



WESLEY WELLINGTON
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Sunday 20 February 2022 Epiphany 7

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



**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
10am Congregation
Wesley Methodist Church 75 Taranaki Street
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Leader:
Rev Nicola Teague Grundy

Organ: **Colin Scarf**

Welcome, Introduction & Safety briefing **Lusi**

Call to Worship

We come to meet with you today, Lord
And we come to meet with one another.

We come from a busy week
A week full of ups and downs.

We confess that we like to be in control
But our lives are full of uncertainty.

We make our plans for the future
***But we are not sure what will happen
or where we will be.***

So we come as we are
***We come to worship you Lord.
And we invite you to come and meet with us.***

Lighting the Candles

As we light our candles this morning
let us listen to the life of our city,
may we sense God's Presence in

its murmuring rhythms
its working and walking and talking
its colours and faces and longings.

The candle is lit

**O light of life,
be kindled again in our hearts
as we meet together this morning
to celebrate the joy of community
seeking a wholeness that extends beyond ourselves.**

Words of Awareness

We pray.
God, you have gathered us in your community.
You have made a place for us.
Let what we say and do here
be real for us and honest to you
and prepare us for the life of the world.
May it be so.
Amen.

Hymn: “Here to celebrate God’s loving”

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

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

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Here to celebrate God's goodness,
here to listen, here to pray;
sent from worship into service,
called to live Christ's loving way.

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Opening Prayer

We come in the knowledge
that others walk this journey with us.
That others have walked, and will walk in ways that will help us.
Each of us unique.
Yet each like everyone else.
We come knowing we can learn from the mistakes of others,
that we can stand on the shoulders of giants
who have gone before,
that we can depend on the insights
and the conclusions from the deliberations of people
wiser
and with more insight
than we can bring to bear.
Yet each of us needing to meet with our God on our own terms
in our own way
in our own time.

Lord
we ask both for the humility to be open to what we can learn

from all our fellow travellers and the courage to step out on our own, into faith for ourselves.
Amen.

Story Time

Singing Group – “Here we stand among God’s people”

1. Here we stand among God’s people
giving thanks for all God’s care,
and we gladly bring our offering
to the common life we share.
There’s a thread within God’s story
that is ours alone to know,
and a vision of God’s glory
that our lives were made to show.
2. When the Gospel words are spoken,
when the bread and wine are blessed,
Jesus makes us more than welcome
at the table as his guests.
And as we go out to serve him
in our actions, work and prayers,
he will send us where we’re needed;
when he calls us we’ll be there.
3. With the Word of God to guide us
we will learn our whole lives long;
with the Spirit here beside us
we’ll be confident and strong
as we work for peace and justice
in our own appointed place,
and we’ll stand among God’s people
till we see God face to face.

Words: Marnie Barrell (Adapted).
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Jesus said to the disciples:
'I say this to you who are listening:
Love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who treat you badly.
'To the one who slaps you on the cheek,
present the other cheek too;
to the one who takes your cloak from you,
do not refuse your tunic.
'Give to everyone who asks you,
and do not ask for your property back
from the one who robs you.
'Treat others as you would like them to treat you.
If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect?
Even sinners love those who love them.
'And if you do good to those who do good to you,
what thanks can you expect?
Even sinners do that much.
'And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive,
what thanks can you expect?
For even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount.
'Instead, love your enemies and do good,
and lend without any hope of return.
You will have a great reward,
and you will be children of the Most High
who is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.'

Reflection:

Silence for personal reflection

Hymn: “A pei se vaitafe le fifilemu”

1. A pei se vaitafe le fifilemu,
Pe lutia nei I le sou,
Le olaga nei, out e molimau pea
E lelei, E lelei le Alii
E lelei, E lelei le Alii
2. A tau mai Satani I lona taua,
Ou te le toilalo I ai,
Ou te piimau pea ia Iesu le Alii,
O ia out e malosi ai.
E lelei, E lelei le Alii
3. O lona satauro ma lona maliu
E maua ai le ola tumau,
Le toto na tafe I lona itu
E ola ai e faavavau.
E lelei, E lelei le Alii
4. E! fia foai le olaga nei
Ma lona malosi lelei
Ia fai ma taulaga ia via ai
Le Alii alofa lenei
E lelei, E lelei le Alii

Community Time

Sharing the Peace

Let us take a moment to celebrate each other.

