



LOWER NORTH ISLAND SYNOD  
of the  
METHODIST CHURCH OF  
NEW ZEALAND  
TE HAAHI WETERIANA O AOTEAROA



**Induction Service for  
Rev. Nicola Grundy  
into Presbyteral Ministry at  
Wellington Methodist Parish**

*6 February 2022*



**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!**

**Order of Service  
Induction Service  
Wesley Methodist Church 75 Taranaki Street  
6 February 2022**

Leader: **Ian Harris**  
Preacher: **Keita Hotere**  
Organist: **Colin Scarf**

Welcome

Kia ora e te whanau a te Karaiti.  
Malo e lelei! Talofa lava! Ni sa bula vinaka!  
Kia ora tatou! Nau mai, haere mai ki tēnei whare karakia  
*Greetings. Welcome to our family of Christ.  
Welcome all to this house of prayer.*

*Ian:*           Kia noho a lhowa ki a koutou. *[God be with you.]*  
*People:*       **Ki a koe ano hoki.**                   *[And with you also.]*

*Leader:*       Sisters and brothers in Christ, we are gathered here to worship God, to receive Rev Nicola Teague Grundy who has been appointed by Conference to serve in the Wellington Methodist Parish with Particular responsibility to the 10am congregation, and together to recommit ourselves to the service of God.

Please sit.

*Leader:*       Gracious God, refresh our spirits.  
*People:*       **Sustaining God, renew our faith.**  
*Leader:*       Loving God, fill us with compassion.  
*People:*       **Empowering God, equip us all for ministry.**

*(Utumau'u comes forward)*

*Ian:*    Utumau'u, you have been appointed by Conference to be the Superintendent of this Parish. We welcome you to this role and look forward to your leadership within the ministry team.

*Parish Symbol is presented by the Parish to Utumau'u.*

**Hymn O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing** - Lyngham

1. 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. Lo'u Matai ma lo'u Atua (Samoan)  
Fesosoani mai  
E talai atu i le lalolagi  
Lou suafa mamalu.
3. Sa vosa ga, qai reki mai (Fijian)  
Na yolo vutugu;  
Na mataboko,era rai;  
Na bale era tu.
4. Ko Sisu 'a e huafa lahi, (Tongan)  
'O 'ikai hano ua;  
'Ikai ha taha ke tatau,  
Ha taha ke kahunga.
5. My gracious master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honours of your Name.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*During the hymn Nicola will come forward,  
accompanied by her sponsors and whanau.*

*A welcome is extended by a parish leader.*

Please sit.

**Litany for Mission and Ministry**

Ian: We belong to a tradition  
which has Jesus Christ at its centre.  
**His is the way of humility and love,**

## **of integrity and self-offering.**

Utumau'u: We have seen this way faithfully expressed  
in Aotearoa.

**We value the spirituality that has shaped us here,  
its sense of the sacred and its openness to the  
Good News of Jesus Christ.**

Ian: We celebrate the work of evangelists, Maori and Pakeha,  
who proclaimed the Gospel in this land.

**We are blessed by the enrichment  
that people of the Pacific and those of other cultures  
have brought to our church and country.**

Utumau'u: We are thankful for the ministry of lay people,  
called to be salt of the earth and light to the world.

**We honour the ministry of the diaconate,  
marked by costly service in the community.**

Ian: We acknowledge with gratitude the faithful contribution  
of presbyters in building up the body of Christ.

And we acknowledge with gratitude and praise the lives of those who  
have served faithfully through the years, particularly within this Parish.

## **The Induction**

*(Nicola comes forward)*

Ian: Nicola, you have been appointed to serve in the Wellington  
Methodist Parish and with these people.

It is your ministry to lead in worship, preach the Gospel of Christ and  
celebrate the Lord's Supper with them.

It is your responsibility to call people to repentance, assure them of  
God's forgiveness, and baptise.

