in Jesus Christ,
crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty
be our new and living way,
our access to you, Father,
and source of all new life.
In Christ we offer ourselves
to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,
feed us with your life,
fire us with your love,
confront us with your justice,
and make us one in the body of Christ
with all who share your gifts of love.

**Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Creator God.
Amen.**

Inspired by the Lord's Prayer, we pray:

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!
The way of your justice
be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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

Come and take your place at the table of God,
the open table of grace and love,
for these are God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God.**

Communion hymn

We cannot measure how you heal
Or answer ev'ry sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands though bloodied on the cross
survive to hold and heal and warn
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away
the guilt that clings from things long past
the fear of what the future holds
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find
the private agonies inside
the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body mind and soul
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

Sentence and Prayers after Communion

Jesus said: 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'

Luke 5: 31

Jesus, the crucified, let not our feet take us
from suffering to the other side of the road;
keep us, with Luke, helpers, healers and bearers of hope.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake.

Amen

**Lord,
we have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Blessing

You are called and loved by God
and kept safe by Jesus Christ.
Peace and love be yours in abundance
and the blessing of God:
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Notices

Concluding Hymn

Lord you call us to a journey
to a never-ending quest;
always seeking new horizons,
always reaching for the best.

Young or old it makes no difference,
still the journey's just begun,
keep on looking in the distance,
never dream the race is run.

Let the search for truth continue,
may its flame for ever burn –
what we know is only partial,
there is more we need to learn.

Do not fear what seems to challenge,
do not cling to what is dead.
Let the voice of God disturb you –
by the way of Christ be led

Faith must always be evolving,
if it is to stay alive –
not viewed as some destination,
where one day we must arrive.

Lord you call us to a journey,
always taking one step more.
Help us then to keep believing
that you hold the best in store.

Dismissal

Grace be with you.
Thanks be to God.

Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.



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