



Wesley Wellington
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Good Friday - 15 April 2022

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
Combined Service
Wesley Methodist Church 75 Taranaki Street
15 April 2022**

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Organ: Vivien Chiu**

Welcome and Safety briefing

Lighting of candles

*As the darkness deepens, as the story gives us chills,
we light the candles to remind us of the Light that can not be
put out.*

Call to Worship

My God, my God, you are the Holy One
You've been my God since I was in the womb.
You are the one who gave me life
You do not hide your face from me.
You listen when I cry out for help
You are the one who gives me life.

Let all who are suffering
**Let all who remember the sovereign,
worship, praise, and honour God
the giver of life.**
Amen.

Introit

Samoan Choir

Opening prayer

Strong Deliverer, Holy God,
We offer praise to you in this congregation
because you have heard our cries
you have remembered and answered us.

**You have been our strength and our hope.
With confidence. We enter your holy presence
remembering Jesus who led us to you
through the courageous power of his life
and the mystery of his death.**

We draw near with true hearts
bent on praising you and living for you,
in the name of our brother,
who carried the cross,
and in the power of the Spirit,
who rested upon him.

Amen.

Hymn I will sing the wondrous story MHB 380; WOV 171; H&P 223

1. I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ Who died for me,
How He left the realms of glory
For the cross of Calvary.

Refrain

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ Who died for me.
Sing it with his saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.*

2. I was lost, but Jesus found me
Found the sheep that went astray,
Raised me up and gently led me
Back into the narrow way.

Refrain...

3. Faint was I, and fears possessed me,
Bruised was I from many a fall.
Hope was gone, and shame distressed me,
But his love has pardoned all.

Refrain...

4. Days of darkness still come o'er me,
Sorrow's paths I often tread.
But the Saviour still is with me,
By his hand I'm safely led.

Refrain...

5. He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet,
Then at last He'll bring me over
Saved by grace and victory.

Refrain...

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we speak these words
and sing these songs of faith
with a confidence we do not always have.
We remember times when you answered our prayers

and we remember times when we felt alone,
wondering if you even heard us.

**We know what it is to feel sick in spirit
to follow our own inclinations
and wander far away.**

We are the very ones that Jesus came to find and help.
So we put ourselves in your hands
you who make all things whole.

**God, the giver of life,
Jesus, our saviour and brother
and the Spirit that carried Jesus's breath
back to God upon his death
we rest secure in your mighty love.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance

My friends, Jesus opened up
a new and living way to God.
Through him, we are cleansed from all regret
and wrongdoing.
Let us hold onto the confession of our hope,
for God who promises healing and forgiveness is reliable.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer *(In the language of your choice)*

10am Singing group

Ministry of the Word

John 18: 1 – 9 The Betrayal (The Message)

Samoa

Jesus, having prayed this prayer, left with his disciples and crossed over the brook Kidron at a place where there was a garden. He and his disciples entered it. Judas, his betrayer, knew the place because Jesus and his disciples went there often. So Judas led the way to the garden, and the Roman soldiers and police sent by the high priests and Pharisees followed. They arrived there with lanterns and torches and swords. Jesus, knowing by now everything that was coming down on him, went out and met them. He said, "Who are you after?" They answered, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said, "That's me." The soldiers recoiled, totally taken aback. Judas, his betrayer, stood out like a sore thumb. Jesus asked again, "Who are you after?" They answered, "Jesus the Nazarene." "I told you," said Jesus, "that's me. I'm the one. So if it's me you're after, let these others go." (This validated the words in his prayer, "I didn't lose one of those you gave.")

Silence

Prayer

We confess to You, our Lord and Saviour,
that we have betrayed and denied You,
forgotten and doubted You.

Lord have mercy.

John 19: 4 – 15 His Final Trial

(The Message)

10am

Pilate went back out again and said to them, "I present him to you, but I want you to know that I do not find him guilty of any crime." Just then Jesus came out wearing the thorn crown and purple robe. Pilate announced, "Here he is: the Man." When the high priests and police saw him, they shouted in a frenzy, "Crucify! Crucify!" Pilate told them, "You take him. You crucify him. I find nothing wrong with him." The Jews answered, "We have a law, and by that law he must die because he claimed to be the Son of God." When Pilate heard this, he became even more scared. He went back into the palace and said to Jesus, "Where did you come from?" Jesus gave no answer. Pilate said, "You won't talk? Don't you know that I have the authority to pardon you,

and the authority to - crucify you?" Jesus said, "You haven't a shred of authority over me except what has been given you from heaven. That's why the one who betrayed me to you has committed a far greater fault."

