

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



Sunday, 22 June 2025
Te Pouhere Sunday

Processional Hymn:

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears, within, without
O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, poor wretched blind
Sight, riches, healing of the mind
Yea all I need in Thee to find
O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down
Now to be Thine, yea Thine alone
O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove
Here for a season, then above
O Lamb of God, I come.

Welcome and Greeting:

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

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:

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one
in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3: 28

Collect:

Almighty God, You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in You. So lead us by Your Spirit, that in this life we may live to Your glory, and in the life to come enjoy You forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah: *Isaiah 42: 10-20*

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

Psalm 67:

Be gracious to us O God, and bless us
and make the light of Your face to shine upon us

that Your ways may be known upon earth
Your saving power among all nations

Let the peoples praise You O God
Let all the peoples praise You

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy
**for You judge the peoples righteously,
and guide the nations on earth**

Let the peoples praise You O God
Let all the peoples praise You

The earth has yielded its harvest
and You our God will bless us

Your blessing O God, be upon us
And let all the ends of the world revere You.

**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 Corinthians:

2 Corinthians 5: 14-19

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son
And now, let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

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Give thanks, give thanks

Gospel:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Praise and glory to God.

Luke 6: 46-49

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 refugees as they settle into life in New Zealand,
and for the people of the Rotorua Parish and their clergy.

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

**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:

Praise my soul the King of heaven
To His feet thy tribute bring
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
Who like me His praise should sing
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress
Praise Him still the same as ever
Slow to chide and swift to bless
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness

Father like, He tends and spares us
Well our feeble frame He knows
In His hands He gently bears us
Rescues us from all our foes
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows

Angels help us to adore Him
Ye behold Him face to face
Sun and moon bow down before Him
Dwellers all in time and space
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

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 whakaoranga, 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.

You sent Your Son to give His life to release us from our sin.
His cross has taken our guilt away.

*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.*

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again:

Christ is Sovereign over space and time.

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.

*Ka aru mātou i a te Karaiti. Tui, tui, tuituia mātou.
Tuia, ki te mamea. Tuia ki te tumanako.
Tui, tui, tuia ki te ora.*

**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.

*Kei a koe, te whakapai, te korōria, te aroha,
I tēnei ra, i tena ra, mai i a mātou, mai i te katoa.
I konei, i nga wahi katoa. Amine.*

**Praise, glory, and love be Yours, this and every day,
from us and all people, here and everywhere. 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:

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.

The Invitation:

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

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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, with all those you love/pray for, and with those you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn:

To God be the glory, great things He hath done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father by Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father by Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see

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Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father by Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done*

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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