



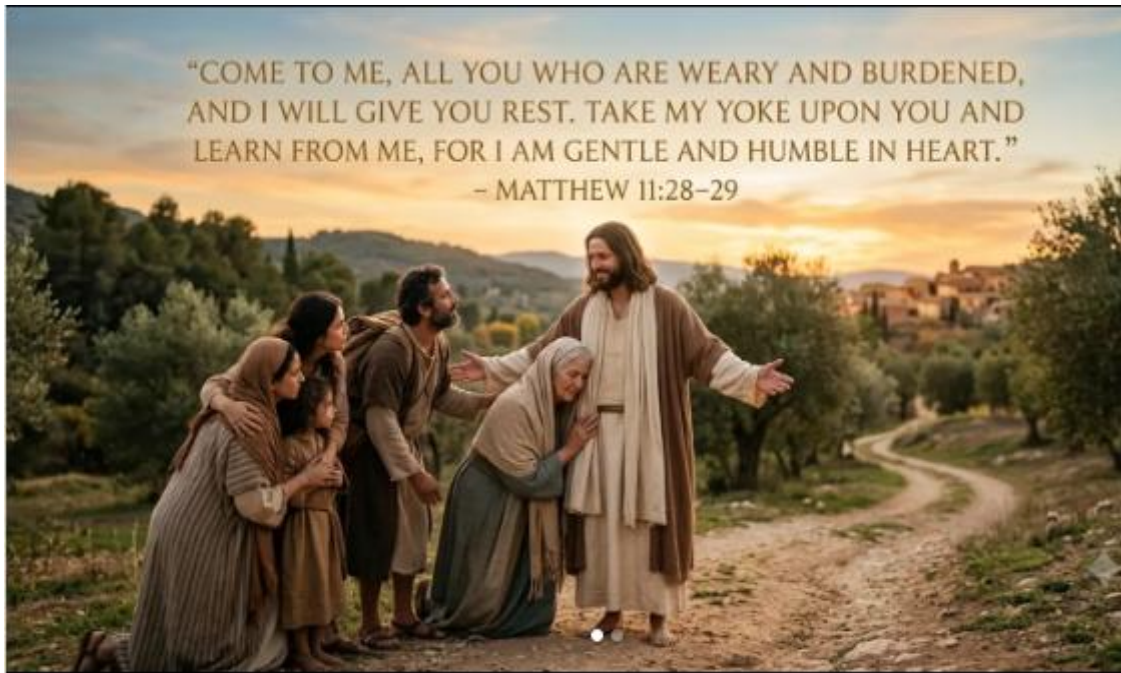
**Wesley Methodist Church**  
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**Sunday 5 July 2026**

**Pentecost 6**

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



**“You Are Not Alone”**

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 to this Gathering as a community of Faith**  
**ORDER OF COMBINED & HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**  
**10AM**

**Leader: Kisione Finau    Organist: Colin Scarf**

**Welcome & Safety Briefing**

**Tongan**

**Introit**

**Fijian**

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:**

Come, people of God, gather in the presence of the One who calls us by name.

**People:**

We come, ready to listen, ready to follow, ready to worship.

**Leader:**

The Lord is our strength and our song; God has become our salvation.

**People:**

We trust in the Lord and are not afraid.

**Leader:**

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**People:**

We lift our voices, our hearts, and our lives in worship to God.

**Leader:**

Come, let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in God's presence! Amen.**

**Lighting the Candle**

**Mrs Surava Elaise Tikoca**

Lord, as this flame begins to shine, remind us of the warmth of your love and the guidance of your Spirit. Bless this moment, Lord, and all who are gathered here. As this candle burns, may our lives shine with compassion, justice, and love, reflecting the light of Christ in all we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, you have taught us to pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” You are our Holy Father, the living God, full of mercy and love, and worthy of all praise and worship.

We come before you with open hearts, seeking the peace only Christ can give. We rejoice in our humble King, who comes not with force or pride, but with compassion and peace.

Quiet our hearts, Lord, that we may hear your gracious voice. Free us from all that holds us back, renew us in the hope of your kingdom, and make our souls like good soil, ready to receive your word, grow in wisdom, and bear fruit for your glory.