At this, Pilate tried his best to pardon him, but the Jews shouted him down: "If you pardon this man, you're no friend of Caesar's. Anyone setting himself up as 'king' defies Caesar." When Pilate heard those words, he led Jesus outside. He sat down at the judgment seat in the area designated Stone Court (in Hebrew, Gabbatha). It was the preparation day for Passover. The hour was noon. Pilate said to the Jews, "Here is your king." They shouted back, "Kill him! Kill him! Crucify him!" Pilate said, "I am to crucify your king?" The high priests answered, "We have no king except Caesar."

Silence

Prayer We confess that again and again we deny You
and betray You with our silence
when we fail to proclaim Your Good News,
when we fail to live out Your teachings
and love our neighbour as ourselves.
Lord have mercy.

John 19: 16 – 22, 28 - 30 The Crucifixion. (The Message) *Tongan*
Pilate caved into their demand. He turned him over to be crucified. Carrying his cross, Jesus went out to the place called Skull Hill (the name in Hebrew is Golgotha), where they crucified him, and with him two others, one on each side, Jesus in the middle. Pilate wrote a sign and had it placed on the cross. It read: Jesus the Nazarene the king of the jews. Many of the Jews read the sign because the place where Jesus was crucified was right next to the city. It was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. The Jewish high priests objected. "Don't write," they said to Pilate, "'The King of the Jews.' Make it, 'This man said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'"" Pilate said, "What I've written, I've written."

Jesus, seeing that everything had been completed so that the Scrip-

ture record might also be complete, then said, "I'm thirsty." A jug of sour wine was standing by. Someone put a sponge soaked with the wine on a javelin and lifted it to his mouth. After he took the wine, Jesus said, "It's done . . . complete." Bowing his head, he offered up his spirit.

Silence

Prayer We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent,
for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Christ have mercy

John 19: 38 – 42 The Burial. (The Message) *Samoa*

After all this, Joseph of Arimathea (he was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, because he was intimidated by the Jews) petitioned Pilate to take the body of Jesus. Pilate gave permission. So Joseph came and took the body. Nicodemus, who had first come to Jesus at night, came now in broad daylight carrying a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. They took Jesus' body and, following the Jewish burial custom, wrapped it in linen with the spices. There was a garden near the place he was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been placed. So, because it was Sabbath preparation for the Jews and the tomb was convenient, they placed Jesus in it.

Silence

Prayer **Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.**

Hymn**Blessed Assurance****H&P668**

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain...

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain...

Reflection

Silence for personal reflection

Anthem Tongan Choir

Litany

Come to the cross and feel the weight of the world.
We bring the weight of our sins.

Come to the cross and feel the weight of the world.
We bring the weight of our desertions and betrayals.

Come to the cross and feel the weight of the world.
We bring the weight of our accusations and scorn.

Come to the cross and feel the weight of the world.
We bring the weight of our lives.

Hymn **Jesus keep me near the cross** **MHB 199**

- 1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
 There a precious fountain,
 Free to all, a healing stream,
 Flows from Calvary's Mountain.

Refrain

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

- 2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,
 Love and mercy found me;
 There the bright and morning Star
 Sheds its beams around me.

Refrain...

3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadow o'er me.

Refrain.....

4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.

Refrain....

Extinguishing the Candles (*Candle extinguished after each saying*)

- **Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.**
- **Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.**
- **Woman, behold thy Son.**
- **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**
- **I am thirsty.**
- **It is finished.**
- **Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**

Leader The deed is done, the body has been laid to rest,
the mourning has come.
We blow out all the candles,
hoping against hope
that soon it will once again burst into flame.

Sending Forth

Leader Go now, as light-bearers to a world in darkness,
 Go now, as hope-carriers to a world in despair,

**All: We go in the name of Christ,
in the love of God
and in the power of the Spirit.
Amen.**

(Please leave the church quietly)

(We meet again on Easter Sunday to celebrate the resurrection)