

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



Sunday, 16 November 2025
Ordinary Time 33

Processional Hymn:

Glorious things of thee are spoken
 Zion, city of our God
 He whose Word cannot be broken
 Formed you for His own abode
 On the Rock of Ages founded
 What can shake thy sure repose
 With salvation's walls surrounded
 Thou may smile at all thy foes

See the streams of living waters
 Springing from eternal love
 Well supply thy sons and daughters
 And all fear of want remove
 Who can faint while such a river
 Ever flows thy thirst to assuage
 Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver
 Never fails from age to age

Round each habitation hovering
 See the cloud and fire appear
 For a glory and a covering
 Showing that the Lord is near
 Thus they march, the pillar leading
 Light by night, shade by day
 Daily on the manna feeding
 Which He gives them when they pray

Saviour, since of Zion's city
 I, through grace, a member am
 Let the world deride or pity
 I will glory in Your name
 Fading are the world's best pleasures
 All its boasted pomp and show
 Solid joys and lasting treasures
 None but Zion's children know.

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:

May the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in all ways.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Collect:

Almighty God, You alone can bring order to our unruly wills and affections; give us grace to love what You command and desire what You promise, that in all the changes and chances of this uncertain world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A reading from the prophet Malachi:*Malachi 4: 1-2a.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98:

Sing to the Lord a new song

For the Lord has done marvellous things

With Your own right hand O Lord and with Your Holy arm

You have gained for Yourself the victory

You have made known Your victory

You have displayed Your saving power to all the nations

You have remembered Your faithfulness and Your love
for the house of Israel

And all the ends of the earth have seen Your victory

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth

Sing and rejoice with the sound of melody

Sing to the Lord with the harp

With the harp and the voice of song

With trumpets also and horns

Shout with joy before the Lord our King

Let the sea roar and all that is in it

The world and those who inhabit it

Let the rivers clap their hands

And let the hills rejoice together before the Lord

For You O Lord are coming to judge the earth

**With righteousness You will judge the world
and all the people's with equity.**

**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 3: 6-13

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Gradual Hymn:

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it
This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made

This is the day, this is the day
When He rose again, when He rose again
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it
This is the day when He rose again
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day
When He rose again

This is the day, this is the day
 When the Spirit came, when the Spirit came
 We will rejoice, we will rejoice
 And be glad in it, and be glad in it
 This is the day when the Spirit came
 We will rejoice and be glad in it
 This is the day, this is the day
 When the Spirit came.

Gospel:

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

Praise and glory to God.

Luke 21: 5-19

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:

Today we pray for the local church in Aotearoa, for those who lead the Anglican Church in our Province, and for the three Archbishops of Aotearoa and Polynesia.

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

Breathe on me Breath of God
Fill me with life anew
That as You love so may I love
And do what You would do

Breathe on me Breath of God
Until my heart is pure
Until my will is one with Yours
To do and to endure

Breathe on me Breath of God
Fulfil my heart's desire
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Your heav'nly fire

Breathe on me Breath of God
 So shall I never die
 But live with You the perfect life
 Of Your 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.**

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 Sentence:

We look not to the things that are seen
but to the things that are unseen;
for the things that are seen are transient,
but the things that are unseen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4: 18

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:

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood
Died He for me, who caused His pain
For me, who Him to death pursued
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God, shouldst die for me
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That Thou my God, shouldst die for me

Tis mystery all, th'Immortal dies
Who can explore His strange design
In vain the first born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine
Tis mercy all, let earth adore
Let angel minds enquire no more
Tis mercy all, let earth adore
Let angel minds enquire no more

He left His Father's throne above
 So free, so infinite His grace
 Emptied Himself of all but love
 And bled for Adam's helpless race
 Tis mercy all, immense and free
 For, O my God, it found out me
 Tis mercy all, immense and free
 For, O my God, it found out me

 No condemnation now I dread
 Jesus and all in Him is mine
 Alive in Him, my living Head
 And clothed in righteousness divine
 Bold I approach the eternal throne
 And claim the crown, through Christ my own
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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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