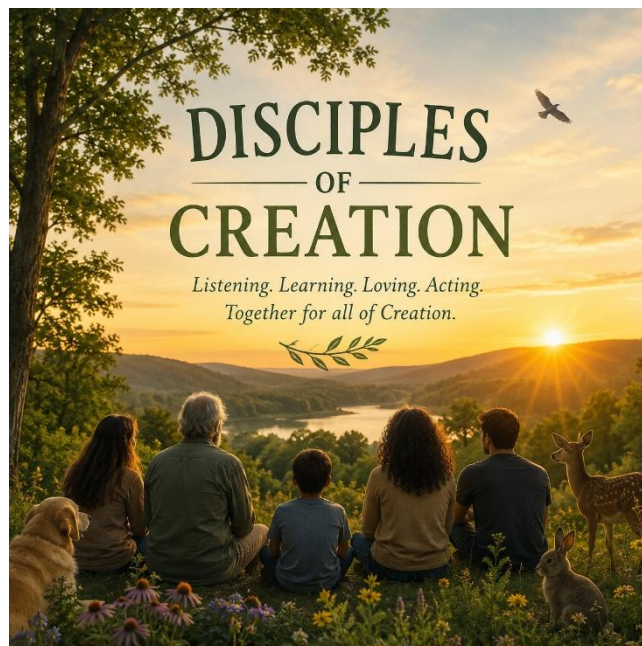




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**Rātapu, te 31 o Haratua (May) 2026 -
Te Rātapu o Te Tokotoru (Trinity Sunday)
Café Church service**

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



Disciples of creation

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
Accompanists: Heather & Philip Garside

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.

Please help yourself to some kai, and tea or coffee. You are welcome to replenish your plate and mug at any time during the service.

Welcome and Safety Briefing
Pilaar

Daphne

Call to Worship (Ngā Kupu Whakapūare)

Ko te rā tēnei i hanga i lhowā. **This is the day that the Lord has made.**

Kia hari, kia koa tatou. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

On this Trinity Sunday, we come to praise the Triune - God, Son, and Holy Spirit!

We praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

We come to wade into the depths of the divine mystery of God, the One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

We seek an ever-deepening faith in God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

We come to witness the interconnectedness of the Triune God, to marvel at the divine dance of partnership and cooperation.

We receive the invitation to join the divine dance of God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Come, let us worship the Triune—God, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Lighting the candle (Kānara Whakamāmā)

Today we gather in the name of the Holy Trinity: God, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Three in One, and One in Three, we worship the God of love.

We light this candle for God the Creator.

May this light remind us of God's presence.

We light this candle for Jesus Christ.

May this light remind us of God's love.

We light this candle for the Holy Spirit.

May this light remind us that God is with us always.

Holy Trinity, bless us with your peace and love. Amen.

Opening Prayer (Inoi Tuatahi)

Out of our ordinary, everyday lives, you have gathered us here, Holy God, to this time of worship, to this time of praise. We join with angels and archangels

and all the company of the saints to bless you, to listen for your Word, to immerse ourselves in your grace, in your love.

Open our hearts and our minds to your presence with us. Take the chaos of the world that has found its way into our hearts — speak your Word and give order and form and new creation. Take the failures and defeats, the guilt and the shame

that bind our spirits — speak your Word and set us free. Take our longings for your goodness to shape our lives, this community, the hurting world — speak your Word and infuse us with your courage and your hope and your love.

Then, awaken us to your Holy Spirit who is making all things new, even us.

Amen.

Waiata: Wairua Tapu (Ngāpō Wehi)

Wairua tapu tau mai rā

Wairua tapu mai runga

Uhia mai ngā taonga pai

Homai tō aroha

Wahia ka tika
Akona mai rā kia ū ki te pai
Horohia kia mau tonu rā
Mō hou te tino korōria
(Repeat whole verse)

(End quietly with)

Wairua tapu tau mai rā
Wairua tapu tau mai rā
Wairua tapu tau mai rā

Ministry of the Word (Ngā Pānui Karaipiture)

Melina Takau-Samson

Genesis 1:1-2:4 (NRSVUE) – Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So, God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation:

plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So, God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So, God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus, the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So, God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSVUE) – The Commissioning of the Disciples

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Introducing the theme – *being disciples of creation*

Table group activity

1. *What does this passage teach us about God’s relationship with creation?*
2. *What practices can help us become better “disciples of creation”?*

3. *What would change in our communities if we truly believed creation is sacred and good?*
4. *How can faith communities model stewardship, gratitude, and care for the earth?*

10AM Singing Group – ‘Look upon us, blessed Lord’ (Johann Rudolph Ahle)

Look upon us, blessed Lord,
Take our wandering thoughts and guide us.
We have come to hear Thy word,
With thy teaching now provide us,
That, from earth’s distractions turning,
We Thy message may be learning.

For Thy Spirit’s radiance bright,
We, assembled here, are hoping.
If Thou shouldst withhold the light,
In the dark our souls were groping.
In word, deed, and thought direct us,
Thou, none other, canst correct us.

Brightness of the Father’s face,
Light of light, from God proceeding,
Make us ready in this place,
Ear and heart await Thy leading.
In our study, prayers, and praising,
May our souls find their upraising. Amen.

Community Time

Sharing the Peace

Notices

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

Prayers of Intercession (Ngā Inoi Mō Te Whānau)

Almighty God, maker of all, with joy we give thanks for all your goodness. We praise you for the love which has created and sustained us to this day, and for the gift of your Christ who brings us into covenant with you and with all your people of faith. Help us to treasure your gifts and to show our thankfulness by lives wholly given to your service. **Lord, let us be disciples of your creation.**

We pray for your church whom you have redeemed by the sacrifice of Jesus. Give it pastors and ministers filled with your spirit, and strength to serve by the guidance of your word. Perfect it in love and in compassion and establish it in the faith of your saints. Unite all your people that one holy church may bear witness to you and your glory. **Lord, let us be disciples of your creation.**

We pray that you would move our nation toward the justice of your peace. Bless our national, state and local leaders to serve all people with integrity. Purge from us all hatred and prejudice, and build within us your love, that even in our dealings with the other nations of earth we may be servants of peace, truth and justice. **Lord, let us be disciples of your creation.**

Let your grace be seen in seedtime and harvest, in labour and business, in leisure and rest, in arts and culture of our people. May all who do work find fulfilment of their vocations, and all who need work find the relief of new endeavours. **Lord, let us be disciples of your creation.**

Comfort those who sorrow and are in need, sickness or adversity. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in mourning, and to all give your peace, for these and all our prayers we bring to you in the name of Jesus our Christ. **Lord, let us be disciples of your creation. 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 aiane 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)

Creating God, you formed light from darkness, breath from dust, and life from love. In Christ, you walked among us, and through your Spirit, you empower us still. Today, we offer our gifts—signs of our desire to partner with you in your ongoing work of creation, healing, and discipleship. Use these offerings to build communities of compassion, to welcome the stranger, and to teach your ways of justice and joy. May our giving reflect the wonder of your love and our willingness to grow as disciples in your name. Amen

Waiata: He Hōnore (Te Ringatū hāhi (faith) o Ngāi Tūhoe)

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

Extinguishing the candle (Kānara Whakapoko)

Sending forth/Benediction (Ngā Inoi Whakamutungā)

Go now in the blessing of the Triune God who draws you into the divine dance, inviting you to partner in God's life-giving work to bring flourishing and abundant life to all creation! **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**

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