

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Otumoetai



**Sunday 22nd November 2020 10am
OT 34 / Sunday next before Advent
Christ the King**

Processional Hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like incense shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Welcome and Greeting

In the name of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life
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

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.**

Psalm 95.1-7a

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God

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

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with
gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

Psalm 100:1

Collect

**God of majesty and glory, you reign over all.
In the midst of the powers and principalities of this world,
give us clarity to swear our allegiance
to the only true sovereign,
to care for the least of our sisters and brothers
and to dedicate our lives to the coming of your kingdom.
Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1.15-23

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Gradual

Take my hands, Lord, to share in your labours;
take my eyes, Lord, to see your needs.
Let me hear the voice of lonely people,
let my love, Lord bring riches to the poor.

Give me someone to feed when I'm hungry,
when I'm thirsty give water for their thirst;
when I stand in need of tenderness
give me someone to hold who longs for love.

Keep my heart ever open to others;
may my time, Lord, be spent with those in need;
may I tend to those who need your care.
Take my life, Lord, and make it truly yours,
take my life, Lord, and make it truly yours.

Gospel

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

Jesus said to his disciples: ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in

prison and you did not visit me.”⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?”⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.”⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

Matthew 25.31-46

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

Sermon

Hymn

Jesus of the eastern sky
calling from the shore;
"follow me to serve in faith
among the rich and poor"

*Hold my hand embrace the world
rise in my love, aroha;
Take my bread and find new life
rise in my love, aroha.*

Jesus of the roads and hills,
young and old seek out;
I as teacher, friend and guide
help you face your doubts.

*Hold my hand embrace the world
rise in my love, aroha;
Take my bread and find new life
rise in my love, aroha.*

Jesus of marae and hall
covenant of grace
Justice is my love at work
Lord of every race.

*Hold my hand embrace the world
rise in my love, aroha;
Take my bread and find new life
rise in my love, aroha.*

Jesus of the trees and lakes,
nurturing the earth;
I am seed and bubbling spring
harvest of re-birth.

*Hold my hand embrace the world
rise in my love, aroha;
Take my bread and find new life
rise in my love, aroha.*

Jesus of our towns and streets
neighbour to us all;
Give us courage, vision, hope,
Waiapu, stand tall.

*Hold my hand embrace the world
rise in my love, aroha;
Take my bread and find new life
rise in my love, aroha.*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o te Wheke, and rohe of Ngati Porou, Turanga/Whangara, Kahungunu ki te Wairoa, and for the Church of Pakistan.

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

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.

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

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

All within that holy city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
sing, in perfect harmony
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

We as living stones implore you:
Come among us, Lord, today!
with your gracious loving-kindness
hear your children as we pray;
in the fullness of your blessing
In our fellowship display.

Here entrust to all your servants
what we long from you to gain –
that on earth and in the heavens
we one people shall remain,
till united in your glory
evermore with you we reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
one in power and one in glory
while eternal ages run.

Offertory prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven
where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, God of all creation, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty God,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

As Christ teaches us we pray, (singing)

**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 for ever. 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 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.**

During Communion

Taizé chant

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom,
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

Taizé chant

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

Prayers after Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Most loving God, creator and redeemer,
we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

**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

God give to you and to all those whom you love
comfort and peace, light and joy,
in this world and the next...

...and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life
be among you and remain with you always
Amen.

Notices

Concluding Hymn

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

They with faith forever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful hearts and true.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O Christian women, Christian men
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

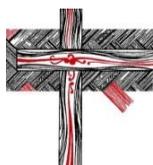
Dismissal

Grace be with you.

Thanks be to God.

Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ



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