

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



Sunday, 19 July 2026
Service of the Word - Sea Sunday

Eternal Father, Strong to save

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whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:

*O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep:

*O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:

*O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

O trinity of love and power,
Shield everyone in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:

*Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

Welcome and Greeting:

We meet in the name of God,
the Creator, Redeemer and giver of Life.
Amen.

The Gathering of the Community

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 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.**

Forgiveness

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.

Silence

**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.**

Hear the word of God to all.
God shows love for us
in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.
Amen.

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

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalms 86:15

Collect

**God of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion, nourish in us all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Job:

Job 38:1, 4-11

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

Psalms 107:23-32

Those who go down to the sea in ships
and ply their trade on great waters

they have seen Your works O Lord
and the wonders You do in the deep

At Your command the stormy wind arose
and lifted up the waves

They were carried up to the sky, and down again to the depths
their courage melted away in their peril

They reeled to and fro, and staggered as if drunken
their seafaring skill was utterly without avail

Then they cried to You O Lord in their trouble
and You rescued them from their distress

You made the storm be still
and the roaring waves were hushed

Then they were glad because it was calm
**and so You brought them to the harbour
where they had longed to be**

Let them thank You O Lord for Your steadfast love
for the wonders that You do for us

Let them extol You in the assembly of the people
and praise You in the council of elders.

**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 the book of Acts:

Acts 27: 27-32, 34-44

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Thanks be to God.

Be Still and Know

Be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God

I am the Lord that healeth thee,
I am the Lord that healeth thee,
I am the Lord that healeth thee

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
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Gospel

Mark 4: 35-41

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

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ the Word

The Homily/Reflection

Creed - Liturgical Affirmation

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.

Offertory Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, Shine on me.

*Shine Jesus, shine! Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit, blaze! Set our hearts on fire,
Flow river, flow! Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your Word, Lord and let there be light.*

Lord I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me.

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Blaze Spirit, blaze! Set our hearts on fire,
Flow river, flow! Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your Word, Lord and let there be light.*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
ever changing from glory to glory
mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
And for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed by God for ever.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Today we pray for the Anglican Indigenous Network and its work in developing, training, and resourcing its international members and we pray for the people of the Greater Hastings Parish and their clergy.

We pray also for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Viv, Lynda, Lawrence, Reg, Jon, Angela R

**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.**

As Christ teaches us we pray

**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 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.

Final prayer

May our Lord Jesus Christ be with us to defend us,
within us to keep us,
before us to lead us,
beside us to guard us,
and above us to bless us. **Amen.**

I, the Lord of sea and sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people's cry
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night,
I will go Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone
give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my words to them
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night,
I will go Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
'til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them,
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
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I will hold your people in my heart*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
ever changing from glory to glory
mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on 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.

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