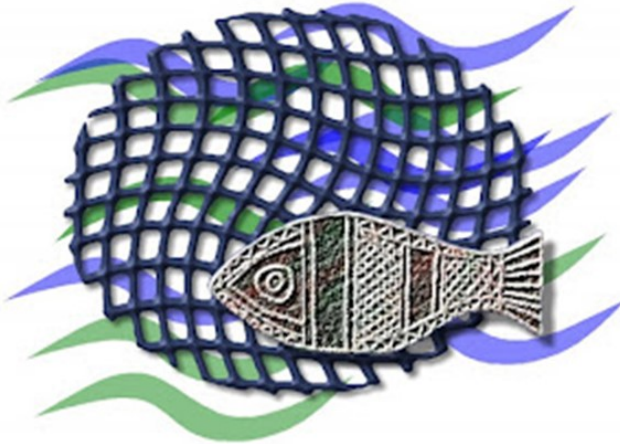




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75 Taranaki Street
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Sunday 1st May 2022
EASTER 3 – HOLY COMMUNION

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 Parish Service
Wesley Methodist Church 75 Taranaki Street
1st May 2022

Reflection: **Rev Nicola Teague Grundy**
Organ: **Colin Scarf**

Welcome and safety briefing

Gathering

Call to Worship

God of all life and longing, we give thanks for this day
and everything that has brought us here.

Share with us your Spirit that nourishes our longing
for life in its fullness.

Leave us open to the ways of your Wisdom,
and generous to the promptings of your Love.

Breathe on us, breathe in us, breathe through us:

Fill us with resurrection life. Amen.

Hymn Great and deep the Spirit's purpose AA55

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
hidden now in mystery,
Nature bursts with joyful promise,
ripe with what is yet to be.
In a wealth of rich invention,
still the work of art unfolds:
barely have we seen, and faintly,
what God's great salvation holds.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
making Jesus seen and heard.
Every age of God's creation
grasps new meaning from the Word.
Show us, Holy Spirit, Show us
your new work begun today:
eyes and ears and hearts are open,
teach us what to do and say.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose:
all God's children brought to birth,
freed from hunger, fear and evil
every corner of the earth,
and a million million voices
speak with joy the Saviour's name;
every face reflects his image,
never any two the same.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
Nothing shall be left to chance.
All that lives will be united
in the everlasting dance.
All fulfilled and all perfected,
each uniquely loved and known,
Christ in glory unimagined
once for all receives his own.

Words: Marnie Barrell, Music: Colin Gibson

Breathing Prayer

Words of Assurance

Children of God, the Gospel has not offered you
more anxiety and shame, but grace, peace and joy.
Accept the gifts of God, and live with the freedom
and resilience of those who are destined
for the highest service.

Amen! Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130 The Message

I give you all the credit, GOD—
you got me out of that mess,
you didn't let my foes gloat.

**GOD, my God, I yelled for help
and you put me together.**

**GOD, you pulled me out of the grave,
gave me another chance at life
when I was down-and-out.**

All you saints! Sing your hearts out to GOD!
Thank him to his face!

He gets angry once in a while, but across
a lifetime there is only love.
The nights of crying your eyes out
give way to days of laughter.

**When things were going great
I crowed, "I've got it made.
I'm GOD's favourite.
He made me king of the mountain."
Then you looked the other way
and I fell to pieces.**

I called out to you, GOD;
I laid my case before you:
"Can you sell me for a profit when I'm dead?
auction me off at a cemetery yard sale?
When I'm 'dust to dust' my songs
and stories of you won't sell.
So listen! and be kind!
Help me out of this!"

**You did it: you changed wild lament
into whirling dance;
You ripped off my black mourning band
and decked me with wildflowers.
I'm about to burst with song;
I can't keep quiet about you.
GOD, my God,
I can't thank you enough.**

Story Time

Hymn **Will you come and follow me**

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call you name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

John L Bell and Graham Maule

Christian Scriptures: John 21: 1-19 The Message

After this, Jesus appeared again to the disciples, this time at the Tiberias Sea (the Sea of Galilee). This is how he did it: Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed "Twin"), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter announced, "I'm going fishing."

The rest of them replied, “We’re going with you.” They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night. When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn’t recognize him.

Jesus spoke to them: “Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?”

They answered, “No.”

He said, “Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens.”

They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, they weren’t strong enough to pull it in. Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Master!”

When Simon Peter realized that it was the Master, he threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work, and dove into the sea. The other disciples came in by boat for they weren’t far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it. Jesus said, “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught.” Simon Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore - 153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn’t rip.

Jesus said, “Breakfast is ready.” Not one of the disciples dared ask, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Master.

Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since being raised from the dead.

After breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Master, you know I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

He then asked a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?”

“Yes, Master, you know I love you.”

Jesus said, “Shepherd my sheep.”

Then he said it a third time: “Simon, son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was upset that he asked for the third time, “Do you love me?”

So he answered, “Master, you know everything there is to know. You’ve got to know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. I’m telling you the very truth now: When you were young you dressed yourself and went wherever you wished, but when you get old you’ll have to stretch out your hands while someone else dresses you and takes you where you don’t want to go.” He said this to hint at the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. And then he commanded, “Follow me.”

Reflection

Silent personal reflection

Affirmation of Faith

In response to the word, let us stand and affirm our faith together.

