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“Hearts Set on Fire: Recognising Christ and Responding in Faith”

Living God’s Love – Acting for the Common Good

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 Congregation

Leader: Rev. Suiva’aia Te’o Organist: Colin Scarf

Welcome & Safety Briefing

Candle Lighting Liturgy

Leader:

We light this candle as a sign of the risen Christ among us.

All:

Jesus walks with us, even when we do not recognise Him.

Leader:

On the road, in the Word, in the breaking of bread—

All:

Christ is revealed, and our hearts are set on fire.

Leader:

Come, Lord Jesus, open our eyes.

All:

Set our hearts ablaze with Your truth and love. Amen.

Call to Worship

Leader:

Come, all who walk weary roads.

All:

We come, seeking the presence of Christ.

Leader:

Come, all whose hearts long for hope.

All:

We come, ready to hear His Word.

Leader:

The risen Christ walks among us.

All:

Our hearts burn within us as He speaks.

Leader:

Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Loving and risen Lord,
we gather in Your presence this day,
just as those disciples walked with You on the road.

Open our eyes, that we may recognise You.
Open our hearts, that we may receive Your Word.
Set us on fire with Your Spirit,
that we may live as Your faithful people.

Speak to us in Scripture,
meet us in this place,
and transform us by Your grace.

In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Hymn: H&P 45 – The Great Love of God – Daniel T. Niles 1908-70

1. The great love of God.
Is revealed in the Son
Who came to this earth
To redeem everyone.
2. That love like a stream
Flowing clear to the sea
Makes clean every heart
That from sin would be free
3. It binds the whole world
Every barrier it breaks
The hills it lays low
And the mountains it shakes.
4. It's yours it is ours
O how lavishly given
The pearl of great price
And the treasure of heaven.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
we confess that often we walk with You
but fail to recognise Your presence.

We hear Your Word,
yet our hearts remain slow to believe.
We are distracted, discouraged,
and sometimes closed to Your truth.

Forgive us, Lord.
Open our eyes to see You clearly.
Open our hearts to respond faithfully.

By Your mercy, renew us,
and set our hearts on fire again
with love for You and for one another.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Assurance of forgiveness

Leader:

Hear the good news: In Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

All:

Thanks be to God!

Introducing the theme/Story time

Hymn: H&P 267 – Love Divine all loves excelling – Charles Wesley 1707-88

1. Love divine, all loves excelling
Joy of heaven to earth come down
Fix in us thy humble dwelling
All thy faithful mercies crown.
2. Jesu, thou art all compassion
Pure unbounded love thou art
Visit us with thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart.

3. Come, almighty to deliver
Let us all thy life receive
Suddenly return and never
Never more thy temples leave
4. Thee we would be always blessing
Serve thee as thy hosts above
Pray and praise thee without ceasing
Glory in thy perfect love.
5. Finish then thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee
6. 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.

Ministry of the Word

Acts 2:14, 36–41 (New Revised Standard Version)

Peter's response

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah,^[a] this Jesus whom you crucified.'

The First Converts

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers,^[b] what should we do?' ³⁸Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰And he

testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Luke 24:13–35 (New Revised Standard Version)

The Walk to Emmaus

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.^[b] ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth,^[c] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.^[d] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah^[e] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So, he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us^[f] while he was talking to

us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon: *“Hearts Set on Fire: Recognising Christ & Responding in Faith”*

Hymn: H&P 745 – O Thou who camest from above – Charles Wesley 1707-88

1. O thou who camest from above
The pure celestial fire to impart
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

2. There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

3. Jesus, confirm my heart’s desire
To work, and speak, and think for thee
Still let me guard the holy fire
And still stir up thy gift in me.

4. Ready for all thy perfect will
My acts of faith and love repeat
Till death thy endless mercies seal
And make the sacrifice complete.

Offering & Offertory Prayer: *(We also acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and online banking)*

Gracious God, You give us life, hope, and new beginnings.

As we bring our offerings to You,
we offer not only our gifts
but our whole lives in response to Your grace.

Use what we give to bring light, hope, and transformation to the world.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Notices:

Responsive Prayers of Intercession

Leader:

Risen Christ, You walked alongside Your disciples in their confusion—
walk with Your Church today.

All:

Open our eyes to recognise You in our midst.

Leader:

For those whose hearts are heavy with grief, fear, or uncertainty—

All:

Be near, Lord, and bring comfort and hope.

Leader:

For our world, where there is conflict, rising costs, and anxiety about the
future—

All:

Speak peace into troubled hearts and nations.

Leader:

For those seeking direction, asking “What shall we do?”—

All:

Guide them by Your Spirit into truth and life.

Leader:

For our parish, our congregations, our families, and those joining us
online—

All:

Set our hearts on fire to love and serve You.

Leader:

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus—

All:

Who is known to us in Word and in breaking of bread. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (said together)

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tou ingoa
Kia tae mai tou rangatira-tanga
Kia mea tia 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 whaka-waia
Engari whaka o rangia mātou i te kino
Nou hoki re rangatira-tanga
Te kaha,
me te kororia,
Ake, ake, ake, Āmine.

Hymn: H&P 381 – Forth in thy Name O Lord, I go – Charles Wesley 1707-88

1. Forth in thy name O Lord I go
My daily labour to pursue
Thee, only thee, resolved to know
In all I think, or speak, or do.
2. The task, thy wisdom has assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil
In all my works thy presence find
And prove thy good and perfect will.
3. Thee may I set at my right hand
Whose eyes my inmost substance see
And labour on at thy command
And offer all my works to thee.

4. For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace has given
And run my course with even joy
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

Dismissal

Go now in the company of the risen Christ—
who walks with you on every road.

Let your hearts burn with His Word,
and your lives reflect His love.

Benediction

May the risen Christ,
who opened the Scriptures and was made known in the breaking of bread,
open your eyes and set your hearts on fire.

May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

And the blessing of God—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Please join us for Refreshments in the New Hall

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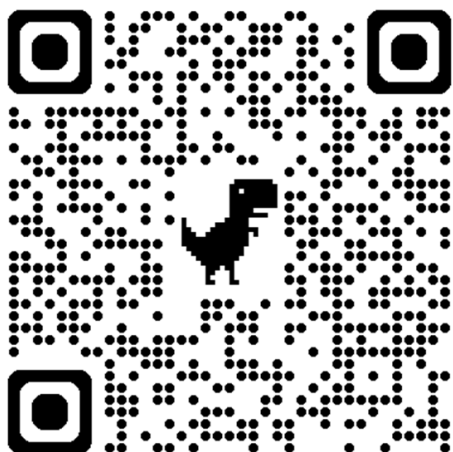
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