



# Wesley Wellington

75 Taranaki Street

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**Sunday 31 October 2021**

**Pentecost 23**

*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  
31 October 2021 Pentecost 23  
Leader: Faafetai Faalogo  
Organist: Colin Scarf**

### **Greetings & Welcome, Introduction & Safety Briefing**

#### **Lighting of the candle:**

*We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ,  
which cannot be held back by distance,  
which shines in each one of us,  
no matter where we are.*

#### **Call to Worship: (Psalms 146:5-10)**

Come, gather now as God's rainbow people, fellow travellers  
whose many journeys meet here.

**In the name of God, we gather,  
we challenge ourselves to grow in love and dream.**

God enfolds us, brings us life and breath;

Christ is our light to show the way;

**Come, Holy Spirit, inspire us in our worship.**

#### **Prayer of approach:**

Gracious God,

once again you have called us together in this place.

**Here we open our hearts and lives before you,  
here we seek to hear Your life-giving Word.**

God in this time of song and prayer and speech,

**open our very souls to receive your challenge,  
open our wills to accept your instruction.**

**Turn our mourning into dancing,  
replace our sackcloths with garments of joy.**

And when our time of worship is ended,

**lead us back out into the world  
to share the your LOVE with the world around us.**

We pray in the name of the One who brought Your healing love,  
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

**Amen.**

**Hymn:** He came singing love

WOV 636

1. He came singing *love*  
and he lived singing *love*;  
he died, singing *love*.  
He arose in silence.  
For the *love* to go on  
we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.
2. He came singing *faith*  
and he lived singing *faith*;  
he died, singing *faith*.  
He arose in silence.  
For the *faith* to go on  
we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.
3. He came singing *hope*  
and he lived singing *hope*;  
he died, singing *hope*.  
He arose in silence.  
For the *hope* to go on  
we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.

4. He came singing *peace*  
and he lived singing *peace*;  
he died, singing *peace*.  
He arose in silence.  
For the *peace* to go on  
we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.

*Colin Alexander Gibson 1933-*

### **Words of Assurance** (let us stand)

**I will trust in your unfailing love;  
I will rejoice because you have rescued me!  
I will sing to the Lord,  
because he has been so good to me.**

**Young Moment:** “Jimmy’s Heart”

**Readings:** Ruth 1:1-18. Mark 12:28-34.

### **SERMON**

**Hymn:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus      WOV 165

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.  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O 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?  
Jesus only is 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.

Joseph Medlicott Scriven 1819-86 Public Domain

**Community Sharing:** *(please remember Covid restrictions)*  
'Peace of God be with you'

## Notices

### **Intercessory Prayer:**

(Lord's prayer in the language of your choice)

**Offering:** There are many ways to serve our God.  
Let us receive our offering...

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

**We have a rich inheritance of faith.**

**Bless the gifts we bring, to restore hope to the  
hopeless, and faith to those who despair.**

**We offer ourselves as we are, that we may follow you  
with all our heart. Amen.**

1. Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in endless praise,  
let them flow in endless 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,  
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,  
filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

## **Benediction**

**We go forth into the world to serve God,  
in our daily lives as a continuation of our worship;  
so that our work is our worship,  
until such time as when God brings us together to worship in  
this place.**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever  
more. Amen!**

## **Three Fold**

**Amen**

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