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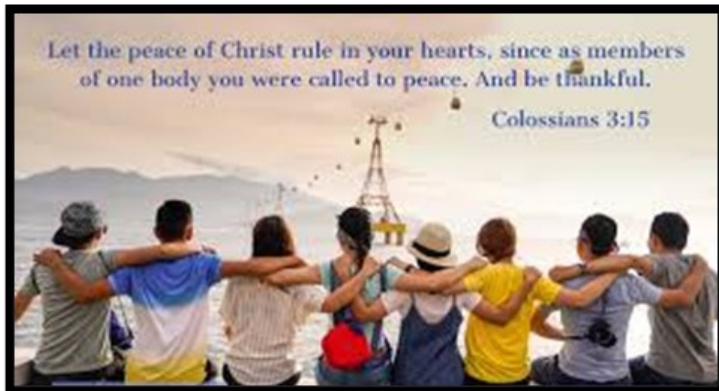
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Pentecost 19

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

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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Rev Utumau'u Pupulu
Organist: Colin Scarf

WELCOME & SAFETY BRIEFING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev Utumau'u Pupulu

Leader Walk humbly before the Lord
even in hardship and pain.

**All We will live with integrity before God
all the days of our lives.**

Leader Walk faithfully before our God,
even when put to the test.

**All We will honour the Lord our God
all the days of our lives.**

Leader Come! Let us worship.
Amen

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you spoke to our ancestors long ago
through your prophets and teachers,
but today you speak to us through your Son.
In the midst of life's trials and tribulations,
help us keep our integrity
and walk faithfully in your ways.
Help us listen to the words of your Son
and become like children again,
that we may rejoice in your kingdom
and trust in your Spirit.
Amen.

HYMN: *All people that on earth do dwell*

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1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make:
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
4. For why the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all time firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

William Kethe (d. 1594)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader Mysterious One, your ways can seem inscrutable
When the road of life is smooth,
and the world is our oyster,
you seem to welcome us with open arms.

**All But when calamity strikes
and our need for you becomes desperate,
it feels like you slam the door between us,
and we are left in the agony of silence.**

Leader We know how Jesus felt on the cross.
We also know his faith in you never wavered.
Give us the faith of Jesus,
who taught his disciples to pray to be spared
from the time of trial.

**All May we come to see your Presence,
whether we are receiving
the good from your hand or the bad,
for truly, you never leave us.
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader Rejoice, for we are sanctified by God
and Jesus calls us brothers and sisters.
As Christ's sisters and brothers,
rest secure in the assurance of God's saving love.
Amen.

10am Singing Group: Like a River Glorious

(Accompanied by Heather on guitar)

1. Like a river glorious, is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious, in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth, fuller every day,
Perfect, yet it groweth, deeper all the way.
Refrain:
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

2. Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.
Refrain

3. Every joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
We may trust Him fully all for us to do.
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.
Refrain

Words: FR Havergal. Music: James Mountain.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Mark 10: 2 – 16 (NRSV)

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits

adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

PRAYER (*Silent—reflect on theme*)

Leader Source of unity and strength,
in our longing for wholeness

**All We reach out to your Son,
whose touch heals our brokenness,
in our yearning for community,**

Leader we take hold of the promises of Christ,
whose life and love bind us together as one.

**All From lives of separation and distrust,
knit us into one family,
where all are welcomed and honoured.
Amen.**

SERMON Theme: **“We are One”**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Loving God,
hear the prayers we bring to you for the world
and for the church

We pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the world
for all who exercise authority and all who work
for justice and peace
for your people enslaved and exploited, hungry and homeless.
Give to us the generous heart of a little child, that
we may be open to receive your reign of justice.
Loving God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers with whom we
share this land
for those whose ancestors settled this land and
those who are new arrivals,

for those taken from their families and those who are neglected or abused.

Give to us the contrite and forgiving heart of a little child, that we may be open to receive your reign of reconciliation.

Loving God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who are members of your worldwide church, for those who are newly baptised or confirmed for children in Sunday schools and youth groups and members of this parish.

Give to us trusting heart of a little child, that we may be open to receive your reign of grace.

Loving God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our sisters and brothers with whom we live in this community,

for civic leaders and all who contribute to the welfare of this city,

for our families and friends, for our neighbours and for ourselves

Give to us the warm and welcoming heart of a little child, that we may be open to receive your reign of love.

Loving God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who are in trouble or need, for the unemployed for those trapped in

addictions, and for all without hope,

for the lonely and sorrowing for the sick and all who are in pain.

Give to us the hopeful heart of a little child, that we may be open to receive your reign of healing.

Loving God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We remember our sisters and brothers in the whole company of heaven,

all who throughout the ages have followed you with child-like faith,

all whom we have loved and those of this parish who have gone before us.

Give to us the faithful heart of a little child, and at our death takes us in your arms and bring us home, that with all your children we may enter your eternal Kingdom. Loving God, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

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)

**God of love, just as you speak to us through a Son,
speak to your world through our gifts.
May our offering receive your blessing,
and go forth to bring life and love
to a world in need of both.
Amen.**

Notices

HYMN

We are many we are one

- 1 We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.
- 2 All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,

find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon the loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

- 3 We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

Colin Gibson

BENEDICTION

Leader As you have refreshed us at your table
**All weave us together as one body, one people,
a people of integrity in the midst of trials.**

Leader As you have shared your sacred meal with us,
**All strengthen us, that we may be united in faith,
a faith that spans the globe and the ages.**

Leader As you have blessed us with your loving presence,
**All send us forth in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of your Spirit.
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.**

*Because of alert level 2, we are unable to have shared refreshments
Thank you for joining us for today's service.*