

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



Sunday, 16 February 2025
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn:

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
 O what a foretaste of glory divine
 Heir of salvation purchase of God
 born of His Spirit washed in His blood

*This is my story, this is my song
 praising my Saviour all the day long
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 praising my Saviour all the day long*

Perfect submission, perfect delight
 visions of rapture burst on my sight
 angels descending bring from above
 echoes of mercy, whispers of love

*This is my story, this is my song
 praising my Saviour all the day long
 This is my story this is my song
 praising my Saviour all the day long*

Perfect submission, all is at rest
 I in my Saviour am happy and blessed
 watching and waiting, looking above
 filled with His goodness, lost in His love

*This is my story, this is my song
praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story this is my song
praising my Saviour all the day long*

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 36: 1-7

Sin speaks to the wicked deep in their heart:
there is no fear of God before their eyes.

They flatter themselves in their own sight:
that their iniquity will not be found out and hated.

The words of their mouth are mischief and deceit:
they have ceased to act wisely and do good.

They plot mischief as they lie in bed:
**they are set on a course that is not good
and hold back from nothing that is evil.**

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens:

Your faithfulness up to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,

Your judgments are like the great deep:

You Lord, save both people and beasts.

How precious is Your steadfast love O God:

mortals take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

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.

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:

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man.
Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Luke 6:23

Collect:

**God of the hungry, make us hunger and thirst for the right,
till our thirst for justice has been satisfied and hunger
has gone from the earth. This we ask through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah: *Jeremiah 17: 5-10*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1:

Blessèd are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked:

**or linger in the way of sinners,
or sit down among those who mock.**

But their delight is in the law of the Lord:

and on that law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted beside a watercourse:

which yield their fruit in due season.

Their leaves also do not wither:

and look, whatever they do it shall prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them:

but they are like the chaff, which is driven away by the wind.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able

to stand when judgment comes:

nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous:

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**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:

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness
and all these things shall be added unto you
allelu, alleluia

*Alleluia, allelu, alleluia
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia*

You shall not live by bread alone
but by every Word
that proceeds from the mouth of God
allelu, alleluia

*Alleluia, allelu, alleluia
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia*

Ask and it shall be given unto you
seek and you shall find
knock and it shall be opened unto you
allelu, alleluia

*Alleluia, allelu, alleluia
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

Gospel:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Praise and glory to God.

Luke 6: 17-26

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 Archbishops of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia – the Most Rev Don Tamihere, the Most Rev Justin Duckworth and the Most Rev Sione Ulu'ilakepa; and for the people of the Taradale Parish and their clergy.

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

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:

Blessed are the pure in heart
for they shall see our God
the secret of the Lord is theirs
their soul is Christ's abode

The Lord Who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring
to dwell in lowliness with us
our pattern and our King

Still to the lowly soul
Himself He will impart
and for His dwelling and His throne
chooses the pure in heart

Lord, we Your presence seek
our inner life renew
give us a pure and lowly heart
a temple fit for You.

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 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 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:

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.**

Prayers after Communion:

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:

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:

Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same
Will you let My Love be shown
Will you let My Name be known
Will you let My Life be grown in you and you in Me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in Me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean in you and you in Me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
Through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?

Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name
Let me turn and follow You and never be the same
In Your company I'll go
where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

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.