



# Wesley Wellington

75 Taranaki Street

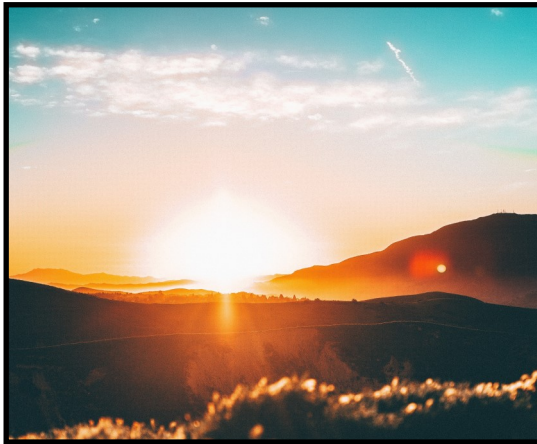
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**Sunday 7 November 2021**

**Pentecost 24**

*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 katoa—Talofa Lava  
Malo e lelei—Bula Vinaka  
Greetings to you all!**

## Order of Service

Wesley Methodist Church 75 Taranaki Street  
10am Congregation  
7 November 2021 Pentecost 24  
Leader: Simote Taunga  
Organist: Colin Scarf

### Greetings & Welcome, Introduction & Safety Briefing

### Invitation and Gathering

#### *Centering Words*

Care for us Holy One,  
and help us see the goodness  
of your caring presence in our lives.  
Help us welcome you into our homes.  
Help us release toil and anxiety and find peace.

#### **Lighting the candle.**

#### ***Call to worship***

Leader: Love the Lord your God.

**All: We love with all our heart.**

Leader: Love the Lord your God.

**All: We love with all our soul.**

Leader: Love the Lord our God.

**All: We love with all our mind.**

Leader: Love the Lord our God.

**All: We love with all our strength.**

#### ***Opening Prayer***

Abiding and caring God,  
help us remember that you are present with us,  
calling us to be our best selves.  
Help us learn to love ourselves,  
that we might learn to love our neighbours.  
With the caring example of Christ,  
we seek to be your love and care in the world.  
Amen.

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life in atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in:

*Chorus*

*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, through Jesus the Son:*

*And give him the glory - great things he has done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God!  
And every offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives:
3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see:

- Frances Jane van Alstyne (1820-1915)alt.

***Prayer of Confession and Response***

O God, we have not invested all that we are -  
our heart, minds, soul, and strength -  
in loving you. And each day,  
we struggle to love one another to the fullest.  
Receive our heartfelt confession,  
and hear our gratitude  
for your grace and forgiveness.  
Amen.

### **Word of Assurance**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

### **Response to the word**

We will care as Boaz cared for Ruth.

We will care as Naomi cared for the ancestors of Christ.

We will care as Jesus taught us to care

For our neighbours and ourselves.

### **The Lord's Prayer** - *Let us say together*

**Our Father in heaven, holy be your name,**

**Your kingdom come,**

**your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day 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.**

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **Psalm 127**

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in

vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat, for

he grants sleep to those he loves. Children are a heritage from

the LORD, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a

warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose

quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they

contend with their opponents in court.

## **Mark 12: 38-44**

As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.” Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

## **Reflection**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Leader: We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

**All: We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new, by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**To celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others,**

**To seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,**

**Crucified and rise, our Judge and our Hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

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

**HP 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)

## Prayers of Intercession

Leader: We pray, loving God, for your church throughout the world; that it may share in the work of Christ, revealing your grace and reconciling power;

**All: That all Christians may love one another as you have loved us; that your church may demonstrate the unity which is your will and your gift.**

*Silence*

Leader: We pray for the world; that nations may seek the way that leads to justice and peace;

**All: That human rights and freedom may be represented everywhere, and the world's resources ungrudgingly shared.**

*Silence*

Leader: We pray for the people of this country; that we may recognise the contribution of every race and culture, and that each may work for the good of all;

**All: That we may not exploit one another and that no one be neglected or forgotten.**

*Silence*

Leader: We pray for homes, families and friends; that we may respect our commitments to one another; that marriage may be held in honour; that children may be surrounded with security and love; and that young people may find encouragement and understanding;  
**All: That your love may sustain those who suffer through broken relationships; and that those without homes may find refuge among us.**

*Silence*

Leader: We pray for all who are ill and for those who are distressed in mind or spirit;

**All: That through your gift of healing they may be made whole.**

*Silence*

Leader: We pray for those who suffer for faith and conviction and are tempered to give in because the way is hard;

**All: Help and strengthen them to endure to the end and by their loyal witness draw others to you.**

*Silence*

Leader: We pray that the good news of Jesus Christ may be heard and received throughout the world;

**All: Draw to yourself all who seek truth and goodness; and hasten the day when all your creation will worship you and honour your name.**

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be to our God now and forever. Amen**

### ***Ministry of the Sacrament.***

Leader: We, many as we are, are one body in Christ.  
If we do not love our brothers and sisters whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen.  
The peace of God be with you.

