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Easter 4

Haere mai ki tēnei whare karakia
Welcome to this house of prayer



The Good Shepherd

Living God's love – acting for the common Good

Kia ora koutou katoa — Tālofa lava
Mālō e lelei — Bula vinaka — Greetings to you all!

Welcome to today's service. A special welcome to visitors. We hope you will enjoy worshipping with us this morning and will join us again.

10AM Congregation – Order of Service

Worship leader: Tahi Kato

Organist: Vivien Chiu

Welcome and Safety Briefing

Leatuavao Leatuavao

Gathering

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou kua tae mai ki tēnei whare karakia.

Haere mai e te whanau

Haere mai e te manuhiri

Tena tatou katoa, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula Vinaka, welcome.

Welcome to our worship – whether you are here in person or joining us on-line, you are welcome here.

On your order of service, please respond with the text in **bold**.

Lighting the candle (Kānara Whakamāmā)

Let us remember the words of Jesus, who said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, our Good Shepherd, who leads us with love and compassion.

Christ, our Good Shepherd, guide us on our journey.

In the light of this candle, may we find comfort and strength, knowing that we are always under the care of our Shepherd.

Pause

Call to Worship (Ngā Kupu Whakapūare)

Awaken from your slumber,
and bring your fears and anxieties
into the presence of the Lord our God.

Hear the call of our Shepherd,
and allow His voice
to lead from selfish ambition
to the feast of grace.

**May the light of Christ
shine into the hidden darkness of our lives
and restore us
for the service of the Lord.**

Come let us worship God.

Opening Prayer (Inoi Tuatahi)

Loving Shepherd,
you know our names;
you care for us.

When we face darkness and death,
walk beside us.

When we hunger for your love,
fill us with your presence.

When we are fearful,
feed us at your table.

May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy
all the days of our lives. Amen.

Hymn (Hīmene): All people that on earth do dwell

Words: William Kethe; Tune: Old 100th - H&P 1

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 times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, like a shepherd,
You never stop searching for Your people,
Your care for us anticipates our need.
Before we recognized we needed Your grace,
in love, Jesus gave His life for our forgiveness.

We confess that we need Your forgiveness,
we confess our sins:
You are the shepherd and we are Your flock,
but we admit the times we have tried to take Your place
and take control ourselves.

We admit that we have not always trusted
Your good news to be good for us.
At times we have pleaded with You to care for us,
but we have held back from caring for others
and ignored the needs of others.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Forgive us in the name of Jesus.
Loving shepherd,
teach us by the Holy Spirit to follow You
in the days and places of the weeks ahead.
Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance

The psalmist says,
Even though we walk through the darkest valley,
We should fear no evil,
For God is with us
God comforts us.

Know that we do not walk alone.
God has given us one another for this journey of faith,
to help one another.
Know that we do not walk alone;
Christ is with us.
Be encouraged, and encourage one another. **Halleluiah.**

Community Time

Sharing the Peace

Let's greet each other saying: **"God's peace be with you."**

Introducing the Theme (Tīmatanga Kōrero)

What makes the Good Shepherd good?

Hymn (Hīmene): Good shepherd

Words: George Stuart; Tune: 'Fulda/Walton' 88.8 - H&P 431

1. The gospel writers looked to him
In whom they saw the 'godly' one;
Good Shepherd of the human flock;
He showed his care for everyone.
2. The hired man, he shows no care;
When the wolf comes, he runs away;
Without protection, sheep unguarded
Can be scattered, go astray.
3. From many folds he brings his sheep
Into one flock; they know his voice;
They listen to his words of love
And in them they can all rejoice.

4. Jesus, Good Shepherd of us all,
Of joyful ones and those who weep;
He calls us to protect and love,
To shepherd all God's precious sheep.

