

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



Sunday, 9 November 2025
Ordinary Time 32

Processional Hymn:

Just as I am, without one plea
 But that Thy blood was shed for me
 And that Thou bidst me come to Thee
 O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, though tossed about
 With many a conflict, many a doubt
 Fightings and fears, within, without
 O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, poor wretched blind
 Sight, riches, healing of the mind
 Yea all I need in Thee to find
 O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
 Because Thy promise I believe
 O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down
 Now to be Thine, yea Thine alone
 O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, of that free love
 The breadth, length, depth and height to prove
 Here for a season, then above
 O Lamb of God, I come.

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:

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord. ‘Those who believe in
Me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes
in Me will never die.’

John 11:25-26

Collect:

Almighty God, You have sent the Spirit of Your Son into our hearts and set us free from the bondage of sin; give us grace to dedicate our freedom to Your service, that we and all Your people may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A reading from the book of Job:*Job 19: 23-27a*

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

Psalm 17: 1-9

Hear my just cause, attend to my cry O Lord
listen to my prayer from lips that do not lie

Let judgment in my favour come forth from Your presence
and let Your eyes discern what is right

You have searched my heart, and visited me by night
**if You test me, You will find no wickedness in me,
 my mouth does not offend**

With regard to human deeds
**because of the Word of Your lips,
 I have avoided the ways of the violent**

My steps have been firm in Your paths
and my feet have not stumbled

I call upon you O God for You will answer me
incline Your ear to me and hear my words

Show me the wonders of Your steadfast love
**for by Your right hand You save from their adversaries
 those who take refuge with you**

Guard me as the apple of Your eye
hide me under the shadow of Your wings

from the wicked who assail me
from deadly foes who surround me

**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 Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians:

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

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Gradual Hymn:

God forgave my sin in Jesus' Name
 I've been born again in Jesus' Name
 And in Jesus' Name I come to you
 To share His love as He told me to

*He said, freely freely you have received
 Freely freely give
 Go in My Name and because you believe
 Others will know that I live*

All power is given in Jesus' Name
 In earth and heav'n in Jesus' Name
 And in Jesus' Name I come to you
 To share His power as He told me to

*He said, freely freely you have received
 Freely freely give
 Go in My Name and because you believe
 Others will know that I live*

Gospel: *Luke 20: 27-38*

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

Praise and glory to God.

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 H&W Williams Memorial Trust and the people of Westshore Parish and their Ministry Support Team.

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

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:

Take my life and let it be
All You purpose Lord for me
Consecrate my passing days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Your love
Take my feet and let them run
With the news of victory won

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips let them proclaim
All the beauty of Your Name

Take my wealth all I possess
Make me rich in faithfulness
Take my mind that I may use
Every power as You shall choose

Take my motives and my will
 All Your purpose to fulfil
 Take my heart it is Your own
 It shall be Your royal throne

Take my love, my Lord I pour
 At Your feet its treasure store
 Take myself and I will be
 Yours for all eternity.

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.**

As our Lord has taught us, let's sing 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.**

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:

Lord God, in this Eucharist which we have shared, You have spoken Your Word of life and nourished us with the mysteries of Christ's body and blood. Bring us, with all who have died in combat or through the injuries of war, to know the joys of heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Who lived and died and was raised to newness of life, to Whom be glory in every age and for eternity. Amen.

**Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them
We will remember 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.**

Recessional Hymn:

Hail to the Lord's anointed
Great David's greater Son
Hail in the time appointed
His reign on earth begun
He comes to break oppression
To set the captives free
To take away transgression
And rule in equity

He comes with succour speedy
 To those who suffer wrong
 To help the poor and needy
 And bid the weak be strong
 To give them songs for sighing
 Their darkness turn to light
 Whose souls, condemned and dying
 Were precious in His sight

He shall come down like showers
 Upon the fruitful earth
 And love, joy, hope like flowers
 Spring in His path to birth
 Before Him on the mountains
 Shall peace the herald go
 And righteousness in fountains
 From hill and valley flow

O'er ev'ry foe victorious
 He on His throne shall rest
 From age to age more glorious
 All-blessing and all-blest
 The tide of time shall never
 His covenant remove
 His Name shall stand forever
 That Name to us is love.

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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