



WESLEY WELLINGTON
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Combined Service of Holy Communion **Sunday 6 July 2025**

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

Pentecost 6



Worship Leader: *Rev Joeli Ducivaki*

Welcome to this 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!

ORDER OF SERVICE – Combined Service

Welcome and Notices (Safety Briefing)

Introit

Fijian

Lighting of the Candle

Darkness will vanish when there is light, we will be able to see one another and our surroundings. The light reflects on us and our surroundings, but God's love is immersed within us and gives life to our surroundings only if we allow him to do so.

The flame tingles as air fills the empty space, you are with us when our mind is peace and calm in your midst.

Come Holy Spirit, the flame is a light, and we hunger for your words of love and respect. Come Holy Spirit. COME.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Haere mai, Wairua Tapu Haere mai!

Renew our lives, inside and out.

Renew the face of the earth.

Renew our faith, renew our relationships,

Renew our trust in your mercy.

Lako Mai Yalo Tabu Ni Lako mai!

Renew our lives, inside and out.

Renew the ways we view our surroundings

Challenge us, comfort us, stir us up, calm us down.

Renew our sights which is the door to our hearts

Ia sau, ea o le Atua, ia sau!

Renew our lives, inside and out.

With fire and wind, come to this place; gather us in, send us out.

Fill us with your spirit so we can spread the Good News to all.

Ha'u, Laumalie Ma'oni'oni, Ha'u!

Renew our lives, inside and out.

Make our legs stronger, our hands firmer, our hearts deeper in love.

Come Holy Spirit, Come! We come together to worship you and only you. Amen

Our Prayer

'E keu 'elelo afe mai, keu hiva'aki mo toutou fakafetak'ia

O rushing wild spirit of God
pour out the fire of love upon us!

Unfurl your language upon our lips,
Unlock our minds to embrace all possibility and understanding
Unleash our hearts so Your justice flows freely.

O le afiafi e tausisi i le faafofoga e tolu.!

O rushing wild spirit of God
pour out the fire of love upon us!

May your breeze bring health and wholeness,
May your breath heat our resolve,

May your Spirit storm the earth with mercy and grace

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O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

O rushing wild spirit of God
pour out the fire of love upon us!

Set us free from self-doubt,

Make us listeners as we seek awareness,

Shake us awake when we forget our privilege.

O mo ngā rau reo hei waiata i ngā whakamoemiti reka!

O rushing wild spirit of God

pour out the fire of love upon us!

As worship and celebrate this day together

We are aware that we are a multicultural Church

Let your love grow that respect within us to honour and cherish each other's ways and thoughts.

Me udolu na yamei keimani me sa yame ga ni vakavinavinaka.

O rushing wild spirit of God

pour out the fire of love upon us!

As we grow with our families, we are vulnerable, but you are with us.

Ask for your tender spirit to grow with us in mind, body, soul and spirit

Let your spirit engross us all and do not forsake us o Lord.

The work of your Spirit to lift us so we can walk with the Lord Jesus Christ forever and ever. Amen

HYMN 'When peace like a river attendeth'

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea-billows roll;
whatever my lot You have taught me to say,
'It is well, it is well with my soul.'

Refrain:

It is well with my soul;

it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, if trials should come,
let this blessed assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

3. My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole;
is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.
4. For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live!
If Jordan above me shall roll,
no pang shall be mine, for in death as in life,
You will whisper Your peace to my soul.
5. But Lord, it's for You - for Your coming we wait,
the sky, not the grave, is our goal:
O trump of the angel! O voice of the Lord!
Blessēd hope! Blessed rest of my soul.

*Words: H G Spafford, Music: Philip P Bliss
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KEEP STANDING SO WE CAN ALL SAY OUR AFFIRMATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the God of love, who seeks a
deep Communion with us, and who calls us
to reject all idols.**

**We believe in the God of creation who calls us
into partnership in shaping the future in justice,
peace and joy.**

**We believe in the God who is not remote but
who is immersed in the life of this world sharing
its hope and feeling its pain.**

**We believe in the God who identifies
with the poor and the oppressed and
those who long for faith and calls us to
stand with them.**

**We believe in this God, revealed in Jesus whose love is
vulnerable, whose heart is aching and whose covenant
with all people and creation, is unshakable.**

(Rev Dr Terry Wall)

BIBLE READINGS

Reader: Hear the word of God

Gen 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67 (NIV) (10AM) ³⁴ So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant. ³⁵ The LORD has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. ³⁶ My master’s wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. ³⁷ And my master made me swear an oath, and said, ‘You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, ³⁸ but go to my father’s family and to my own clan and get a wife for my son.’

42-49 ⁴² “When I came to the spring today, I said, ‘LORD, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. ⁴³ See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, “Please let me drink a little water from your jar,” ⁴⁴ and if she says to me, “Drink, and I’ll draw water for your camels too,” let her be the one the LORD has chosen for my master’s son.’ ⁴⁵ “Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, ‘Please give me a drink.’ ⁴⁶ “She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I’ll water your camels too.’ So I drank, and she watered the camels also. ⁴⁷ “I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ “She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him.’ “Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, ⁴⁸ and I bowed down and worshiped the LORD. I praised the LORD, the

God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. ⁴⁹ Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn."

