

Welcome! Haere Mai!
St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 28 July 2024
OT 17, Social Services Sunday

Processional Hymn:

Stand up, stand up for Jesus
you soldiers of the cross
lift high His royal banner
it must not suffer loss
from vict'ry on to vict'ry
His army He shall lead
till evil is defeated
and Christ is Lord indeed

Stand up, stand up for Jesus
the trumpet call obey
then join the mighty conflict
in this His glorious day
be strong in faith and serve Him
against unnumbered foes
let courage rise with danger
and strength to strength oppose

Stand up, stand up for Jesus
stand in His pow'r alone
for human might will fail you
you dare not trust your own
put on the gospel armour
keep watch with constant prayer
where duty calls or danger
be never failing there

Stand up, stand up for Jesus
 the fight will not be long
 this day the noise of battle
 the next the victor's song
 to everyone who conquers
 a crown of life shall be
 we, with the King of glory
 shall reign eternally.

Welcome and Greeting:

In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life. **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
 the love at our beginning and without end,
 in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Call to Worship:

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,
 release for the captives,
 recovery of sight for the blind
 and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

Benedicite Aotearoa:

O give thanks to our God Who is good;
 Whose love endures forever

**You sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky;
 give to our God your thanks and praise**

Sunrise and sunset, night and day
 give to our God your thanks and praise

**All mountains and valleys, grassland and scree,
 glacier, avalanche, mist and snow
 give to our God your thanks and praise**

You kauri and pine, rata and kowhai, mosses and ferns
give to our God your thanks and praise

**Dolphins, and kahawai, sealion and crab,
coral, anemone, pipi and shrimp
give to our God your thanks and praise**

Rabbits and cattle, moths and dogs
Kiwi and sparrow and tui and hawk
give to our God your thanks and praise

**You Māori and Pākehā, women and men
all who inhabit the Long White Cloud
give to our God your thanks and praise**

All you saints and martyrs of the South Pacific
give to our God your thanks and praise.

Confession:

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,
whose wrongs are pardoned.
Let us confess our sins to the Lord,
Let us not conceal our wrongdoings.

Silence

God forgives and heals us.

**We need Your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us; some escape us; some we cannot face.
Forgive us; set us free to hear Your word to us;
set us free to serve You.**

Absolution:

God forgives you. Forgive others; Forgive yourself.

Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
approach God in peace.

Sentence:

'I am the living bread that came down from heaven,' says the Lord.
'Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.'

John 6:51

Collect:

All-seeing God, teach us to be open with You about our needs, to seek Your support in our trials, to admit before You our sins, and to thank You for all Your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

A reading from the second book of Kings:

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left." ' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

2 Kings 4: 42-44

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145: 10-18

All Your creation shall praise You O Lord

And Your servants will bless Your Name

They shall speak of the glory of Your Kingdom

And their talk shall be of Your power

So that all may know of Your mighty deeds

And the glorious splendour of Your Kingdom

Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom

And Your dominion endures from age to age

The Lord upholds those who stumble
And raises up those who are down

The eyes of all, look to You O Lord
And You give them their food in due season

You open wide Your hand
And give what they desire to all things living

You Lord are righteous in all Your ways
And loving in all Your deeds

You Lord are near to all who call to You
Who call to You in singleness of heart.

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word,
and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and
will be forever. Amen.**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3: 14-21

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Gradual Hymn:

Lead us heavenly Father, lead us
 o'er the world's temptestuous sea
 guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us
 for we have no help but Thee
 yet possessing every blessing
 if our God our Father be

Saviour breathe forgiveness o'er us
 all our weakness Thou dost know
 Thou didst tread this earth before us
 Thou dist feel its keenest woe
 through the dreary desert weary
 in obedience Thou didst go

Spirit of our God descending
 fill our hearts with heavenly joy
 love with every passion blending
 pleasure that can never cloy
 thus provided, pardoned, guided
 nothing can our peace destroy.

Gospel:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Praise and glory to God.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in

the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realised that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

John 6: 1-21

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

Sermon

The Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People:

Today we pray for the Bricks for Life programme in Ethiopia, and for the New Zealand Church Missionary Society.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Reece, Viv, James F, Hazel, Lynda, Lawrence, Adam.

The Peace:

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Colossians 3.14 (adapted)

The peace of God be with you all.

