

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



Sunday, 19 October 2025
Ordinary Time 29

Processional Hymn:

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want
 He makes me down to lie
 In pastures green He leadeth me
 The quiet waters by

My soul He doth restore again
 And me to walk doth make
 Within the paths of righteousness
 E'en for His own Name's sake

Yea though I walk in death's dark vale
 Yet will I fear no ill
 For Thou art with me and Thy rod
 And staff me comfort still

My table Thou hast furnished
 In presence of my foes
 My head Thou dost with oil anoint
 And my cup overflows

Goodness and mercy all my life
 Shall surely follow me
 And in God's House for evermore
 My dwelling place shall be.

Welcome and Greeting:

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

Call to Worship:

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,
release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind
and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

Benedicite Aotearoa:

O give thanks to our God Who is good: Whose love endures for ever.

**You sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky:
give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

**All mountains and valleys, grassland and scree,
glacier, avalanche, mist and snow: give to our God
your thanks and praise.**

You kauri and pine, rata and kōwhai, mosses and ferns:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

**Dolphins and kahawai, sealion and crab,
coral, anemone, pipi and shrimp:
give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Rabbits and cattle, moths and dogs, kiwi and sparrow
and tui and hawk: give to our God your thanks and praise.

**You Māori and Pākehā, women and men, all who inhabit
the long white cloud: give to our God your thanks and praise**

All you saints and martyrs of the South Pacific:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

Silence

Confession:

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.
Let us confess our sins to the Lord, let us not conceal
our wrongdoings.

Silence

God forgives and heals us.

**We need Your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us; some escape us;
some we cannot face.
Forgive us; set us free to hear Your word to us;
set us free to serve You.**

Absolution:

God forgives you. Forgive others; Forgive yourself.

Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
approach God in peace.

Sentence:

Will not God grant justice to those who cry to Him day and night?
Will He delay long in helping them? *Luke 18: 7-8*

Collect:

**Mighty God, strong loving and wise, help us to depend upon Your
goodness and to place our trust in Your Son; Who is alive and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever. Amen.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah: *Isaiah 65: 17-25*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121:

I lift up my eyes to the hills

but where shall I look for help?

My help comes from the Lord

Who has made heaven and earth

The Lord will not let your foot stumble

the One Who guards you will not sleep

The One Who keeps watch over this people

shall neither doze nor sleep

The Lord is the One Who will guard you

the Lord at your right hand will be your defence

so that the sun shall not strike you by day

nor yet the moon by night

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil

Yes it is the Lord Who will keep you safe

The Lord shall take care of your going out, and your coming in

from this time forth and for ever.

**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: 8-12*

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

How deep the Father's love for us
 How vast beyond all measure
 That He should give His only Son
 To make a wretch His treasure
 How great the pain of searing loss
 The Father turns His face away
 As wounds which mar the Chosen One
 Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon the cross
 My sin upon His shoulders
 Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
 Call out among the scoffers
 It was my sin that held Him there
 Until it was accomplished
 His dying breath has brought me life
 I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
 No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom
 But I will boast in Jesus Christ
 His death and resurrection
 Why should I gain from His reward
 I cannot give an answer
 But this I know with all my heart
 His wounds have paid my ransom.

Gospel:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Praise and glory to God.

Luke 8: 22-25

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People:

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

Today we pray for the Anglican Indigenous Network, and for the people of the Waipaoa Parish and their clergy.

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

The Peace:

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Colossians 3: 14 (adapted)

May the peace of God be with you all.

In God's justice is our peace.

E te whānau / Brothers and sisters,
Christ calls us to live in unity.

We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn:

My song is love unknown
My Saviour's love for me
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be
But who am I that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die

He came from heaven's throne
Salvation to bestow
But they refused and none
The longed-for Christ would know
This is my Friend, my Friend indeed
Who at my need His life did spend

Sometimes they crowd His way
And His sweet praises sing
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King
Then crucify is all their breath
And for His death they thirst and cry

Why, what has my Lord done
To cause this rage and spite
He made the lame to run
And gave the blind their sight
What injuries, yet these are why
The Lord most high so cruelly dies

With angry shouts they have
 My dear Lord done away
 A murderer they save
 The Prince of Life they slay
 Yet willingly He bears the shame
 That through His Name all might be free

Here might I stay and sing
 Of Him my soul adores
 Never was love, dear King
 Never was grief like Yours
 This is my Friend in Whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table:

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation:
 through Your goodness we have this bread and wine to share,
 which earth has given, and human hands have made.
 They will become for us the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Spirit of God be with you
And also with you.

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 right indeed, to give You thanks most loving God,
 through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, the first born from the dead,
 the pioneer of our salvation, Who is with us always, 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 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 You 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 You 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 celebrations 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.**

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:

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ

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

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks
 is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The Invitation:

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ
 and Christ in us.**

Post Communion Prayer:

Amid the quarrels which divide the church, we hear the Lord's call for unity, and we pray for reconciliation. Through the bustle of our daily lives, we hear the Lord's call to love, and we pray for patience with one another ...

Through Christ and with all Your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to Your service. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit, to stand with You in Your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Servant, our Friend and Brother. Amen.

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.**

Recessional Hymn:

Forth in Thy Name O Lord I go
 My daily labour to pursue
 Thou Lord alone I choose to know
 In all I think or speak or do

The task Thy wisdom has assigned
 Here let me cheerfully fulfil
 In all my work Thy presence find
 And prove Thy good and perfect will

Thou I would set at my right hand
 Whose eyes my inmost secrets view
 And labour on at Thy command
 And offer all my work to Thee

Help me to bear Thy easy yoke
 And every moment watch and pray
 And still to things eternal look
 And hasten to that glorious day

Gladly for Thee may I employ
 All that Thy generous grace has giv'n
 And run my earthly course with joy
 And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

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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