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



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 is Heather Garside.

10AM Congregation – Order of Service

Worship leader: Kula Bower

Organist: Vivian Chiu

WELCOME AND SAFETY BRIEFING

❖ *(Please read together the bolded text).*

Call to Worship

PSALM 80:1-2, 7-19

Shepherd of your flock, hear us;

you who are seated in majesty, let your glory shine.

When the time was ready you nurtured a new vine;

quickly it took root, it grew and spread.

It covered the land and crossed many rivers

even the sea could not stop it .

But now it is open to assault;

outsiders pick its fruit,

like wild animals the world tramples on it;

its fruitfulness and vigour are gone.

LORD God, sovereign of all that is, come close to us ;

see what has happened to your vine.

See how it perishes,

how it is being persecuted, even burned.

Protect your faithful one

the one whom you made strong for your service

Strengthen our desire to be faithful;

save us so that we may shout your praises.

O LORD, God of hosts, revive us;

and by your presence save us.

Lighting of the candle

Opening Prayer

Gracious and Mighty God,
We come before You today with open hearts and listening spirits.
You are the One who brings fire to refine,
truth to awaken, and grace to restore.

As we gather in Your presence,
help us to discern the times we live in,
to recognize Your movement in our lives and in the world.
Give us courage to follow You,
even when the path leads through challenge and change.

May Your Word today stir us,
ignite our faith, and draw us closer to Your will.
Let us not be passive observers,
but active participants in Your kingdom work.

We welcome Your Spirit among us now.
Speak, Lord—Your servants are listening.
In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

HYMN (Himene) H&P 744 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and king,
The triumphs of His grace!
2. My gracious master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of Thy name.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and, listening to His voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.
6. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,
And leap, ye lame, for joy.
7. In Christ your head, you then shall know,
Shall feel your sins forgiven;
Anticipate your heaven below,
And own that love is heaven.
8. Glory to God, and praise and love
Be ever, ever given,
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and Heaven.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not always fixed our eyes on Jesus.

We have been distracted by the cares of this world,
burdened by sin, and slow to trust Your promises.

Forgive us for the times we have turned away,
for the words we have spoken in haste,
and for the love we have withheld.
Renew our hearts, O Lord.
Help us to lay aside every weight and run with perseverance.

By Your grace, restore us and lead us in the way everlasting.
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

In Christ, we are forgiven.
Though we have stumbled, God's mercy lifts us.
Though we have turned away, His grace draws us back.
As we confess, He is faithful and just to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Walk now in the freedom and peace of those who are redeemed.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Lord's Prayer / He Inoi O Te Ariki (said together)

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 rangatiratanga,
te kaha, me te kororia.
Ake, ake, ake, Āmine.

Story for the Children (Kōrero mō ngā Tamariki)

HYMN (Himene) Jesus Bids Us Shine

Warner, Susan, 1819-1885

1. Jesus bids us shine,
With a clear, pure light,
Like a little candle burning in the night;
In this world of darkness, we must shine,
You in your small corner,
And I in mine.
2. Jesus bids us shine, first of all for Him
Well He sees and knows it if our light grows dim;
He looks down from Heaven to see us shine
You in your small corner,
And I in mine.
3. Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around,
Many kinds of darkness in the world abound;
Sin and want and sorrow, so we must shine,
You in your small corner
And I in mine.
4. Jesus bids us shine as we work for Him,
Bringing those that wander
from the paths of sin;
He will ever help us if we shine,
You in your small corner,
And I in mine.

Ministry of the Word (Ngā Pānui Karaipiture)

Hebrews 11:29

Joy Grove

Faith in Action

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

Hebrews 12:2

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God

Luke 12: 49-56

Not Peace but Division

“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Interpreting the Times

He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is.

Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?

Prayer of Intercession

Loving God,

We pray for unreached peoples, community, and nations.

For those who live in places closed to the gospel,

For refugees and displaced people,

For those who seek you in secret,

May they meet the living God wherever they are.

May your Spirit find entrance into minds darkened by fear,

And may your love break through every barrier.

Enlarge our vision, Lord,

And give us strength, love, and wisdom

To reach all nations in your name and for your glory. Amen.

HYMN (Himene)

Christ, Be Our Light

Songwriters: Bernadette Farrell

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts

Shine through the darkness

Christ, be our light

Shine in Your church gathered today

2. Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.

3. Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.

Reflection: "Rekindling the Fire"

Prayer After Reflection

Lord Jesus,
You came not only to comfort but to confront,
to ignite a fire of truth and transformation in our hearts.
Help us to receive Your words with reverence,
even when they challenge our comfort and call us to change.

You speak of division, not to harm,
but to reveal the cost of following You.
Give us courage to stand firm in faith,
even when it sets us apart from others.
Let our loyalty to You be greater than our desire for approval.

Teach us to read the signs of the times,
to see Your hand at work in the world around us.
Open our eyes to injustice,
our heart to repentance,
and our spirit to Your coming kingdom.

May Your fire burn away all that is false within us,
and may we live with urgency,
knowing that Your truth demands a response.
Make us bold, make us faithful,
and make us ready. In Your holy name. Amen.

Notices

Offering (Tātou Koha Ki Te Hāhi)

Offertory Prayer (Tuku karakia)

Gracious God,
we bring our gifts,
an offering of thanksgiving
for your creativity and generosity;
for your love shown to us in Jesus, our brother;
for your sustaining and surprising Spirit.
May these gifts and our living
reflect the compassionate life of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN (Himene) Pass it On

Author: Kurt Kaiser (1969)

1. It only takes a spark, to get a fire going,
And soon all those around, will warm up in its glowing,
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it,
You'll want to spread, to everyone,
You'll want to pass it on.

2. What a wondrous time is spring,
When all the trees are budding,
The birds begin to sing,
The flowers start their blooming,
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it,
You'll want to spread, to everyone,
You'll want to pass it on.

3. I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found,
You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound,
I'll shout it from the mountain top,
I want my world to know,
The Lord of love, has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Extinguishing the candle

Benediction:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May He lift our eyes above every distraction, every burden, and
every fear,
and fix them firmly on Jesus,
the Author who began our story,
and the Perfecter who will bring it to completion.
May His joy be our strength,
His endurance our example,
and His victory our hope.

We receive this blessing with grateful hearts, and commit ourselves
anew to the path set before us.

May we run with perseverance, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus,
the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

By His grace, may we walk in obedience, serve with joy, and finish
our race well.

To God be the glory, now and forever. Amen.

HOSPITALITY

We extend a warm invitation to everyone to gather now for kai in the New Hall.

Thank you to the Heger family for providing refreshments this morning.

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Opening Prayer and Prayer after Reflection:

[A Prayer of Confession based on Luke 12:49-56 \(lectionary reading for 14.08.22\) – All We Can](#)

Prayer of Intercession

https://reachbeyond.org.uk/downloads/Reach_Beyond_Pentecost_Prayers

Offering Prayer

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