58-67 ⁵⁸ So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" "I will go," she said. ⁵⁹ So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies." ⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.

⁶² Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. ⁶³ He went out to the field one evening to meditate,^[a] and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. ⁶⁴ Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel ⁶⁵ and asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?" "He is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. ⁶⁷ Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death

Rom 7: 15-25a (Tongan) ¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature.^[a] For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So

then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature^[b] a slave to the law of sin.

Mt 11: 16-19 (Samoan) ¹⁶ “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: ¹⁷ “‘We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

25-30 The Father Revealed in the Son - ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷ “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Reader: Lord, write your word in our hearts.

People: ***That we may know and do your will.***

10 AM Choir

REFLECTION – DOING GOOD TO ONE ANOTHER IS LOVING GOD. – LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

HYMN

‘Blessed assurance’

1. Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy,
whispers of love.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Frances Jane van Alstyne

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NOTICES AND OFFERING – BLESSING OF OFFERING

God of Peace and God of Grace - who are rich and powerful, yet who accept your Father's call to be born in a shack of manger – without Gold or Silver, or Warmth or Comfort, but was made rich with gift of love and grace.

Here is what we have collected for the works of Kingdom;
bless and reward us all with your continued love and blessing.
Lift us out of our worst dilemma. Hold us with loving and tender hands, so we can feel your presence always. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen

Anthem

Tongan Choir

CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

A Leader : Hear these words of Jesus Christ – 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.

silence - The leader initiates the responses.

All: Lord, we have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength.

Leader: The second commandment is: Love your neighbour as yourself.

silence

All: Lord, we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.

Leader: 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

All: Lord, we have not loved one another as you have loved us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Leader: Hear the word of grace: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, I declare to you, our sins are forgiven.

People: Amen. - Thanks be to God.

The Lord's prayer together (Te Reo)

E to matou Matua i te rangi,

Kia tapu tōu ingoa.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tau e pai ai,

ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Homai ki a matou aianeī
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Aroha mai ki a mātou i ō mātou hara,
me mātou e aroha ana
ki te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aroha mai ki a mātou i ngā whakamate,
ko te rangatiratanga,
te kaha, me te kororia,
ake, ake, ake.
Āmine.

The Peace

How can we claim to love God, who we cannot see, if we
do not love our neighbour, who we can see?

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Sharing the peace of God one another ... **"Peace be with you."***

BLESSING

Blessed are you, God of all Creation. through your goodness we
have gifts to offer, which earth has given and human hands have
made.

Blessed be God forever.

God be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts and rejoice.

We lift them up to God.

Let us, with all our hearts, give thanks.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Living God, we offer you our prayers of thanksgiving.
Above all, on this Easter Season we offer our thanks for
the reality and promise of resurrection. Your beloved
son has risen from the grave and the tomb of our world
is opened wide.

Jesus was raised in power and was revealed first to women.
They had come to offer him the rituals of the dead, he showed
them a life beyond all dying.

Therefore, with the women who found an empty tomb
with the men and women who later saw the risen Lord,
and with people in every place and generation, who have
lived out the truth of Resurrection we say;

**Holy, holy, holy, Resurrection God, heaven and
earth are full of your glory: hosanna in the
highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God; hosanna in the
highest.**

Blessed is our Lord Jesus, who walks with us the road of our grief, and is
known again in the breaking of bread; who, on the night he was handed
over, took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

“This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.”

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:

**“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this
whenever you drink it, and when you do, remember
me.”**

Let us proclaim the mystery at the heart of our faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Come now, disturbing Spirit of God, breathe on these bodily things and make us one body in Christ. Open our graves, remove what binds us and name us here,
touch and heal all that has been buried in us,
that we need not cling to our pain but may go forth with power to release resurrection into the world. **Amen**

The Breaking of Bread

This bread we break, this cup we share,
every grace in our lives, is a gift and
promise of resurrection.

As people of faith, we are all welcome to this table.

An Invitation to the Table

Come to this table where the living Christ offers
us bread broken for our journeying and wine
poured out for our tears.

Share together in this meal where loss finds comfort in promise
and despair is transformed into hope, whoever you are, whatever
you bring.

Come, the Table of the Lord is now ready. Come as you are!

(The Samoan 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.)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of life, may this meal nourish us, may it feed our souls and
nourish the work you have begun in us. We ask this in the name of
Jesus, whose resurrection is a promise of your kingdom. **Amen**

HYMN

'To God be the glory'

1

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin and
opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give
him the glory! great things he has done!*

2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of
blood, to every believer the promise of
God! and every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3

Great things he has taught us, great things he has
done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder,
our rapture, when Jesus we see.

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BLESSING

May the Word of God dwell in you richly bearing a harvest of truth in your life.
May the Glory of God shine in you brightly revealing Christ in simple ways in

every day.

May the Peace of God deepen in you gently calming your fears and lighting your way.

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

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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