**All: And God's peace be with you.**

*(Please remember Covid restrictions when greeting others)*

**Offertory** (*We will not be collecting the offering today due to Covid restrictions, please leave any offering at the back of the church and we will collect it after the service*)

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

Help us give ourselves with abandon to one another  
as Naomi and Ruth gave themselves to each other.

Help us give ourselves without anxiety in service.

Help us give in ways that help this congregation  
mend lives through love.

May these gifts heal an aching world  
and care for all creation. Amen.

**Thanksgiving** (*please stand*)

Leader: The Lord is here.

**All: God's Spirit is with us.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Prayer**

Leader: With joy, we give you thanks and praise, Creator God, giver of light and life. You made us all in your own image and gave us the earth to care for and enjoy. When we turned away from you, you did not abandon us to the darkness. You drew us to you in covenant and led us out of bondage into freedom. You gave us the law to teach us how to live. Through the prophets you cried out for justice and gave us the promise of your kingdom on earth.

**All: Above all we thank you for Jesus Christ, your living Word. Born into a human family, he became one of us, restoring broken humanity, offering to all the liberation of forgiveness and new life. He taught the people, healed the sick, gave dignity to the despised and took the side of the poor. By word and action he challenged the powerful and declared the coming of your kingdom.**



Leader: Although rejected and betrayed, his self-giving love conquered all, even death on the cross. You raised him victorious over death so that he might be with us for ever. Through your spirit you have brought the church to birth and empowered us to give this good news to all. Therefore with all your people in heaven and on earth we worship and praise your glorious name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and after giving thanks broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we proclaim; your resurrection we celebrate; your coming we await. Amen.**

### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Bind us into one body, that we may grow into the fullness of Christ who is the head.

**All: Amen.**

**All: We come to your table, conscious of our own shortcomings, but trusting in your love and mercy, Humbly we take this bread and wine, recognising in you that life we seek for ourselves but which is not yet fully our own. So, gracious Lord, we eat this bread and drink this wine, believing that you will grow in us and we in you. Amen.**

Behold the Lamb of God who take away the sin of the world.

## **Breaking of the bread**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
The wine which we pour is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

## **Communion**

Leader : Draw near in faith and take this holy sacrament in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

## **Prayer after the communion**

**All: Father of all,  
We give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living he declared your love,  
gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

**Hymn    Guide me O Thou great Redeemer    H&P 437**

I    Guide me, O my great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
Hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore,  
Feed me now and evermore.

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
Where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Ever be my strength and shield,  
Ever be my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever sing to you,  
I will ever sing to you.

William Williams (1717—91)  
tr. Peter Williams (1722-96) and others

## **Extinguishing the candle.**

### **Benediction**

Go out in love to care for strangers  
Go out in love to care for kin.  
Go out in love to care for neighbours.  
Go out in love to care for yourselves, beloved of God  
Amen.

### **Grace**

**All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all.  
Amen.**

**Ma Te Marie** (*sung unaccompanied*) - Traditional Maori hymn

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| 1. | Ma te marie a te Atua<br>Tatou katoa e tiaki;<br>Mana ano e whakau<br>O tatou ngakau ki te pai.                   | The peace of God<br>keep us all;<br>He will confirm<br>our hearts in goodness.       |
| 2. | Ma te Atua Tamaiti ra,<br>Ma te Wairua Tapu hoki,<br>Ratou, Atua kotahi nei.<br>Tatou katoa e whakapai.<br>Amine. | May the Son of God<br>and the Holy Spirit too,<br>one God,<br>bless us all.<br>Amen. |

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***Thank you for joining us for today's service.***

Unfortunately because of alert level 2,  
we are unable to have shared refreshments.

**COVID-19**

Please remember to keep yourself and everyone safe, always wear your mask when around others, keep at least 1m distance between you and those not in your bubble.

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