Presbyteral ministry is prophetic, and questioning, finding  
resources for futures, and calling forth talents from  
congregation.

You are called to teach and encourage by word and action.

Taking Christ, the Good Shepherd as your example, care for these people and serve with them in witness to the world.  
Do you accept this appointment as being God's call to you?

*Nicola:* I do. I will equip myself for this ministry through prayer, study, and the reading of the Bible. By God's grace I will preach the Word of God, I will teach, administer the sacraments, love, and serve these people. I will encourage them in their ministry. Accepting my appointment through the Conference, I will carry out my ministry in accordance with our Methodist discipline.

*Ian:* Let us pray:  
Loving God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your people.  
We thank you for Nicola whom you have called to this parish. Fill her with the Holy Spirit and nourish her gifts for ministry in this place. May Nicola have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus and as a faithful disciple be an example to your people and a witness in this community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

*Ian to the Parish:*  
As members of the Wellington Methodist Parish, it is your task to use the gifts that God has given you to minister to one another and to the community in which you are set.  
Do you affirm your ongoing call to be the servant people of God?

*Parish Members:*

**We do.**  
**With God's help,**  
**Christ's love will reach others through us.**  
**We will equip ourselves for this ministry**  
**through regular worship,**  
**prayer and study of the Bible.**

*Ian:* Let us pray,  
Loving God, in every generation you have called people

to be your disciples and follow your way.  
We give thanks for the Wellington Methodist Parish  
and pray for its mission.  
May the Spirit continue to release gifts for  
ministry in this place. **Amen.**

Nicola Grundy has been appointed to minister with you in this parish.  
Do you accept her as your Presbyter, and will you offer her your  
support, love and prayers?

*Parish Members:*

**We do.**

**We will be partners with Nicola in the mission of the church.**

**We promise her our prayers, our loving support and our  
active participation in ministry.**

**We welcome Nicola to this Ministry and to this place.**

*Ian: to the wider church family:*

People from the Lower-North-Island Synod, the wider church and  
community, will you as colleagues and friends support and encourage  
Nicola in her ministry, and work with her for God's vision of shalom  
in all creation?

*Members of the wider church and community:*

**We will. We value the opportunity  
to network and share with others in this work.**

*Please sit.*

*Nicola comes forward; Parish Representatives and other Presbyters and  
Ministers gather around Nicola in solidarity and prayer.*

*Ian:* Let us pray.

We pray for the witness of this parish as it works in and for this  
community. May the Spirit guide the parish leadership in their  
governance role, may the people find encouragement in each other, in  
their worship and in their service.

We pray for Nicola. May your Spirit enliven this ministry,  
bringing insight to her proclamation of the Word, compassion to her  
pastoral care, and challenge in her tasks as prophet and leader.

Gracious God may Nicola and these people find you strong to help. Give them courage to be your faithful people in the wider community. By your Holy Spirit, guide and lead them to love and serve others. Grant that in all things they may fulfil their ministry without reproach in your sight. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who offered to you the perfect ministry. **Amen.**

Now in silence let Nicola pray for the people  
and let the people pray for Nicola.

*Silence*

*Ian:* A new partnership in ministry has begun.  
Together you are the people of God in this place.

*Those who are gathered around Nicola extend greetings to her.*

*The Presbyter, Synod representative, Parish Superintendents, and a Parish Leader sign the Ethical Standards of Ministry documents.*

The Wellington Methodist parish Ministry Team come forward.

*Ian:* The Parish Ministry Team consists of four presbyters.  
I invite you to offer your welcome to Nicola.

*Symbols of shared ministry are presented by the Parish to Nicola.*

*Please stand.*

## **Hymn      Here to celebrate God's Loving**

Here to celebrate God's loving,  
in this moment called to share,  
partners in love's gracious purpose,  
God invites us all to care.

*Chorus*

*Hang out the hallelujahs,  
hang out a loud amen,  
love is God's final word in Christ,  
a love that knows no end.*

Here to celebrate God's working,  
there's a task for everyone;  
none is greater, none is smaller:  
just love's service to be done.

