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Order of Holy Communion & Sunday Service

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Haere mai ki tēnei whare karakia - Welcome to this House of Prayer



Encountering Grace that Transforms

Worship Leader: Rev. Neti Petaia

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 for morning tea at the new hall.

Welcome & Safety Briefing

Introduction – Rev. Neti Petaia

Lighting the Candle

Light should be understood as more than simply a generic light.

Light can be opened into the entire spectrum of colours.

Light can overcome fear and shadows and guide us on our way.

Light may reveal a particular vision, an insight, an inspiration that opens the door to understanding life and relationships in new ways.

This morning, we light this Christ candle, naming Jesus in our lives as life-giving in a full spectrum of dimensions.

The Christ candle is lit.

Call to Worship (Responsive) *(inspired by Luke 19: 1-10)*

Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!

Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!

Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.

Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that we may know God.

Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!

Introit

Tongan Congregation

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, you come among us in abundant joy, unsettling truth, deep consolation, and powerful transformation. Yours are winds of change, hastening us toward a kingdom of inclusion and justice not yet known in this world.

Move and mould us. Convert and transform us. Through your many witnesses, show us your way, so that we may be a community that embodies your love, here and now. **Amen.**

Hymn: – *O for a thousand tongues to sing H&P 744*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) Tune: Lyngham

English

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!

Samoan

Lo'u Matai ma lo'u Atua
Fesoasoani mai
E talai atu i le lalolagi
Lou suafa mamalu.

Tongan

Ko Sisu 'a e Huafa lahi,
'O 'ikai hano ua:
'kai ha taha ke tatau,
Ha taha ke kakunga.

Fijian

Sa vosa ga, qai reki mai
Na yalo vutugu;
Na mataboko, era rai;
Na bale era tu.

English

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free.

His blood can make the foulest clean

His blood availed for me.

Prayer of Confession (*inspired by Luke 19: 1-10*)

O God, sometimes we cannot see you.

We search for you and must strain to hear your voice.

And yet you come to us where we are, in our sinful lives.

You forgive us and change our hearts through the grace of your son, Jesus and his liberating love.

Forgive us again, as we thank you for your presence in our lives.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Words of Grace

The scriptures tell us that God's love will find us no matter how far away we are from the Word.

Just as Jesus found Zacchaeus hiding in a tree, God will find us and bring us home.

It does not matter what we have done wrong, we still belong to God.

We have the assurance that God will rescue us.

This is the good news of the Gospel!

Psalm Reading-Sunday School-Psalm 119: 137-144

Family Time & Children's Talk

10.00am Singing Group

Scriptures for the Day: *Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2: 1-4, Luke 19: 1-10.*

[O/T Reading-10am member, N/T Reading Tongan member]

Hymn: *Be Still for the Presence of the Lord: CMP 50-David J Evans*

1. Be still for the presence of the Lord

The Holy one is here

Come bow before him now

In reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on Holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here.

2. Be still for the glory of the Lord

Is shining all around
He burns with Holy fire
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

3. Be still for the power of the Lord

Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

Reflection: *Encountering Grace that Transforms*

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: *Take my Life H&P 705 Tune: Nottingham-Frances Ridley Havergal*

1. English

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Samoan

O outou o tigaina
Tepa tonu ia Iesu;
Lona alofa tele lava
E maua ai le filemu.

3. Tongan

Sisu, ke ke ma'u ma'au
Eku ngaahi mea kotoa;
Taleniti, ngaahi ta'u
Fanau, fale, mo e koloa.

4. English

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

5. Fijian

Na ligaqu na Kalou
Mo Ni taura tu oqo
Me'u sa ogataka ga
Ka ni bula vou ko ya.

6. English

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Prayers of Supplication

Prayer for a Heart that Seeks Christ- Rev. Neti Petaia

Almighty God, as Zacchaeus climbed the sycamore tree in his pursuit to witness Jesus, instill within me a steadfast spirit that earnestly seeks Your presence. Enable me to overcome the barriers that impede a closer relationship with You. Grant me perseverance in my pursuit of Your truth and love, and reveal Yourself to me, especially in moments when I feel inadequate. **Amen.**

Prayer for Personal Transformation- Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

Merciful Father, you discerned the authentic intent in Zacchaeus and addressed him by name. I humbly request that You call me as well and renew my heart. Where I have erred or acted out of self-interest, it provides me with the courage to acknowledge my faults and pursue reconciliation. Transform my life, so that my actions reflect Your compassion and generosity. **Amen.**

Prayer for Hospitality and Grace- Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o

Lord Jesus, you extended a welcoming hand to Zacchaeus despite prevalent judgement. Guide me to demonstrate openness and hospitality to all, refraining from judgment based on appearance or reputation. Instruct me in extending Your love to those who are marginalized or ostracized. May my household and my life bear witness to the presence of Your grace. **Amen.**

Prayer for Restoration and Forgiveness- Rev. Simote Taunga

Heavenly Father, Zacchaeus pledged to rectify his wrongdoings and contribute to those in need. Grant me the resolve to genuinely seek forgiveness and to restore

fractured relationships. Show me the path to amend my mistakes and impart a spirit of generosity within me. Restore me through Your mercy and allow the gift of salvation to manifest in my life. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Joy of Salvation- Tongan Youth Representative