Ministry of the Word (Ngā Pānui Karaipiture)

Heather Garside

Psalm 23 (NRSVUE)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

John 10:11-18 (NRSVUE)

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees
the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them
and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not
care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know

me, 15 just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Reflection (He Whakaaroaro)

Hymn (Hīmene): All the way my Saviour leads me

Words: Fanny J Crosby; Tune: ALL THE WAY 8.7.8.7.D Complete Mission Praise 22

1. All the way my Saviour leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell;
for I know, whate'er befall me
Jesus doeth all things well.
2. All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me
lo, a spring of joy I see.
3. All the way my Saviour leads me,
oh the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
"Jesus led me all the way!"

Notices

Sharing joys, things we are grateful for, sorrows and concerns

Prayers of Intercession (Ngā Inoi Mō Te Whānau)

O God, our loving Shepherd,
you come to us with the strength and love of a father,
and the tender mercies, patience and protection of a loving mother.
We see you in the very living of our days,
and yet we so often fail to praise you or to offer our burdens to you.
Hear us, Lord,
as we lift to you our prayers for others and for ourselves.

We pray for those in need—those who hunger or are homeless.
We pray for those in pain—the abused, brokenhearted and lonely.
We pray for the sick in body and in mind, and for those who grieve.
For the life of this community and all those who put their trust in you
for all their todays and all their tomorrows,
**we pray that your lovingkindness to the world would be offered
through our hands, our words, our deeds, our hearts.**

Free us, Lord, as your own people,
to sing your praise in the work of our everyday lives.
In those comings and goings of our simple and complicated living,
**make us instruments of your peace and grace
in weary days with weary people.**

Bless our memories, O God,
that in our remembering we may partake
of the mystery that is eternal life in its fullness.
For we pray in the presence of your risen Christ,
our Lord and Savior.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer (He Inoi O Te Ariki)

**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 aianeī 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.**

Offering (Tātou Koha Ki Te Hāhi)

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

The Shepherd cares for us,
providing all that we need in abundance.

The Shepherd calls us to love one another
in truth and action.

May our gifts reflect our trust in the Shepherd's care.
May our offerings show our willingness to love one another.

Blessing of offerings

God of love,
you abide with us;
you provide for all our needs
and guide us in your ways.
Out of gratitude for your care,
we bring our gifts before you.
Use them for your work of caring,
that all may feast at the table of abundance,
walk without fear,

and drink deeply
from the cup of compassion. Amen.

Hymn (Hīmene): Thou, my everlasting portion

Words: Fanny J Crosby; Tune: CLOSE TO THEE (Vail)

1. Thou my everlasting portion,
more than friend or life to me,
all along my pilgrim journey,
Savior, let me walk with thee.

Refrain:

Close to thee, close to thee,
close to thee, close to thee,
all along my pilgrim journey,
Savior, let me walk with thee.

2. Not for ease or worldly pleasure,
nor for fame my prayer shall be;
gladly will I toil and suffer,
only let me walk with thee.

Refrain:

Close to thee, close to thee,
close to thee, close to thee,
gladly will I toil and suffer,
only let me walk with thee.

3. Lead me through the vale of shadows,
bear me o'er life's fitful sea;
then the gate of life eternal
may I enter, Lord, with thee.

Refrain:

Close to thee, close to thee,
close to thee, close to thee,
then the gate of life eternal
may I enter, Lord, with thee.

Extinguishing the candle

Sending forth/Benediction (Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga)

Let us go to be bold before God.

**We will speak up for all people
who long for healing and hope.**

Let us go to shepherd Jesus' sisters and brothers.

**We will risk our lives for justice,
we will serve the outcast.**

Let us go to anoint others with the Holy Spirit.

**We will bring goodness and mercy
to all whose lives need restoring.**

The Grace

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa,
te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki o Ihu Karaiti,
me te aroha o te Atua,
me te whiwhinga tahitanga
ki te Wairua Tapu. Āmine**

Please join us for morning tea in the New Hall following the service.

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