In God's justice is our peace.

E te whānau / Brothers and sisters,
Christ calls us to live in unity.

We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn:

Thy hand, O God has guided
Thy flock from age to age
the wondrous tale is written
full clear on every page
Our forebears owned Thy goodness
and we their deeds record
and both of this bear witness
One Church, one faith, one Lord

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
 to greatest as to least
 they bade them rise and hasten
 to share the great King's feast
 and this was all their teaching
 in ev'ry deed and word
 to all alike proclaiming
 One Church, one faith, one Lord

Through many a day of darkness
 through many a scene of strife
 the faithful few fought bravely
 to guard the nation's life
 Their gospel of redemption
 sin pardoned, hope restored
 was all in this enfolded
 One Church, one faith, one Lord

Thy mercy will not fail us
 nor leave Thy work undone
 with Thy right hand to help us
 the vict'ry shall be won
 and the by all creation
 Thy Name shall be adored
 and this shall be their anthem
 One Church, one faith, one Lord.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table:

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation:
 through Your goodness we have this bread and wine to share,
 which earth has given, and human hands have made.
 They will become for us the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Spirit of God be with you
And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven.
Where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, to give You thanks most loving God,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, the first born from the dead,
the pioneer of our salvation, Who is with us always, one of us,
yet from the heart of God.

For with Your whole created universe, we praise You for
Your unfailing gift of life. We thank You that You make us human and
stay with us, even when we turn from You to sin.

**God's love is shown to us; while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save,
You came among us in Jesus Christ our crucified and living Lord.

You make all things new, in Christ's suffering and cross
You reveal Your glory and reconcile all peoples to Yourself,
their true and living God.

You pour out Your Spirit on all. You empower us to know
Your truth and fearlessly to proclaim Your gospel among the
nations. Your love fires our hearts and in Your Spirit
we hunger and thirst for justice in the world.

In Your mercy You are now our God.
Through Christ You gather us, new-born in Your Spirit,
a people after Your own heart.

We entrust ourselves to You,
for You alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

**Now is the acceptable time,
now is the day of salvation.**

Therefore, with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets,
with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise You and say:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of mercy, giver of life;
earth and sea and sky and all that lives,
declare Your presence and Your glory.**

All glory to You, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation.
Accept our praises living God, for Jesus Christ, the one
perfect offering for the world, Who, in the night He was betrayed
took bread, and when He had given You thanks, broke it,
gave it to His disciples and said:

Take eat this is My body, which is given for you;
do this to remember Me.

After supper, He took the cup, and when He had given You thanks,
He gave it to them and said:

Drink this all of you. This is My blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many to forgive sin.
Do this as often as you drink it to remember Me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death
of Jesus our Redeemer, we meet You in Your glory.
We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon Your name.
Here and now, with this bread and wine,
we celebrate Your great acts of liberation,
ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
Who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way,
our access to You Father, and source of all new life.
In Christ we offer ourselves to do Your will.

Empower our celebrations with Your Holy Spirit, feed us with Your life, fire us with your love, confront us with Your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share Your gifts of love.

**Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before You in earth and heaven,
we worship You, Creator God. Amen.**

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka waiata tātou:

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.**

**Murua ō mātou hara, Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,
Āke āke āke. Āmine.**

The Breaking of Bread:

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Bread and wine; the gifts of God
for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ
and Christ in us.**

Post Communion Sentence:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ... He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners.” (Isaiah 61:1)

Prayers after Communion:

Most loving God, Creator and Redeemer,
we give You thanks for this foretaste of Your glory.

Through Christ and with all Your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to Your service. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit, to stand with You in Your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Servant, our Friend and Brother. Amen.

Blessing:

May 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 ...

and may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be with you, with all those you love, and with those you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn:

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear
it soothes our sorrows, heal our wounds
and drives away our fear

It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast
it satisfies the hungry soul
and gives the weary rest

Dear Name, the Rock on which I build
my Shield and Hiding Place
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace

Jesus my Shepherd, Brother, Friend
my Prophet, Priest and King
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End
accept the praise I bring

Till then I would Your love proclaim
with every fleeting breath
and may the music of Your Name
refresh my soul in death.

Dismissal:

Haere i runga i te rangimarie, i runga i te aroha,
me te ngakau hihiko, ki te mahi, ki te Ariki.

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.