



WESLEY WELLINGTON

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Combined Service of Holy Communion

Sunday 5 October 2025

*Haere mai ki tēnei Whare Karakia
Welcome to this House of Prayer*



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Welcome to our gathering as a community of faith

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!**

Welcome

Lopinisela Me'afo'ou

Introit

Tongan choir

Lighting of the candle

Tongan Youth

As we light this candle, may the light of your word live in us, and always kindle our desire to walk with You. Serve You, and to be a witness for You.

Call to Worship

Tongan Youth

Leader The Holy Spirit rekindles God's purpose
and grace for our lives.

**All Grace was given to us in Christ Jesus
before the ages began.**

Leader Christ Jesus, our saviour, abolished death
and brought life and immortality to light.

**All This is good news, not just for ourselves
but for the world.**

Leader Let us worship in thanksgiving and praise

Opening Prayer

Melevesi Finau

Holy and Triune God, your table transcends time and space.
As your disciples on World Communion Sunday, we join our voices to
the songs and prayers offered to your name throughout the world.
Increase our faith and give us grace,
to love and forgive one another,
as you have loved and forgiven us.
We remember all your beloved children
who suffer this day—
especially the victims and refugees of war. We hear the echo of their
broken lives
in the songs of lament in today's scriptures. Help us bear witness to their
suffering without fear. Give us the courage to live in love with you, in you,
and for you.
For the sake of all your beloved children, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: 'O for a thousand tongues to sing' (H&P744)

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 thro' all the earth abroad
the honours of your 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 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Charles Wesley

Prayer of Proclamation and Response

Liuola Pouvamu

Holy God, we need the witness of Timothy
and the disciples,
because we know what it is like—
to be short on faith.

(silent reflection)

to be afraid of failure.

(silent reflection)

And to avoid suffering

(silent reflection)

Holy God, we yearn for the encouragement of Paul and Jesus,
because you still do mighty words,
through our tiny windows of faith.

(silent reflection)

And your Holy Spirit gives us power
to endure the suffering of our failures

(silent reflection)

Words of Assurance

Leader Rest assured, God has saved us from the
 endless cycle of hatred and death-dealing
 things we too often do when left to our own devices.

**All Thanks be to God for bringing us light and life, through
 the serving love of Jesus Christ.**

Response to the word

Leader Light and life in Jesus Christ

All Thanks be to God

Lord's Prayer *(Let us say together)*

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name.

Your kingdom come,

You will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Do not put us to the test but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and
forever.**

Amen.

10AM Singing Group

Scripture Reading

Psalm 137:1-9

Samoan

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.

² There on the poplars
we hung our harps,

³ for there our captors asked us for songs,
our tormentors demanded songs of joy;
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

⁴ How can we sing the songs of the Lord
while in a foreign land?

⁵ If I forget you, Jerusalem,
may my right hand forget its skill.

⁶ May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you,
if I do not consider Jerusalem
my highest joy.

⁷ Remember, Lord, what the Edomites did
on the day Jerusalem fell.
"Tear it down," they cried,
"tear it down to its foundations!"

⁸ Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction,
happy is the one who repays you
according to what you have done to us.

⁹ Happy is the one who seizes your infants
and dashes them against the rocks.

Luke 17:5-10

Fijian

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

⁶ He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

⁷ "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸ Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

Theme

” YOU AND I ARE THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD”

Luke 17:10

‘So, you also, when you have done everything, you were told to do: should say, we are unworthy servants, we have only done our duty’.

HYMN ‘Take my Life, and let it be’ (H&P 705)

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Offertory

Kolosaini Taulata

Offering Prayer

Divine Master, purify the motivations of our hearts, as we offer you the work of our hands.

May we work tirelessly until your servants can confidently say,
“We have done only what was ours to do”

May these gifts inspire us to be a generous in our giving and with our forgiveness as you have been with us. Amen.

Sacrament

Leader 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
our God whom we have not
seen?
The peace of God be with you

All And God's peace be with you.

Exchange the Peace

Let us greet one another with signs of peace and joy.

Thanksgiving

Leader The Lord is here

All God's Spirit is with us

Leader Lift up your hearts

All We lift them to the Lords

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader With all your people in heaven
and on earth we give you thanks
for Jesus Christ, through whom
all things were made who in the
fullness of time became flesh and
lived among us, full of grace and
truth, who in obedience suffered
death on the cross, and was
raised in triumph that we might
have life. Therefore, we worship
and praise your glorious name, saying,

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of
power and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glory.**

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 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**

Prayer of 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 come to your table,
Lord, trusting not in our own
righteousness 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. Amen.**

Breaking of the 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.

Invitation

Leader Come for all things are now ready. Draw near in faith and take this holy sacrament in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

(The Fijian Choir who will sing during today's communion, are invited to come forward first, followed by everyone. Please approach by the centre aisle and return down the side.)

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 'When I survey the wondrous cross' (H&P 180)

1 When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

5 Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts

Blessing

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. And the blessing of the Almighty God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

Amen

The Grace

Let us offer each other The Grace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

Mā Te Mārie

Mā te mārie a te Atua
Tātou katoa e tiaki
Māna anō e whakaū
O tātuo ngākau ki te po.

Mā te Atua Tamariti rā
Mā te Wairua Tapu hoki
Rātou, Atua Kotahi nei
Tātou katoa e whakapai
Āmine

*Please join us in the New Hall for refreshments prepared by our 10AM
Congregation. Everyone is welcome.*