



# Wesley Wellington

75 Taranaki Street

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**Sunday 24 October 2021**

**Pentecost 22**

*Haere mai ki tēnei Whare Karakia*

*Welcome to this House of Prayer*



**We are a multi-racial Christian community:  
Methodist in affiliation - Ecumenical in intention  
Diverse in theology - Inclusive in outreach.**

**Kia ora koutou kātoa—Talofa Lava  
Malo e lelei—Bula Vinaka  
Greetings to you all!**

## Order of Service

**Wesley Methodist Church 75 Taranaki Street  
10am Congregation  
24 October 2021 Pentecost 22  
Leader: Rev Utumau'u Pupulu  
Organist: Colin Scarf.**

### Welcome, Introduction & Safety Briefing

#### Lighting the Candle

We light this candle:

**to help us remember that God is with us, and we are not alone.**

We light this candle:

**to help us remember that we are held always in the light of God's love.**

We light this candle:

**to help us remember that God's light shines in us for everyone to see.**

We light this candle:

**to help us remember Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

**May we let our light shine, so that others may know Christ's love."**

**Amen.**

#### Call to worship *(Please stand)*

Magnify the Lord. Exalt God's holy name.

**How can we praise God amidst so much sufferings?**

God is Lord over all both good and evil.

**Only the saints can comprehend such things.**

The Lord hears the pleas of the perishing,  
and transforms the suffering of the faithful, into a deeper joy.

**Restore our fortunes, O God, when calamity strikes.**

Magnify the Lord, you righteous of the Lord.

**We will exalt God's holy name.**

**Amen**

#### Opening Prayer

God our healer, source of everlasting mercy,  
give us the courage to cry out in our need  
when the crowd seeks to silence us,  
as did blind Bartimaeus outside Jericho,

**Give us the wisdom to admit our limitations  
and accept our limited understanding,  
as did Job before us,**

Give us the confidence to sing your praises  
in the midst of fear and doubt,  
as the psalmist did in David's court.

**Grant us your healing balm, O God,  
that we may be truly made well and whole  
and follow you all the days of our lives.  
Amen.**

**Hymn**

**What a friend we have in Jesus**

**H&P 559**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.
4. Blessed Saviour, Thou hast promised  
Thou wilt all our burdens bear  
May we ever, Lord, be bringing  
All to Thee in earnest prayer.  
Soon in glory bright, unclouded,  
There will be no need for prayer  
Rapture, praise, and endless worship  
Will be our sweet portion there.

## Prayer of Yearning

God of mystery and blessing,  
we long to be counted among the wise,  
and not among the foolish,  
who speak without knowledge.

**We yearn to be found among the righteous,  
and not among those who boast without cause,  
we desire to be sincere agents of your grace,  
and not be as those who speak empty words  
without true compassion.**

Give us eyes to truly see,  
when we only see what others have,  
and not what they have lost.

**Give us hearts of flesh,  
when we are absorbed in our own desires,  
and ignore the needs of others.  
As blind Bartimaeus before us,  
grant us the courage to cry out our need,  
for you are over drawing near.  
Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

Christ intercedes for us, and saves everyone  
who comes to God in his name.  
Draw to God through Christ,  
and God will draw near to you.  
**Amen.**

## Hymn      It is well with my soul

1.      When peace, like a river,  
          attendeth my way,  
          when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
          whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
          It is well, it is well with my soul.

### **Refrain**

*It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

2.      Though Satan should buffet,  
          though trials should come,  
          let this blest assurance control,  
          that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
          and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

### **Refrain**

3.      My sin, oh, the bliss  
          of this glorious thought!  
          My sin, not in part but the whole,  
          is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
          praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

### **Refrain**

4. And, Lord, haste the day  
when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.

**Refrain**

- Horatio Gates Spafford 1828-88

## Ministry of the Word

Joy

### **Psalm 34: 1 – 8 (The Message by Eugene Peterson)**

I bless God every chance I get; my lungs expand with his praise. I live and breathe God; if things aren't going well, hear this and be happy: Join me in spreading the news; together let's get the word out. God met me more than halfway, he freed me from my anxious fears. Look at him; give him your warmest smile. Never hide your feelings from him. When I was desperate, I called out, and God got me out of a tight spot. God's angel sets up a circle of protection around us while we pray. Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see - how good God is. Blessed are you who run to him.

