

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



Sunday, 7 June 2026
Te Pouhere Sunday

Processional Hymn:

Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor,
first-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong Defender,
liftest up Thy people's head.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Jesus, true and living Bread!

Prince of Life, for us Thou livest,
by Thy body souls are healed;
Prince of Peace, Thy peace Thou givest,
by Thy blood is pardon sealed.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Word of God in flesh revealed.

Life-imparting heav'nly Manna,
stricken Rock, with streaming side,
heav'n and earth with loud hosanna
worship Thee, the Lamb who died.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

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 living water
cleansing, refreshing, making all things new.
Christ is the living bread;
food for the hungry,
strength for the pilgrim and the labourer.

**So now we offer our thanks
for the beauty of these islands;
for the wild places and the bush,
for the mountains, the coast and the sea.**

**We offer thanks and praise to God for this good land;
for its trees and pastures,
for its plentiful crops
and the skills we have learned to grow them.**

**Our thanks for marae and the cities we have built;
for science and discoveries,
for our life together,
for Aotearoa, New Zealand.**

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:

Lord of the Church, you have called us to witness to every nation. May we do your work and bear your cross, await your time and see your glory. Hear this prayer for your name's sake. **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 33:1-12

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:

praise comes well from the upright in heart.

Give thanks to the Lord on the harp:

sing God's praise with the ten-stringed lute.

Sing to the Lord a new song:

play loudly with all your skill.

For your word O Lord is true:

and you are faithful in all you do.

You love what is just and right:

the earth is full of your kindness.

By your word were the heavens made:

and the stars in their hosts by the breath of your mouth.

You gathered up the sea as into a water-jar:

you laid up the deep as in a storehouse.

Let all the earth fear you O Lord:

and all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of you.

For you spoke, and the world came to be:

you commanded and it stood firm.

You Lord bring the counsels of the nations to nothing:

and frustrate the designs of the peoples.

Your counsel shall endure for ever:

the purpose of your heart to all generations.

How blest are the people whose God is the Lord:

the people you chose as your own possession.

**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 10:34-43

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

E Te Atua, kua ruia nei, O purapura pai
homai e koe he ngākau hou, kia tupu ake ai.
O God, you have sown the good seed
Give us new hearts in which the seed might grow.

E Ihu, kua e tukua, kia whakangaromia,
me whakatupu ake ia, kia kitea ai ngā hua.
Jesus, do not allow this seed to be lost.
Help it to grow so that we might see the fruit thereof.

A mā te Wairua Tapu rā, mātou e tiaki
kei hoki ki te mahi hē, O mātou ngākau hōu. Amine.
Let the Holy Spirit guide us and protect us,
Lest our new hearts return to our old ways. Amen.

Gospel:

Matthew 7:24-29

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.

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:

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

Today we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and for the people of the East Coast Parish.

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

**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.

Share a sign of the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn:

Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us
you are one with us, Mary's Son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day
teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do,
this in remembrance Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us,
born as one of us, Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
Loving Lord Jesus, help us see,
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through
Living Lord.

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 mamae. 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.**

Silence

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.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me

because the Lord has anointed me;

he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,

to bind up the brokenhearted,

to proclaim liberty to the captives

and release to the prisoners,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor

and the day of vengeance of our God,

to comfort all who mourn,

**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:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet 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.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

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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