

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



**Sunday, 11 February 2024**

*OT 6*

**Processional Hymn:**

All creatures of our God and King  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

*O praise Him, O praise Him*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along  
O praise Him alleluia  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice

*O praise Him, O praise Him*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

All you with mercy in your heart  
forgiving others take your part  
O sing ye, alleluia  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear  
praise God and on Him cast your care

*O praise Him, O praise Him*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

Let all things their Creator bless  
and worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him, alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
and praise the Spirit Three in One

*O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Welcome and Greeting:**

In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Welcoming remarks, Notices and Celebrations*

**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 good Shepherd who knows and cares for every one of the sheep in different folds. In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile; in Christ there is no discrimination of gender, class or race.

In Christ the poor are blessed; the simple receive truth hidden from the wise.

**Alleluia! God of justice and compassion  
You give us a work to do and a baptism  
of suffering and resurrection.**

**From You comes the power to give to others  
the care we have ourselves received,  
so that we and all who love Your world,  
may live in harmony and trust.**

**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:**

God forgives us; be at peace.

*Silence*

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:**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones;  
and give thanks to God's holy name!

*Psalm 30:4*

**Collect:**

**Mighty God, strong, loving and wise, help us depend upon  
Your goodness and to place our trust in Your Son.  
Hear this prayer for Your love's sake. Amen.**

**A reading from the second book of Kings:**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn

your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.’ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.’ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, ‘I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?’ He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, ‘Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and be clean”?’ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

*2 Kings 5: 1-14*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 30:**

I will extol You O Lord for You have lifted me up

**You have not let my enemies triumph over me**

O Lord my God, I cried to You for help

**and You have restored my health**

Lord, You have brought me back from the dead

**You have saved my life from among those  
going down to the Abyss**

Let all Your servants sing praises to You O Lord

**And give thanks to Your holy Name**

For Your anger is but for a moment and in Your kindness is life

**Tears may linger at nightfall, but joy comes with the dawn**

In my prosperity I said, “I shall never be shaken”

**Your favour O Lord has made me as firm  
as any strong mountain**

You turned Your face away from me

**And I was greatly dismayed**

I called to You O God

**To the Lord I made my appeal**

What profit is there in my death

**In my going down to the grave?**

Will the dust give You praise

**Or will it proclaim Your faithfulness?**

Hear O Lord and be gracious to me

**O Lord, be my helper**

You have turned my mourning into dancing

**You have stripped off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy**

So that my heart shall sing Your praise without ceasing

**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.**

**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 first letter to the Corinthians:**

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

*1 Corinthians 9: 24-27*

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## **Gradual Hymn:**

King of glory, King of Peace  
I will love You  
since Your mercies never cease  
faith shall prove You  
You have granted my request  
You have heard me  
though my sinful soul transgressed  
You have spared me

Praises with my utmost art  
I will bring You  
songs of triumph from my heart  
I will sing You  
Though my sins against me cried  
this shall cheer me  
God in Christ has justified  
and will clear me

Seven whole days, not one in seven  
I will praise You  
worship lifts the heart to heaven  
love obeys You  
Once You died when no-one sought  
to console You  
now eternity's too short  
to extol You!

## **Gospel:**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

### **Praise and glory to God.**

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made

clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

*Mark 1: 40-45*

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:**

Today we pray for the youth and children of our Province –  
Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and for the people of the Clive  
Co-operating Parish and their Ministry Support Team.



We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Reece, James.

**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.**

### **The Peace:**

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.**

### **Offertory Hymn:**

Lord be my vision, supreme in my heart  
bid every rival give way and depart  
You my best thought in the day or the night  
waking or sleeping Your presence my light

Lord be my wisdom, be my true Word  
I ever with You and You with me Lord  
You my great Father and I Your true child  
once far away but by love reconciled

Lord be my breastplate my sword for the fight  
be my strong armour for You are my might  
You are my shelter and You my high tower  
raise me to heaven O Power of my power

I need no riches nor man's empty praise  
You my inheritance through all my days  
all of Your treasure to me You impart  
high King of heaven the first in my heart.

### **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.**

*Ko te hari mo to mātou whakaorangia, e te Atua o Tua-whakarere,  
ki te tuku whakawhetai ki a koe i roto i a Ihu Karaiti.*

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.

*I tukua mai e koe tau Tama kia whakamatea hei toha i te ora,  
hei wewete i o mātou hara. Kua unuhia o mātou he e tona ripeka.*

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.**

*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.**

### **The Breaking of Bread:**

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

**Christ is the bread of life.**

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

**Christ is risen from the dead.**

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

### **Communion Hymn:**

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear  
it soothes our sorrows, heal our wounds  
and drives away our fear

It makes the wounded spirit whole  
and calms the troubled breast  
it satisfies the hungry soul  
and gives the weary rest

Dear Name, the Rock on which I build  
my Shield and Hiding Place  
my never-failing treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace

Jesus my Shepherd, Brother, Friend  
my Prophet, Priest and King  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End  
accept the praise I bring

Weak is the effort of my heart  
and cold my warmest thought  
but when I see You as You are  
I'll praise You as I ought

Till then I would Your love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath  
and may the music of Your Name  
refresh my soul in death.

**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 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.**

**Concluding Hymn:**

Thou Whose Almighty Word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight  
hear us we humbly pray  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray  
let there be light

Thou Who didst come to bring  
on Thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight  
health to the sick in mind  
sight to the inly blind  
O now to humankind  
let there be light

Spirit of Truth and Love  
life-giving holy Dove  
speed forth Thy flight  
move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light

Holy and blessed Three  
glorious Trinity  
Wisdom, Love, Might  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride  
though the earth far and wide  
let there be light.

**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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