### **Mark 10: 46 – 52 (The Message by Eugene Peterson)**

They spent some time in Jericho. As Jesus was leaving town, trailed by his disciples and a parade of people, a blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was sitting alongside the road. When he heard that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by, he began to cry out, "Son of David, Jesus! Mercy, have mercy on me!" Many tried to hush him up, but he yelled all the louder, "Son of David! Mercy, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped in his tracks. "Call him over." Throwing off his coat, he was on his feet at once and came to Jesus. Jesus said, "What can I do for you?" The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "On your way," said Jesus. "Your faith has saved and healed you." In that very instant he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road.

## Sermon

### Hymn

### Master, speak! thy servant heareth

H&P 535

- 1 Master, speak! thy servant heareth,  
waiting for thy gracious word,  
longing for thy voice that cheereth,  
Master, let it now be heard.  
I am listening, Lord, for thee;  
what hast thou to say to me?
- 2 Speak to me by name, O Master,  
let me know it is to me,  
speak, that I may follow faster,  
with a step more firm and free,  
where the Shepherd leads the flock,  
in the shadow of the Rock!

3 Master, speak! Though least and lowest,  
let me not unheard depart,  
Master, speak! For O thou knowest  
all the yearning of my heart,  
knowest all its truest need,  
speak! and make me blest indeed.

4 Master, speak! and make me ready,  
when thy voice is truly heard,  
with obedience glad and steady,  
still to follow every word.  
I am listening, Lord, for thee:  
Master, speak, oh speak to me!

### Prayer of Intercession

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Leader: Jesus, Son of David as you once heard the cry of blind Bartimaeus,  
Hear the cries of your people today.

We pray for the peoples of the world,  
for harmony, justice, and peace,  
for leaders of tribes and nations,  
for those who govern or administer the law,  
for victims of corruption, incompetence, or aggression.  
When we are blind to the injustices we inflict on others,  
when we fail to recognise exploitation and oppression,  
Jesus, Son of David,  
**All: Let us see again.**

We pray for this land and its people,  
for tolerance, compassion, and integrity,  
for all involved in the process of reconciliation,  
for all who are marginalised, unheard, or forgotten.  
When we are blind to the discrimination and prejudice,  
when we lack the vision to forge a common future,  
Jesus, Son of David,  
**All: Let us see again.**

We pray for the church,  
for its ministry and mission in the world,  
for leaders of churches, and for all who bring your good news to others,  
for the clergy and people of this Parish.  
When we are blind to your promises and your purpose,  
when we have too little faith in your power,  
Jesus, Son of David,  
**All: Let us see again.**

We pray for our community, for our families,  
our neighbours and our friends,  
for those who are unemployed and those who are overworked,  
for the homeless, the hungry and those without hope.  
When we are blind to plight of the poor,  
when we are unaware of our selfishness and greed,  
Jesus, Son of David,  
**All: Let us see again.**

We pray for all in need,  
for comfort for the sad and relief for the suffering,  
for the bereaved and the lonely,  
and for those who have lost their sight,  
for the sick and the dying and for all who care for them.  
When we are blind to the distress of those around us,  
when we ignore our own or others' needs,  
Jesus, Son of David,  
**All: Let us see again.**

We remember your faithful people of every age  
and those dear to us whom we now recall.  
May we, like them, place our trust in you,  
receive your healing word and follow in your way,  
that we may come into your presence  
and see the radiance of your glory  
Jesus, Son of David,  
**All: Let us see again.**

### Lord's Prayer

**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.  
Do not put us to the test but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
Now and forever.  
Amen.**

### Offertory Prayer

*(We also acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and online banking)*

Mighty God, just as you restore sight to the blind  
and benevolence to the afflicted,  
use these offerings to provide refuge for the lost  
and mercy for those who suffer.

May our gifts find those who cry out in their need  
and who seek you with their whole hearts.  
We ask this in Jesus' name,  
the name above all names.  
**Amene.**

## Notices & Sharing

Hymn      **Take my life and let it be**

**H&P 705**

1.    Take my life, and let it be  
      Consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
      Take my moments and my days  
      Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
  
2.    Take my hands, and let them move  
      At the impulse of Thy love  
      Take my feet, and let them be  
      Swift and beautiful for Thee.
  
- 3     Take my voice, and let me sing  
      Always, only for my King  
      Take my lips, and let them be  
      Filled with messages from Thee
  
- 4     Take my love; My Lord, I pour  
      At thy feet its treasure store  
      Take myself, and I will be  
      Ever, only, all for Thee

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79)

## Benediction

We once were broken, but now are whole.

**We go with peace in our hearts.**

We once were blind, but now we see.

**We go with hope for our lives.**

We once were lost, but now are found.

**We go with joy and thanksgiving.**

**We go with God.**

**AMEN.**

## The Grace

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**The love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,**

**Amen.**

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