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Te Rātapu tuatahi o te Petekoha (Pentecost 1)

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



Becoming a Pentecost people

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 are Joy Grove & Melina Takau-Samson

10AM Congregation – Order of Service
Worship leader: Hugh Laurenson
Organist: Vivien Chiu

As we gather, we acknowledge Ngāti Mutunga and Te Āti Awa, who hold mana whenua of this land. We acknowledge Te Tiriti o Waitangi [The Treaty of Waitangi], that established our nation, recognising mana [sovereignty] and rangatiratanga [chieftainship] as the right foundation to govern our people with justice and mercy. We seek to honour this commitment in our lives and in our worship.

Welcome and Safety Briefing

Leatuavao Leatuavao

Call to Worship (Ngā Kupu Whakapūare)

Ko te rā tēnei i hanga i Ihowā. **This is the day that the Lord has made.**
Kia hari, kia koa tatou. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Holy Spirit, you are the Lord, the giver of life; with the Father and the Son we worship and glorify you: Come to us now, Spirit of God.

Holy Spirit, you were there at creation before time began; your presence fills the whole universe: **Come to us now, Spirit of life.**

Holy Spirit, you have spoken through the prophets of old; by their witness the Word of God has never been silent: **Come to us now, Spirit of wisdom.**

Holy Spirit, you surround the waiting church with the wind of Pentecost; you gave life and breath to announce Christ's gospel:

Come to us now, Spirit of power.

Holy Spirit, you came upon the first Christians as a holy fire; you set their hearts ablaze with devotion to their risen Lord:

Come to us now, Spirit of love.

Holy Spirit, you pour out your rich and varied gifts; you call us to bring forth your fruits in our lives: **Come to us now, Spirit of grace.**

Holy Spirit, you are the Spirit of truth, the Counsellor; you lead us to the truth that sets us free: **Come to us now, Spirit of God, and renew Christ's holy church**

Lighting the candle (Kānara Whakamāmā)

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Opening Prayer (Inoi Tuatahi)

Spirit Friend, you come like the wind and the earth is strengthened by your breath. You brood over the face of the waters, shaping things as they were meant to be. You arrive like the wind filling sails on the harbour and empower our slack churches with a bold impetus towards new landmarks. Some days you spin like a whirlwind, startling, shaking, tearing, uprooting us from apathy and leaving us giddy with new possibilities in discipleship. You visit us in the evening of life when all our work is done, like a soft breeze at dusk soothing tired faces, comforting our grieving and giving peace at the last. **Amen**

Hymn (Himene): Come down, O love divine (H&P 281)

1. Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing.
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3. And so, the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling.
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Bianco da Siena; tr: Richard Frederick Littledale

Prayer of Approach & Words of Assurance (Kupu Kī Pono)

O God, you who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change. God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open our lives and let your Spirit blow through. **Amen.**

Introducing the Theme (Tīmatanga Kōrero)

Hymn (Himene): Spirit of God in the clear running water

1. Spirit of God in the clear running water
Blowing to greatness the trees on the hill.
Spirit of God in the finger of morning,
Fill the earth, bring it to birth, and blow where you will.
Blow, blow, blow 'til I be but breath of the spirit blowing in me.
2. Down in the meadow the willows are moaning
Sheep in the pastureland cannot lie still.
Spirit of God, creation is groaning,
Fill the earth, bring it to birth, and blow where you will.
Blow, blow, blow 'til I be but breath of the spirit blowing in me.

3. Spirit of God everyone's heart is lonely
Watching and waiting and hungry until
Spirit of God, we long that you only,
Fill the earth, bring it to birth, and blow where you will.
Blow, blow, blow 'til I be but breath of the spirit blowing in me.

*Miriam Therese
Winter*

Ministry of the Word (Ngā Pānui Karaipiture)

Melina Takau-Samson

Genesis 11:1-9 - The Tower of Babel (NRSVUE)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So, the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore, it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the earth.

Acts 2:1-21 - The Coming of the Holy Spirit (NRSVUE)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them

were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Reflection (He Whakaaroaro)

Hymn (Himene): Be still for the presence of the Lord (CMP 50)

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.

David Evans

Community Time

Sharing the Peace

Notices

Sharing joys, things we are grateful for, sorrows and concerns

Prayers of Intercession (Ngā Inoi Mō Te Whānau)

Spirit of creation, never resting, never hurried, we pray for all those who try to work with you for the care for the earth and its creatures.

May they have your wisdom and your resilient determination.

Spirit of new creation, never confounded by folly and sin, we pray for the re-birth of individuals, communities and nations.

May they be ready to suffer the birth pangs of your new age.

Spirit of good counsel, we pray for counsellors in medicine, psychiatry, social work, marriage guidance, family therapy and education.

May they have sufficient compassion and insight to be your agents of rehabilitation.

Spirit of advocacy, we pray for all those who stand up and put the case for the weak, the deprived, the exploited, the oppressed, the abused, and the accused.

May they find joy in small victories and retain the boldness to expose major wrongs.

Spirit of truth, we pray for your churches which, like common clay pots, hold in trust the treasure of the Gospel for the enrichment of the nations.

May we preach and exhibit not ourselves, but Christ Jesus and his abundant grace.

Spirit of comfort, we pray for all who are broken or disillusioned, suffering, diseased, lonely, afraid, neglected, betrayed, or heartbroken.

May they know your Spirit's warm love, undergirding their being with everlasting arms.

Spirit of forgiveness, we pray for some who are prisoners of their own shame, and for others who are chained to their own anger and lust for revenge.

May they trust your full forgiveness and find the joy of those who set the prisoners free.

Holy Spirit, choirmaster of life, please join our energies into one common anthem of love and praise. Through Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (He Inoi O Te Ariki)

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Kia tapu tou Ingoa

Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.

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 whakawaia;

Engari whakaorangia mātou, i te kino:

Nou hoki te rangatiratanga,

te kaha, me te kororia,

Ake, ake, ake. Āmine.

Offering (Tātou Koha Ki Te Hāhi)

(We also acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and online banking)

Blessing of offerings (said together)

Loving God, we thank you for your great generosity. All that we are and all that we have is a gift from you. Help us to serve one another and so reflect your spirit and goodness. Accept these offerings and grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper under your guidance.

Waiata: He hōnore

He hōnore, he korōria

Maungārongo ki te whenua

Whakaaro pai e ki ngā tāngata katoa

Ake ake, ake ake

Āmine

Te Atua, te piringa,

Toku oranga

Te Ringatū hāhi (faith) o Ngāi Tūhoe

Extinguishing the candle (Kānara Whakapoko)

Sending forth/Benediction (Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga)

May God, who gives us a spirit of adoption, bless you today, carrying you on the winds of the Spirit into the world to share the love, grace, and family that have been so lavishly given to each and every one of us. Amen.

The Grace (said together)

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa,
te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki o Ihu Karaiti,
me te aroha o te Atua,
me te whiwhingatahitanga
ki te Wairua Tapu. Āmine**

***Please join us for morning tea in the New Hall following the service.
Many thanks to the Masoe family for providing today's kai and
manaakitanga.***

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