*Chorus*

Here to celebrate God's welcome,  
finding Christ in me and you;  
for the world and for each other  
doing what our Lord would do.

*Chorus*

Here to celebrate God's goodness,  
here to listen, here to pray;  
sent from worship into service,  
called to live Christ's loving way.

*Chorus*

Words: Colin Gibson. Tune: *Sycamore Close*

### **10am Singing Group: Invitation to Love.**

*Words: Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906). Music: Jonathan Berkahn*

**Readings: Luke 5: 1 - 11**

**10am & Samoan reps**

**Sermon**

**Hymn      Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**      Blaenwern. (H&P 267(i))

1.      Love divine, all loves excelling,  
         Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
         Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
         All thy faithful mercies crown.  
         Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
         Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
         Visit us with thy salvation,  
         Enter every trembling heart.
  
2.      Sa dau yaco mai na gauna                      (Fijian)  
         Kivei keda kecega,  
         Me da digitaka kina  
         Na vinaka se na ca:  
         Me da vakatudaliga  
         Ki na kaci i Jisu,  
         Se muria ga na meca  
         Era cati Koya tu.
  
3.      Ofaange ke lilingi                                      (Tongan)  
         Ki he fakataha ni  
         'A e kelesi Hotau 'Eiki  
         Hono ivi ngaue mai!  
         Ka tau hao mei he kovi,  
         Ka tau laka pe ki mu'a  
         'O tau tupu ai ke ofi  
         Ki he anga he 'Otua.
  
4.      Le Alii e, silasila                                      (Samoan)  
         la i matou uma nei  
         O tagata agasala  
         Ma ua matua sese  
         A ia e sisila lava  
         I le maliu o Iesu  
         Le na matua saunia  
         O le olataga fou.

5. Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee:  
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!

- Charles Wesley (1707-88)

*Nicola offers her greeting to the Parish.*

### **Prayers of Intercession** *(led by Nicola)*

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in Heaven,**

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Hymn**                      **God who sets us on a journey**

1. God who sets us on a journey  
to discover, dream and grow,  
lead us as you led your people  
in the desert long ago;  
journey inward, journey outward,  
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,  
love for God and self and neighbour  
marks the way that Christ defined.

2. Exploration brings new insights,  
changes, choices we must face;  
give us wisdom in deciding,  
mindful always of your grace;  
should we stumble, lose our bearings,  
find it hard to know what's right,  
we regain our true direction  
focused on the Jesus light.
  
3. End our longing for the old days,  
grant the vision that we lack –  
once we've started on this journey  
there can be no turning back;  
let us travel light, discarding  
excess baggage from our past,  
cherish only what's essential,  
choosing treasure that will last.
  
4. When we set up camp and settle  
to avoid love's risk and pain,  
you disturb complacent comfort,  
pull the tent pegs up again;  
keep us travelling in the knowledge  
you are always at our side;  
give us courage for the journey,  
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

Words: Joy Dine (1937 – 2001) Tune: *Hyfrydol*

## **Parting Words**

All you who are gathered here,  
Go now to love and serve the city  
Walk humbly  
Love kindly  
Live justly.  
As you have been blessed,  
So may you be a blessing to others.

**We will go about the world in peace. Amen.**

Lynne Frith (March,2020)

*“Ma te marie” is sung unaccompanied:*

**Ma te marie a te Atua  
Tatou katoa e tiaki;  
Mana ano e whakau  
O tatou ngakau ki te pai.**

*The peace of God  
keep us all.  
He will confirm our  
hearts in goodness.*

**Ma te Atua Tamaiti ra,  
Ma te Wairua Tapu hoki,  
Ratou, Atua kotahi nei.  
Tatou katoa e whakapai.**

*May the Son of God  
and the Holy Spirit  
too, one God,  
bless us all.*

**Amine.**

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