



Wesley Methodist Church

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Sunday 3 August 2025

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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!

**10am service of Holy Communion
Sunday 3 August 2025**

Welcome and Housekeeping

INTROIT (The Congregation Stands)

Lighting of the candle

Call to worship - Psalm 107

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord because he
is good.

All: His faithful love lasts forever

Leader: God redeemed us from the power
of our enemies.

**All: God gathered us from the various
countries, from east and west,
north and south.
Let us thank the Lord for his faithful
love and his wondrous works for all
people.**

HYMN Hark my soul! It is the Lord (H&P 52)

1. Hark, my soul, it is the Lord;
'tis thy Saviour, hear his word;
Jesus speaks, and speaks to thee,
'Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?
2. 'I delivered thee when bound,
and, when wounded, healed thy wound;
sought thee wandering, set thee right,
turned thy darkness into light.
3. 'Can a woman's tender care
cease towards the child she bear?
Yes, she may forgetful be,
yet will I remember thee.

PRAYER (*Remain Standing*)

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ said. The
first commandment is: Love the Lord
your God with all your heart, with all
your soul, with all your mind, and with

all your strength.
The second commandment is: Love
Your neighbour as yourself.
He also said, I give you a new
Commandment: Love one another: as I
have loved you, so you are to love one another.

(Silence)

Leader: Let us acknowledge our failures
And ask God for pardon and strength.

**All: I confess to Almighty God, and to you
My sisters and brothers, that I have
sinned through my own fault; in my
thoughts and in my words, in what I have done,
in what I have failed to do; and
I ask you, my sisters and brothers, to
Pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Leader: May Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins and bring us to
everlasting life.

People: Thanks be to God

Leader: To all who repent and seek salvation in Jesus Christ. I declare the
Forgiveness of sin in the name of God,
creator, liberator and giver of life.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

(Let say together the 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.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading: Colossians 3: 1-11.

Second Reading: Luke 12: 13-21

ANTHEM

Samoan Choir

REFLECTION

Rev. Simote Taunga

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, Of All that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, The Only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father; true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the father. through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and become truly Human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER FOR INTERCESSION

**Leader: We pray for one another, for our families
And friends and all those through whom
we learn to love and be loved.
Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve
Christ by serving our neighbours and our
community, loving others as he loves us.**

(Silence)

**Leader: We thank you for the unfailing love you
Hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ.
Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need,
sickness or any other trouble. Give**

Them courage and hope in their distress,
and bless those who minister to them.

(Silence)

Leader: We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these islands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and all leaders of the nations.

(Silence)

Leader: We pray for your church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name will also reflect your glory.

(Silence)

Leader: We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

(Silence)

Leader: Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you.
Receive the
Prayers of your people. Amen.

HYMN I need thee every hour (H&P 524)

1. I need Thee ev'ry hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like Thine
can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
ev'ry hour I need Thee;

O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

2. I need Thee ev'ry hour,
stay Thou nearby;
temptations lose their pow'r
when Thou art nigh. [Refrain]
3. I need Thee ev'ry hour,
in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide,
or life is vain. [Refrain]
4. I need Thee ev'ry hour,
teach me Thy will;
and thy rich promises
in me fulfil. [Refrain]
5. I need Thee ev'ry hour,
most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son. [Refrain]

OFFERTORY

Leader: Let us continually offer up to God the
sacrifice of praise; the tribute of lips
which acknowledge God's name. Remember to show kindness and to
share what you have with others: for such are the sacrifices which God
approve.

Leader: Bless are you, God of creation.
Through your goodness we have these
Gifts to offer which earth has given and
Human hands have made.

People: Blessed be God forever.

*(We acknowledge our gifts for the food bank and the work of the parish through
envelope and cash offering, and through bank automatic payment).*

THANKSGIVING *(Please stand)*

Leader: With joy we give you thanks and
Praise. Creator God, giver of light
And life. You made us all in your own
image and gave us the earth to care

for and enjoy. When we turned away
from youth, you did not abandon us to
the darkness. You drew us to you in
covenant and let us out of bondage into freedom.
You gave us the law to teach us how to live.
Through the prophets you cried out for justice, and give us the
promise of your kingdom on earth.

**All: Above all we thank you for Jesus
Christ, your living word, Born into
A human family he became one with us,
restoring broken humanity, offering to all the liberation of forgiveness
And new life. He taught the people, healed the sick,
gave dignity to the despised and took the side of the poor.
By Word and action, he challenged the powerful and declared the
coming of your kingdom.**

Leader: Although rejected and betrayed, his
self- giving love conquered all, even death on the cross.
You raised him victorious over death so that he might be with us for ever.
Through your spirit, you have brought the church to birth and empowered
us to give this good news to all your people in heaven and on earth
we worship and praise your glorious name.

**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: On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and after giving thanks
broke it and gave it to 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 the supper and said,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever
You drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ:
Your Death we proclaim.
Your resurrection we celebrate.
Your coming we await. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, that these gifts may be to us the bread of life and the

cup of salvation. Bind us into one body, that we may grow into the fullness of Christ who is the head.

All: **Amen, we came to your table, Lord,
trusting not in our own rightness but
in your great mercy. We are not
worthy even to gather the crumbs
from under your table. But you are the
same Lord, whose nature is always to
have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat this bread and drink this wine that Christ may evermore
dwell in us and we in him.**

Breaking Bread

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

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Communion

Leader: Come for all things are now ready
 Draw near in faith and take this holy
 sacrament in remembrance that
 Christ died for you.

(All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. You may stand or kneel)

Prayer after Holy Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you with all
our hearts for 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.

Hymn ‘Take my life and let it be’

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless 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,

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

Leader: Go into the world in the power of the Spirit.

All: We go to serve in the name of Christ

Leader: The blessing of the God of Sarah and Abraham.
The blessing of the son born of the woman Mary.
The blessing of the Holy Spirit who broods over us.
As a mother with her children, Be with you all.

GRACE

**All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
The love of God and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit. Be with us all.
Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Mā te Mārie

Mā te marie a te Atua
Tātou katoa e tiaki
Mana anō e whakaū
O tātou ngākau ki te pai

Mā te Atua Tamaiti rā
Mā te Wairua Tapu hoki
Rātou, Atua kotahi nei
Tātou katoa e whakapai
Amine

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