You, O God, are supreme and Holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.**

You came to us before we came to you.

**You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.**

You are with us now.

You are God.

Hymn

Faith is in the following

Not with intellectual sermons,
nor with deep theology
Jesus called his first disciples
With a simple 'Follow me'.

Nor for him the convolutions
of the old repressive law:
his creed uncomplicated –
love your neighbour, love God more.

He came here to live among us,
healing, helping those in strife:
always loving and forgiving,
dying that we might have life.

Jesus, help us love you truly:
walk with you in everything.
Give us trust and deep commitment:
faith in in the following.

Words: Jan Chamberlain. Tune Stuttgart [H&P 122]

Offering and blessing of Offerings

(During the singing of the hymn our offering will be taken up. We also acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and online banking).

Community time

Notices

Sharing of joys and concerns

Prayers for others

Lord may we be messengers of Easter hope to those in need by our word and deed. May we be your Easter people bringing restoration and justice to this hurting world.

Spirit of God, may we breathe in and hold your love within us.

May we breathe out and share it with the world.

Spirit of God, may we breathe in and hold your peace within us.

May we breathe out and share it with the world.

Spirit of God, may we breathe in and hold your life within us.

May we breathe out and share it with the world. Amen.

God, we are your Easter people living in the hope of resurrection. Yet, we live in a world that is increasingly more difficult to live in. We need hope, and we need to share that hope with others.

Come, Risen One ... **hear our prayer**

We pray for the world, where people hunger after justice, long for freedom, crave for peace. In the midst of tensions, conflict and war, there are also voices of reason and peace; perhaps they speak in whispers, but they speak nonetheless. May those whispers rise to shouts that proclaim the way forward with words and not weapons. As the machines of greed and war trample the world and its peoples, we remember and give thanks that there are seeds of justice and love and goodness and grace that are planted and watered every moment of every day.

Lord, help us to feed your lambs ...

A silence is kept

Come, Risen One ... **hear our prayer**

We pray for humankind, for those who are ill in body or mind, anxious and afraid, depressed and despairing, for those who are grieving, lonely, abused. We pray for people who are hungry, homeless, destitute. Sustain them with your loving care and surround them with your peace and faithfulness.

Lord, help us to tend your sheep ...

A silence is kept

Come, Risen One...**hear our prayer**

We pray for ourselves, your followers and friends, asking that we may be filled with your Holy Spirit and given those things that we need to feed the physical, spiritual and emotional hungers of the world around us.

Lord, help us to feed your sheep ...

A silence is kept

Come, Risen One ... **hear our prayer**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tou Ingoa
Kia tae mai tou rangatira-tanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai
ki runga i te whenua,
kia rite ano ki to te rangi.
Homai ki a mātou aianei
he taro mā mātou mo tēnei ra.
Murua o mātou hara
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whaka-waia;
Engari whaka-orangia mātou, i te kino:
Nou hoki te rangatira-tanga,
te kaha,
me te kororia,
Ake, ake, ake.
Āmine.**

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY IN THE TRADITION OF THE MEAL

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ is here for you.

Peace is here for all to share.

Great Prayer Of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God....

In beginning, your Spirit hovered over creation, and you breathed life into living things. The breath of life, filled with love and overflowing with tenderness, mercy and compassion. Each breath we take reminds us of that love.

But we know, like our ancestors of old, that we have not always recognized that it is your breathing presence that sustains life, and we have sometimes found ourselves distant from you, living God. But you have sent prophets and leaders to guide us back to your ways. And in the life of Jesus we are drawn into the mystery of love once again, expressed in the self-giving love of Jesus who gave his life for others until he breathed his last.

We celebrate that in his risen life, Jesus breathed onto his disciples, and blessed them with peace.

So, we lift our voices, filled with joy, joining them with the glad songs of every place and generation, all creation praising your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, living God,
creator and sustainer of the universe;
you gave us your beloved Son Jesus Christ
who, on the night he was betrayed, 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 to remember 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.”

Come Holy Spirit, settle on these simple gifts of bread and wine,
And fill them with the fullness of Jesus that they may be the bread of
compassion, the wine of renewal.

And may that same Spirit rest on us: give us the passion and the energy to transform our world in Your commonwealth of peace and abundant life as we show the diversity of your love, which knows no reserve or distinction.

Through God and with God and in God is all glory and honour, all life and light, now and forever. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Hymn Now let us from this table rise H&P619

Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
With Christ we die and live again,
His selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the Word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
The work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then grant us courage, Father-God,
to choose again the pilgrim way
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

Fred Kaan

Blessing

Ma te Marie (Sung unaccompanied)

Ma te marie a te Atua	<i>The peace of God</i>
Tatou katoa e tiaki;	<i>keep us all.</i>
Mana ano e whakau	<i>He will confirm our</i>
O tatou ngakau ki te pai	<i>hearts in goodness.</i>

Ma te Atua Tamaiti ra *May the Son of God*
Ma te Wairua Tapu hoki *and the Holy Spirit*
Ratou, Atua Kotahi nei. *too, one God,*
Tatou katoa e whakapai. *Bless us all.*
Amine. *Amen.*

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Please join us in the foyer for refreshments following the service.
Thank you to the Tevita family for the refreshments.
Thank you Akesa Taungā for the lovely flowers.