May a heart of peace rest with you.

And also, with you.

Notices

Sharing Joys and Sorrows

Prayers of Intercession

To the bidding: “...God, in your mercy,” please respond with:
“hear our prayer.”

Gracious God, draw near we pray to those who are hurting and bind up the broken-hearted.

We pray for those who have been wounded by their friends;
who have trusted someone only to have their trust betrayed;
who confided in someone only to have their secret repeated;
who helped someone in their hour of need
but were forgotten when their time came;
who were made use of and never even thanked
May they find in you someone whom they can trust
and find their security in your faithful and transforming love.
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have been hurt by their loved ones;
who have seen them led astray by their choices
or the influence of others;
who have seen them turn from the way of God
and lose their innocence
and have been helpless to do anything about it
except keep on loving and praying and hoping;
who feel more bitter for the wrongs inflicted on their loved ones
than for any inflicted on themselves
and who turn to you for grace and mercy
and the ability to forgive.
May they find in your family, the family of faith,
acceptance, support and courage to face another day.
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have lost their peace,
who cannot relax or sit still
but must always be feverishly doing something;
for those who cannot sleep without medication

for those who are sorely tempted
and for whom defeat is a daily experience;
for those whose desires and passions are too strong
who find self-control too hard
and are overwhelmed at their own weakness
May they find a peace that passes understanding,
a strength to choose right which only you can give,
and a love that brings healing and hope.
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless those who are imprisoned in poverty.
Bless those for whom violence or the threat of it is never far away.
Bless those who are ill or in pain.
Bless those where relationships are not right.
Bless those who have lost their faith.
Bless those who are sad and sorrowing.
You are our refuge and strength from all the storms of life
Grant peace to our souls,
joy in our hearts
light in our darkness
and in all things we pray,
be with us each step of the way for Jesus' sake.
Amen

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven
holy be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not put us to the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Offering

(Please leave your offering in the bag provided at the back of the church after the service. We also acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and online banking.)

Blessing of Offering

Lord Jesus Christ,
You were rich yet for our sake became poor
help us to remember that what we keep we lose
and what we give away we gain.
Take then our offerings of time, money and ourselves
and use them to fulfil your purposes
on earth for your name's sake.
Amen.

Hymn: "Let our love shine out" [HIOS 88]

1. *Let our love shine out
Through the day and in the darkness,
Let our love shine out
To the glory of the Lord.*

For the outer and the inner,
For the saint and for the sinner,
In Christ our love be given
For the healing of the world.
2. *Let our love shine out ...*

For the righteous and the wrongful,
For the silent and the songful;
In Christ our will is working
For the healing of the world.
3. *Let our love shine out ...*

For the wealthy and the needy,
For the wretched and the greedy;
In Christ our prayers are offered
For the healing of the world.

4. *Let our love shine out ...*
For the same and for the other
For our sister and our brother,
In Christ our actions focus
On the healing of the world.
5. *Let our love shine out ...*
With the fearful and the fighter,
With the smitten and the smiter,
In Christ all peace be practised
For the healing of the world.
6. *Let our love shine out*
Through the day and in the darkness,
Let our love shine out
To the glory of the Lord.

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Parting Words

As we prepare to leave this sacred space
where we have worshipped together,
let us return to our homes, our schools, our work
enlivened and renewed...

**Before we gather here again:
may each of us bring happiness into another's life;
may we each be surprised by the gifts that surround us;
may each of us be enlivened by constant curiosity.**

And may we remain together in spirit
until the hour we meet again.

Words of Blessing

Go boldly into the future which has been claimed by God.
Know that the God who holds all things will be there,
that Christ who calls us friend will walk beside us,
and the Spirit who makes all things new
will mark our way with light and hope.
Amen. May it be so.

The Grace (Said together)

**Kia tau ki a tatou katoa, te atawhai o to tatou Ariki o
Ihu Karaiti, me to aroha o te Atua, me te whiwhinga
tahithanga ki te Wairua Tapu. Amine.**

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Thank you to the Garside family for the refreshments.
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