



Wesley Wellington

75 Taranaki Street
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Sunday 30 January 2022 Epiphany 4

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
30 January 2022 Epiphany 4

Leader: **Simote Taungā** Organ: **Colin Scarf**

Please note that due to the Covid situation we will not be having Children's time, an offering collection today, or sharing of the peace.

Greeting & Welcome **Hugh**

Lighting of the candle.

Call to Worship (Psalm 71)

Offer God your worship and your praise.

**Before God formed us in our mothers' wombs,
God knew and love us.**

Offer Christ your love and your devotion.

**Before we drew our first breath,
Christ consecrated us as his own.**

Offer the Spirit your gratitude and your thanksgiving.

**Before we heard the call to heal the world,
the Spirit sustained our every heartbeat.**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.

We will offer God our worship and our praise.

Opening Prayer

Wrap us in the arms of your love, Holy One,
for we need to feel your healing touch.

As we gather to worship you this day,
humble our hearts, teach us patient,
and touch us with kindness.

Open our eyes,
that we may see ourselves as you see us.

Open our hearts to your Spirit of gentleness,
that our words may be true
and our love may be pure.

Bind us in a love that does not fail or fade,
that we may bear all things, believe all things,
and hopes all things in your love,
which never ends. Amen.

'To God Be The Glory'

(H&P 463)

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life in atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in:

Chorus

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:
And give him the glory - great things he has done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God!
And every offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives:

Chorus

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see:

Chorus

- Frances Jane van Alstyne (1820-1915)alt.

Prayer of Yearning (Jeremiah 1, I Corinthians 13)

Source of truth and love,
we yearn for certainty in an uncertain world.
Grant us the courage to proclaim the words
you place in our mouths.
Remind us that your love alone
Softens the heart and mind,
Allowing us to receive your mysterious ways.
When we fear that others will not see things our way,
remind us that we all see in a mirror dimly,
Silence the clanging cymbals that distract us,
and harken us to your voice once more,

that we may abide in your love. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (please say together)

**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 sin
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.**

Valu family singing

Readings

Melina

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;

I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

“Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,”

declares the Lord. Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Luke 4:21-30

He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked. Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’” “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a

severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only

Naaman the Syrian.” All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Community Sharing **“Peace of God be with you”**

Notices

Hymn Here I am Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky
 I have heard my people cry
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 My hand will save

Chorus

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart*

2. I, who made the stars of night
 I will make their darkness bright
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?

Chorus

3. I, the Lord of snow and rain
 I have borne my people's pain
 I have wept for love of them
 They turn away

Chorus

4. Finest bread I will provide
 'Til their hearts be satisfied
 I will give my life to them
 Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Reflection

Offering (We also acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and online banking)

Offering Prayer

Source of every blessing,
you are our refuge and our strength.
Even before we were born,
you knew us completely.
You have watched over us
all the days of our lives.
Receive these offering
and gratitude of thankful hearts.
Grow the ministries of your church,
that we may bring your message of love
to a world deafened by clanging cymbals
and noisy gongs. Amen.

Prayer of intercession

God of love, we pray for the peoples of the world:
for all in places torn by war and hostility;
for all who are hungry, homeless or destitute;
for the indigenous peoples of this land and all for
whom Australasia is home.

We pray for world leaders and for all who
have responsibility of government.

In your love you have created bountiful riches for all to share; teach us to show our
love in lives passionate for justice and impatient for peace.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of love, we pray for your church:
For places where it suffers danger and persecution;
for places where your prophets are not recognized,
and your voice is not heard.

We pray for all who are pastors to your people and
all who minister in your name.

In your love you sent your Son to live as one of us;
teach us to show our love in lives that draw others to your presence.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of love, we pray for the communities in which we live:
for those with whom we share loving relationships;
for those who struggle in difficult relationships;
for those who grieve for broken relationships;

We pray for schools, colleges and universities;
for all who teach and all who learn.

In your love you reach out to us, inviting us to be your friends;
teach us to show our love in lives that reach
out to others in generosity and forgiveness.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of love, we pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit;
for those for whom society finds no place;
for the sorrowing, the despairing, the sick and the dying.
We pray for doctors and nurses, for health workers and for all agencies that work
to relieve the suffering of others.
In your love you healed the sick and welcomed the unwanted; teach us to show our
love in lives of compassion and advocacy for the
vulnerable and weak.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of love, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful people of every age:
for all whose lives have shone with your love;
for those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time.
In your love you promise us the hope of eternal life.
Teach us to show our love in lives that following the footsteps of your saints, that
with them we may be drawn into your presence,
enfolded forever in your eternal love.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus WOV 165

1. 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.

2. Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful,
 who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness
 take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus only is 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.

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Sending Forth

God sends us forth with words of love on our lips.

Christ sends us with acts of love in our deeds.

The Spirit sends us with the power of love to sustain our love.

**We go in the power of God's love
to be ambassadors of Christ's love and peace.**

Grace

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.**

Ma Te Marie.

Ma te marie a te Atua
Ta tou Katoa e tiaki;
Mana apo e whakau
O tatou ngakau ki te pai

Ma te Atua Tamaiti ra,
Ma te wairua Tapu hoki,
Ratou, Atua kotahi nei,
Tatou Katoa e whakapai.
Amine.

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Please join us in the foyer for refreshments following the service.
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