



Wesley Wellington

75 Taranaki Street

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Sunday 2 January 2022
Christmas 2

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
2 January 2022 Christmas 2
Leader: Rev Utumau'u Pupulu
Organist: Colin Scarf**

Welcome & Safety briefing

Lighting the Candle

Call to worship

Arise, shine! Your light has come!
Glory to God in the highest,

Darkness covers the earth,
But God's glory shines brightly.

Lift up your eyes. Look around.
The light of God's love shines radiantly.

Arise, shine! Your light has come.
**Our hearts thrill and rejoice.
Amen**

Opening Prayer

God of light and love, shine upon our lives,
as we welcome the mystery of your love.
Guide us toward your true gift,
for our hearts long to encounter with the holy.
Quite our expectations,
that we might be surprised by the unexpected.

Open our eyes,
that we might find you, in unanticipated places.
Shine your light upon us,
that we might see you clearly,
and recognize your face in all people.
Amen

Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty H&P7

1. Holy, holy, holy!
 Lord God Almighty
 Early in the morning
 Our song shall rise to Thee
 Holy, holy, holy!
 Merciful and mighty
 God in three persons
 Blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy!
 All the saints adore thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns
 Around the glassy sea
 Cherubim and seraphim
 Falling down before thee
 Who wert, and art,
 And evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy!
 Though the darkness hide thee
 Though the eye of sinful man
 Thy glory may not see
 Only Thou art holy
 There is none beside Thee
 Perfect in power,
 in love, and purity

4. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity
Oh God in three persons
Blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Prayer of Confession

The presents have been opened
The cookies have been eaten
The celebrations have left us exhausted.
Yet your Spirit comes again,
guiding us toward true joy.

**In all of our busy celebrations,
remind us that you desire righteousness and justice
for world in need of generous hearts.
May the light of Jesus Christ,
the world's true light, live among us
and turn our lives from oppressive power
toward liberation and hope.
Amen**

Words of Assurance

Like rain that falls upon grass,
like showers that water the earth,
may righteousness and peace abound in our lives
and in our world.

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**

Hymn **Guide me O thou great Jehovah** **H&P437**

- 1 Guide me, O my great Jehovah,
 pilgrim through this barren land;
 I am weak, but you are mighty;
 hold me with thy powerful hand.
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 feed me now and evermore,
 feed me now and evermore.

- 2 Open thou the crystal fountain,
 whence the healing stream shall flow.
 Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through.
 Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
 be thou still my strength and shield,
 be thou still 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 give to you,
 I will ever give to you.

Psalter Hymnal, (Gray)

10am Singing Group “Be Not Afraid”

by Jonathan Berkahn

Ministry of the Word

Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSV)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A

multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith *(please stand)*

Leader: Let us declare our faith in God, in the words of the Apostles Creed.

All: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

**The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen**

**Hymn Let us break bread together with the Lord
H&P615**

1. Let us break bread together with the Lord,
Let us break bread together with the Lord.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together with the Lord,
Let us drink wine together with the Lord.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together with the Lord,
Let us praise God together with the Lord.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

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

**Giver of every gift, source of all goodness and light,
we open the treasure chests of our hearts before you.
We offer you gifts of gold,
to care for those in need.
We offer you gifts of love,
to serve a suspicious world.
Bless our gifts and our lives,
and use them to love and heal the world.
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Ministry of Sacrament

Leader: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts,
All: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the God of love and grace.
All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Leader: We thank you, creating God
 For the great light of you love.
 When you called forth creation, you said,
 “Let there be light” and you saw that it was good.
 You divided the light from the darkness
 And created the sun, moon, and the stars to light the sky.
 It was good, as all your creation was good.

**All: When your people suffered in bondage and
 oppression, you led them out of slavery.
 You lit the way to freedom with a pillar of cloud by day
 and pillar of fire by night.
 You give your commandments to light their way,
 as they strove to become a community of justice
 and righteousness.**

Leader: When your people turned from your light
 you were still faithful, loving them always.
 You sent prophets to call them back
 to the world’s true light.
 And so, with your people on earth
 and all the company of heaven
 we sing you praises.

**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: You sent Jesus to us, the light of the world.
He promised that those who followed him
would never walk in darkness,
but would have the light of life.
Before he was betrayed, he gathered with his friends for a meal.
Taking the bread, he gave thanks to you and broke it.
He gave it to his friends, saying,
“Take and eat. I am with you now and forever.
Let this meal feed you.
Remember me as you eat.”

Then he took the cup, blessed it,
And shared it with his followers, saying,
“This is the cup of the new covenant,
Given for the forgiveness of sins.
It is a gift for you and for all people.
It is my love offered for you.
Drink of this and remember me.”

**All: And so, as we remember Jesus, light of the world,
Healer, guide, and friend.
We offer ourselves into Christ service,
As we proclaim the mystery of faith.**

**Christ has died
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and cup,
that they may be for us
the living presence of Jesus Christ,
light of the world,
our hope for all creation.

Pour out your Spirit upon us,
that we may become the body of Christ,
as we serve creation
and reflect the light of your love.

**All: Make us one with Jesus, and one with each other
as we walk in the light, singing your praises.
Through Jesus Christ, light of the world,
and through the Holy Spirit, radiance divine,
all praise is yours, eternal God,
now and forever, world without end.
Amen**

Breaking of Bread

Leader: 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.

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”

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.

Serving of Holy Communion *(Please come forward to collect your communion cup, then return to your seat, we will share communion together when all are ready)*

Prayer after Communion

**All: Lord Jesus Christ,
We thank you with all your mercy and grace.
Grant us now and in the days to come a living hope in you and as we serve you in the world,
Help us look and work for that day.
When at your name every knee shall bow
And every tongue confess you Lord,**

**To the glory of God.
Amen**

Notices & Sharing

Hymn Take My Life and Let It Be H&P705

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 silver and my gold;
 Not a mite would I withhold;
 Take my intellect, and use
 Every power as Thou shalt choose,
5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart; it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal throne,
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure-store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee,

Francis Ridley Havergal (1836-79)

Extinguishing the candle

Benediction

As you follow the star on your journey,
don't look for the holy in places of power and prestige.

**Instead, pay attention to the ordinary, the quiet places.
There, may we be overcome with joy,
and share your gifts with creation.
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**

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Please join us for refreshment in the New Hall after this service.
Thank you to the Conway family for the refreshments.
Thank you to Akesa Taungā for the lovely flowers.