As we worship, may our songs become prayers, our prayers deepen our trust, and our lives reflect the gentleness of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## Hymn – *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (H&P 744)*

### 1. English

O for a thousand tongues to  
sing  
My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and  
King,  
The triumphs of God’s grace!

### 2. Samoan

Lo’u Matai ma lo’u Atua  
Fesoasoani mai  
E talai atu i le lalolagi  
Lou suafa mamalu.

### 3. Tongan

Ko Sisu ‘a e Huafa lahi,  
‘O ‘ikai hano ua:

’kai ha taha ke tatau,  
Ha taha ke kakunga.

### 4. Fijian

Sa vosa ga, qai reki mai  
Na yalo vutugu;  
Na mataboko, era rai;  
Na bale era tu.

### 5. English

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise,  
ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues  
employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Saviour  
come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Leader:** Loving and Merciful God, you invite us to walk in humility, gentleness, and rest. Yet we confess that we have often chosen pride, harshness, and restless striving.

**People:** Forgive us, Lord, and have mercy on us.

**Leader:** We have sought our own comfort while overlooking the burdens of others. We have spoken words that wound rather than heal, trusted in our own strength instead of your grace, and been quick to judge but slow to show compassion.

**People:** Forgive us, Lord, and have mercy on us.

**Leader:** Lift from us the heavy yoke of sin and self-reliance. Teach us to learn from you, for you are gentle and humble in heart, and in you our weary souls find rest.

**People:** Forgive us, Lord, and have mercy on us.

### **Silent Confession**

*(Pause for silent prayer)*

**All:** Hear the good news: In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free. Thanks be to God! Amen.

### **Words of Assurance**

**Leader:** Friends in Christ, hear the good news: when we stumble, God's mercy remains steadfast; when we grow weary, Christ renews us; when our hearts are restless, the Spirit leads us into peace.

**People:** We trust in the One who gives rest to the burdened, lifts the lowly, and strengthens the weary.

**Leader:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, freed from sin's burden, and welcomed into the joy of God's kingdom.

**All:** Thanks be to God! We will walk in freedom, live in love, and rest in the promise that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer/He Inoi O Te Ariki (said together)**

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi  
Kia tapu tou Ingoa  
Kia tae mai tou rangatira-tanga.

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 whaka-waia;  
Engari whaka-orangia mātou, i te kino:  
Nou hoki te rangatira-tanga,  
te kaha,

me te kororia,  
Ake, ake, ake. Āmine.

**Wesley Men's Fellowship Choir – “Dance with us”**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**First Reading** – Psalm 45:10 – 17

**Leatuavao Leatuavao**

10 Listen, O daughter,  
Consider and incline your ear;  
Forget your own people also, and your father's house;

11 So the King will greatly desire your beauty;  
Because He is your Lord, worship Him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift;  
The rich among the people will seek your favour.

13 The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace;  
Her clothing is woven with gold.

14 She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colours;  
The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You.

15 With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought;  
They shall enter the King's palace.

16 Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons,  
Whom You shall make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations;  
Therefore, the people shall praise You forever and ever.

**Second Reading: Gospel** - *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

**Fijian**

16 “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, 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, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

25 At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, 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.”

**Anthem**

**Fijian Choir**

## **Commissioning & Dedication of the New Parish Treasurer**

**Minister:**

Today we give thanks to God for the gifts, skills, and willingness of those who serve in the life of our Parish. We acknowledge with gratitude the ministry of stewardship and administration that supports the mission and ministry of this Parish.

We now present **Mrs Surava Elaise Tikoca**, who has accepted the role of Parish Treasurer.

**Minister:**

Surava, the Parish has called you to serve as Treasurer of Wesley Wellington Parish. This ministry carries responsibilities of stewardship, accountability, integrity, and faithful service.

Will you seek to carry out this responsibility faithfully, honestly, and to the best of your ability, relying on God's grace and guidance?

**Surava:**

With God's help, I will.

**Minister:**

Will you work alongside the ministers, Parish Council, congregations, and all who share in the mission of this Parish, serving in a spirit of Christian love and cooperation?

**Surava:**

With God's help, I will.

## **Question to the Congregation**

**Minister:**

People of God, will you support Surava in her ministry as Parish Treasurer, encourage her in her work, and uphold her in your prayers?

