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Rātapu, te 10 o Hereturikōkā (August) 2025
Te Rātapu tuaiwa o te Petekoha (Pentecost 9)

Haere mai ki tēnei whare karakia - welcome to this house of prayer



The unexpected hour

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.

Welcoming you today are Alan Dine & Sarah Laurenson

10AM Congregation – Order of Service

Worship leader: Hugh Laurenson

Organist: Colin Scarf

As we gather, we acknowledge Ngāti Mutunga and Te Āti Awa, who hold mana whenua of this land. We acknowledge Te Tiriti o Waitangi [The Treaty of Waitangi], that established our nation, recognising mana [sovereignty] and rangatiratanga [chieftainship] as the right foundation to govern our people with justice and mercy. We seek to honour this commitment in our lives and in our worship.

Welcome and Safety Briefing

Hugh Laurenson

Call to Worship (Ngā Kupu Whakapūare)

Ko te rā tēnei i hanga i Ihowā. **This is the day that the Lord has made.**

Kia hari, kia koa tatou. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We are people who have been called to follow where God leads us.

By faith we can obey, even when asked to walk into an unknown future.

We are people who have been challenged to tell God's story to others.

By faith we have the ability to share the good news.

We are God's children who are invited to feast at the Table of grace.

By faith we will embrace our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Lighting the candle (Kānara Whakamāmā)

As we light this candle, we are reminded to keep our lamps burning bright – to be watchful, to be faithful, and to be prepared. May your light help to overcome the darkness and fill our broken world with love, peace, joy, and hope. Amen.

Opening Prayer (Inoi Tuatahi)

Hey, beautiful morning, we're singing your God song,

A psalm of seas and mountains, of empty roads

And houses yawning under a blue bowl of sky.

It's the song of the bellbird, of steaming cows in sheds,
Of freckled trout quivering in deep, dark pools
And dew on cobwebs lacing trees.
Hey, beautiful morning, stay in our wakened hearts
So that we can carry your God song into the busy day.
Remind us that newness is an ongoing gift
And that every moment is potential reborn,
But if our ears become full of other concerns,
And we lose the freshness of your song,
Then comfort us with the knowledge
That you will sing with us again tomorrow,
Oh, beautiful morning, oh song of God.

Joy Cowley

Hymn (Hīmene): Christ is made the sure foundation (WOV 343)

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever,
and our confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call You,
come, O Lord of Hosts, and stay;
come with all your loving kindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today
3. Grant, we pray to all your faithful
all the gifts they ask to gain;
what they gain from You, forever
with the blessed to retain,

and hereafter in Your glory
evermore with You to reign.

4. Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever one,
one in might, and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

Tr John Mason Neale

Prayer of Approach & Words of Assurance (Kupu Kī Pono)

We believe we were created for love, to give and receive love, to build trust and friendships, to encourage and empower people, and form communities of the same.

We believe we were created to care for the vulnerable, support the weakened, and dismantle the structures of injustice, discrimination and other wrongs, so that all may share in life's blessings.

We believe that love and care are the heart-song of the earth, that all creatures, lands, and waters long for. This song is of connection and hope and weaves us together as home.

In this we find peace. In this we find justice. In this we find joy. In this we find God. In this we believe.

Introducing the Theme (Tīmatanga Kōrero)

Waiata: E te Ariki

E te Ariki

Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou,

E te Ariki

Titiro mai rā ki a mātou,
Tēnei mātou, ō tamariki,
E whakapono ana mātou, ki a koe
Auē! Auē!
Te Matua te Tamaiti
Wairua tapu e.

Ministry of the Word (Ngā Pānui Karaipiture)

Sarah Laurenson

Luke 12: 32-40 (NRSV Updated Edition)

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Reflection (He Whakaaroaro)

Hugh Laurenson

Hymn (Himene): Come, thou long expected Jesus (H&P 81a – Stuttgart)

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley

Community Time

Sharing the Peace

Notices

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

Prayers of Intercession (Ngā Inoi Mō Te Whānau)

God of all creation who has come to us in Jesus,
Lead us in Your way of love and fill us with Your Spirit.
Choose us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to
bring sight to the blind and set free the oppressed.
Lord, in your loving mercy,
Hear our prayer.

So shall Your new creation come and Your will be done
Spirit of truth and judgment who alone

can cast out the powers that grip our world
At the point of crisis, give us Your discernment,
That we may accurately name what is evil
And know the way that leads to peace.
Lord, in your loving mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Spirit of integrity, You drive us into the desert to search out truth.
Give us the clarity to know what is right,
that we may abandon the false innocence of failing to choose at all
but may follow the purpose of Jesus Christ.
Lord, in your loving mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of history, You share our joys and crushing sorrows.
You hear the cries of the afflicted,
You fill the hungry and You set free the oppressed.
We pray for the end to all injustice.
Lord, in your loving mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Inspire us with the all-embracing love of God
Challenge us with the sacrificial love of Jesus
Empower us with the transforming love of the Spirit
That we and all God's children may live and be free.
Lord, in your loving mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer (He Inoi O Te Ariki)

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tou Ingoa
Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.
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 whakawaia;

Engari whakaorangia mātou, i te kino:

Nou hoki te rangatiratanga,

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)

Blessing of offerings (said together)

Holy mystery we name God, we bring our gifts with hopeful and faithful spirits. May what we bring in these gifts and our living serve you in serving others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn (Hīmene): Lord, pull the stopper

1. Lord, Pull the stopper from the bath in which I lie,
a-soaking in the suds of faith until the day I die;
I'm clean and green there's a brilliant sheen on all I think and do,
but its dust and grime and a working time if I would follow you.

Refrain

Help me to see reality

For there you will be found;

Help me to change, and change with me:

Make life my holy ground.

2. Lord, snatch the pillow from the bed in which I lie,
a-dreaming in a golden dream of heaven by and by;
there's too much scope for pious hope in all I think and do,

but its feet on the floor and out the door if I would follow you.

3. Open the cupboard of love in which I like to hide,
Its small and, well, there's a musty smell from all that is inside.
I measure out my charity one teaspoon at a time, but its spring clean day,
give it all away, if I would take your line.

Colin Gibson

Extinguishing the candle (Kānara Whakapoko)

Sending forth/Benediction (Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga)

By faith, let us go out as God's people.

We will gather others around us and dance into God's kingdom.

By faith, let us go to follow Jesus to serve with compassion and grace.

We will share the good news of hope and peace with everyone we meet.

By faith, let us go to join the Holy Spirit in welcoming all of God's children.

We will add as many chairs as needed, so all may feast on God's love.

The Grace (said together)

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

Please join us for morning tea in the New Hall following the service. Many thanks to Wendy & Rendall Conwell for providing today's kai and manaakitanga.

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Psalms for the Road - Joy Cowley (2002)

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