Jesus, you declared that salvation had entered Zacchaeus' home. I respectfully request Your salvific grace for myself and my loved ones. Fill me with the profound joy derived from knowing You and enable that joy to positively influence those around me. Thank You for seeking and redeeming those who are lost. **Amen.**

Concluding Prayer-Fijian Youth Representative

Compassionate Saviour, just as You called out to Zacchaeus, I ask You to reach me in my time of need. Receive my prayers of supplication and draw me closer to You. May Your mercy transform me, your grace sustains me, and your unfailing love welcome me always. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer-*In your own preferred language*

Anthem- *Fijian Congregation*

The Ministry of the Sacrament-The Invitation

We gather at this table as the Tax collectors and Sinners once did, longing to hear the living words of Christ. This is the table of Grace for the Lost, a table which we are all invited to attend. At this table we embrace, acknowledge and accept our need for salvation as humanity.

So come to this table.

You who have much faith, and you would like to have more.

You who have been to this sacrament often, you who have not been for a long time.

You who try hard to love and you who find it hard to be loved.

Come it is Christ Jesus – who seeks the lost who meets us here.

[We bring our offering]

Offertory Prayer- *Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o*

Holy God, with confidence we come to you and bring you what is yours.

Accept us and these gifts for your service and glory.

*E te Matua Tapu, na te maia mātou ka haere mai ki a koe me enei au mea.
Tangohia*

mātou me enei koha ka tapaea mo te katoa, mo au mahi hoki me tou Kororia.

Amene.

The passing of peace:

We many as we are, are one body in Christ.

If we do not love our brothers and sisters whom we have seen,

How can we love God whom we have not seen?

The peace of God be with you.

And God's peace be with you.

(a sign of the peace is passed.)

The Great Thanksgiving- Rev. Neti Petaia

Jesus who seeks the lost is here.

The spirit of persistent love and amazing grace is here.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up in praise and honour.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right and good and a Joyful thing, to always be with you.

Honouring, exalting, praising you with hearts of Joy and grace. For once we were lost but we're now found, we were blind but now see. For when we were nothing, you made us something.

When we had no name and no faith and no future, you called us your children.

When we were lost and turned away, you did not abandon us.

When we came back to you,

You welcomed us with open arms.

You prepare a table for us, offering not just bread, not just wine but your very self.

So that we may be rejoicing with the angels because we are filled, forgiven, healed, blessed, and made new again.

So now in gratitude we lift our voices and those of the church on earth and heaven praising you by saying.

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.

The story of the meal we now share: *Rev. Joeli Ducivaki*

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and after giving thanks broke it and gave it his disciples saying,

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way he took the cup after supper and said,

“This is the new covenant in my blood.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Glory to you, Lord Christ:

Your death we proclaim.

Your resurrection we celebrate.

Your coming, we await. Amen.

Prayer of the Holy Spirit- *Rev. Simote Taunga*

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

And let that same spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share. **Amen.**

Breaking the Bread- *Rev. Neti Petaia*

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

(Silence is kept.)

The wine which we pour is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

(Silence is kept.)

Behold the gifts of grace from Jesus who seeks the lost.

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Come for all is now ready.

The Elements are Shared.

[The Samoan Congregation will sing during today's communion]

Prayer after Communion

Bread is for breaking, wine is for pouring.

We who belong to Christ have been fed -we participate in God's salvation, so, we too are made whole to be broken for others, so, we too are poured out in love for the world.

We rise from the table of salvation equipped and strengthened, made bold and given peace, for our work every day, for our friends & neighbours, for our struggles and achievements and for our rest.

We give thanks. Amen.

Notices

Hymn: *Love Divine all Loves Excelling: H&P 267*

Words: Charles Wesley (1708-88); Tune: Blaenwern

English

Love divine, all loves excelling,

joy of heaven to earth come down,

Fix in us thy humble dwelling,

All thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,

Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Fijian

Sa dau yaco mai na gauna
kivei keda kecega, me da digitaka kina
na Vinaka se na ca:
Me da vakatudaliga
ki na kaci I Jisu,
se muria ga na meca
era cati Koya tu.

Tongan

Ofaange ke lilingi
Ki he fakataha ni
‘A e kelesi Hotau ‘Eiki
Hono ivi ngaue mai!
Ka tau hao mei he kovi,
Ka tau laka pe ki mu’a
‘O tau tupu ai ke ofi
Ki he anga he ‘Otua.

Samoan

Le Alii e, silasila
Ia i matou uma nei
O tagata agasala

Ma ua matua sese

A ia e sisila lava

I le maliu o Iesu

Le na matua saunia

O le olataga fou.

English

Finish then thy new creation,

Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see thy great salvation,

perfectly restored in thee:

changed from glory into glory,

till in heaven we take our place,

till we cast our crowns before thee,

lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Franciscan Benediction

May God bless you with Discomfort ...

at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with Anger ...

At, Injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with Tears ...

to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war,

so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough Foolishness ...

to believe that you can make a difference in this world,
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen.**

Sung Blessing: *May the Lord-* (sung to the Tune of Edelweiss.)

May the Lord, Mighty God

Bless and keep you forever

Grant you, peace, perfect peace

Courage in every endeavour

Lift up your eyes and see God's face

And God's grace forever

May the Lord, Mighty God. Bless and keep you forever. **Amen.**

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