**Parish:**

With God's help, we will.

## **Prayer of Dedication (stand)**

### **Minister:**

Let us pray.

Gracious and loving God,

We thank You for the gifts and commitment of Your servant, **Surava Elaise Tikoca**.

We thank You for her willingness to serve as Treasurer of this Parish.

Grant her wisdom in decision-making,  
integrity in all responsibilities,  
patience in times of challenge,  
and joy in serving Your Church.

Guide her as she manages the resources entrusted to this Parish.  
May all financial stewardship be undertaken faithfully,  
transparently, and for the strengthening of Your mission.

Bless her family and all who support her.  
May Your Holy Spirit lead and sustain her in this ministry.

We dedicate Surava to this work in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Presentation**

### **Minister:**

Surava, on behalf of Wesley Wellington Parish, we thank you for accepting this ministry and commend you to God's grace.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.

### **Parish:**

Amen.

**Children Story time:** *Faifekau Special Choir*

**Hymn:** *What a friend we have in Jesus (H&P 559)*

**English**

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

**Samoan**

O le ala o le ola  
Ou te fia savali ai,  
O mea uma ua tonu  
Ou te loto ina fai;  
A o mea faatofotofo  
Ua faalavelave mai,  
Ma ua saga oso pea,  
Ia ou tuumuli ai.

**Tongan**

Ko 'etau kavenga'ia  
'Etau mafasia e,  
Ko e 'ahi'ahi fafa  
'Etau me'a kotoa pe.  
Ko e to'e ni mo ngala

Ho'otautolu pe fo'ui  
Ko e fie ha'amo taha  
'A e mamafa he mo'ui.

**Fijian**

Eda tagitagi lako  
Se da loma bibi tu  
Noda i drodro na Turaga  
Ko Karisito Jisu.  
Ke ra dro wekada kece  
Se ra beci keda tu  
E Ligana me da cegu  
Sa Wekada ko Jisu.

**English**

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake  
thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In his arms he'll take and shield  
thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

**Reflection:** *"You are not Alone"*

**10am Singing Group** – *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

**Prayer of Intercession**

We pray for one another, for our families and friends and all those through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you to all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbours and our community, loving others as he loves us.

*Silence*

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them.

*Silence*

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these islands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and all leaders of the nations.

*Silence*

We pray for your church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name will also reflect your glory.

*Silence*

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

*Silence*

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Receive the prayers of your people. Amen.

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**All:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in our Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father; true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was Incarnate of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scripture; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and life of the world to come. **Amen.**

**Time of Offering:**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, bless every cheerful giver today. Thank You for their willing hearts and generous spirits. Pour out blessings upon them. In Jesus name, Amen

### **THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

**Leader:** The Lord is here.

**All:** God's Spirit is with us.

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts

**All:** We lift them to the Lord.

**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.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Leader:** On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took the 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 to remember me."

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we proclaim; your resurrection we celebrate; your coming we await. Amen.**

## **PRAYER TO 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. Amen.

**All: 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 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 & DISTRIBUTION**

Come for all things, are now ready. Draw near in faith and take this holy sacrament in remembrance that Christ died for you. You are all invited to come forward and receive the Holy Communion. *(if you have difficulty walking, communion will be served to you in your seat).*

**(The Tongan 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**

**All:** I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you. Let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours.

**HYMN:** *Guide me o Thou Great Jehovah (H&P 437)*

### **1. English**

Guide me O thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore.

## 2. Tongan

Ifi ai 'a e talupite  
Fai 'a e vakavakao,  
Puna hotau laumalie,  
O mo e kau angelo,  
Hu ai leva  
Ki he potu malolo.

## 3. Samoan

A mavae lenei olaga,  
Pe a goto lona la,  
Ia molia matou uma  
I lou maota, le Tama;  
Ona olioli lea  
I le tofi i luga.

## 4. Fijian

Lomalagi, mai veivuke!  
Agilosi kecega!  
Siga, vula, kalokalo,  
Cuva sobu ki Vua!  
Ko Jiova  
Me rokovi tikoga.

## EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE

As we go forth with God's love, may we bring Christ's living presence with our words, our actions, and our love.

## BLESSING

The Peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always. **Amen**

## 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.**

*Please join us for refreshments in the New Hall*

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