Welcome! Haere Mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 8 November 2026

Ordinary Time 32

Processional Hymn:

We are many, we are one
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon a loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

Welcome and Greeting:

In the name of God, The Lover, The Beloved, and The Love Between
Amen.

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

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 living water
cleansing, refreshing, making all things new.
Christ is the living bread;
food for the hungry,
strength for the pilgrim and the labourer.

So now we offer our thanks
for the beauty of these islands;
for the wild places and the bush,
for the mountains, the coast and the sea.

We offer thanks and praise to God for this good land;
for its trees and pastures,
for its plentiful crops
and the skills we have learned to grow them.

Our thanks for marae and the cities we have built;
for science and discoveries,
for our life together,
for Aotearoa, New Zealand.

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:

Mā te Atua e muru ō koutou hara; kia mau te rongo.
God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

Kia koa, kia hari,
ko te Karaiti te aranga, te tāroi o te riri.

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:

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. *Matthew 24:42, 44*

Collect:

Father,
let us not serve you grudgingly like slaves,
but with the gladness of children
who delight in you
and rejoice in their work;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

A reading from the book of Joshua: *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7

Give heed to my teaching O my people:
turn your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable:
I will reveal the hidden meanings of things in the past,

things we have heard and known:
and such as our forbears have told us.

We will not hide them from their children,
but declare to the next generation:
your glories O Lord and your might, and the wonders that you have done,

the testimony that you gave to Jacob,
and the law you appointed in Israel:
which you commanded them to teach their children,

that their posterity might know it, the children yet unborn:
and these in turn should arise and tell their children,

that they should put their trust in you:
and not forget your great acts,
but keep all your commandments

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 first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Thessalonians 4:13-18

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury your pardon, Lord;
And where there is doubt, true faith in you

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved, as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved, as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all that we receive;
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Gospel:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Praise and glory to God.

Matthew 25:1-13

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.

As we look towards the New Zealand elections, we pray for wisdom and guidance for all who vote and may our communities remain united, even when we have different opinions, and we pray for the people of Mount Maunganui parish and their clergy.

We pray also for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Viv, Lynda, Lawrence, Jon, Reg, Angela R, and Robyn.

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.

<u>The Peace</u>:

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.

<u>Offertory Hymn:</u>

Christ be with us, Christ behind us,
Christ before us — all around!
Christ in busy, noisy cities,
Christ where hardly rings a sound.
Jesus, you're our Lord and Savior;
On your love we can depend.
Help us see your presence clearly
In each stranger and each friend.

Christ in lines of people fleeing,
Praying that a war will cease;
Christ in battered women's shelters,
Looking for a place of peace.
Christ with people sick or dying,
Loved ones trying hard to cope
In this world of so much suffering,
Christ, you give your people hope.

Christ with children who must struggle,
Working hard for daily food;
Christ in classrooms, learning, growing,
Asking questions, seeking good;
Christ in diners, waiting tables;
Christ in homes where children play
In this world of people working,
Christ, you work through us today.

Christ with all who keep on struggling,
Helping others to be free;
Christ with churches working, searching
For a greater unity;
Christ, in bread and wine, be with us,
Giving strength for each new day
In this world of daily crosses,
Be our joyful, living Way.

Blessing of the Offertory

Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Silence

As our Lord has taught us, let's pray together:

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 forever. Amen.

<u>The Breaking of Bread</u>:

Te tinana o te Karaiti i whatīa mō tātou.
Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.
Christ is the bread of life.

I maringi ōna toto hei murunga hara.
His blood was shed for our forgiveness.
Christ is risen from the dead.

<u>The Invitation:</u>

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,
tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

<u>Communion</u>

<u>Post Communion Sentence:</u>

Tender God,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands
the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

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 Christ be within us to keep us,
beside us to guard,
before us to lead,
behind us to protect,
beneath us to support,
above us to bless.

receive this blessing in the name of God, The Lover, The Beloved, and The Love Between

May it rest on you, all those you love, those who love you, and those you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn:

Arahina, arahina, arahina e te Atua
Tiakina, tiakina, tiakina e te Atua
Arohaina, arohaina, arohaina e te Atua

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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