



Wesley Wellington

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Morning Worship - Pentecost 11

Sunday 13 August 2023

Kia ora Koutou Katoa Talofa Lava

Malo e lelei Bula Vinaka

Greetings to you all!

Theme: Strengthened by the Storm

***Haere
mai ki
tenei
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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: *Sokopeti Sina*

Organist: *Vivien Chiu*

Welcome to today's service.

A special welcome to visitors. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us this morning and will join us again.

WELCOME & SAFETY BRIEFING

Sarah Laurenson

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ngā Kupu Whakapūare)

Please response in bold letters

Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

Here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

Here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.

CANDLE LIGHTING (Kānara Whakamāmā)

As we light this candle, we say it with hope:

O blessed Lord, Lord of light. As we light this candle, we are mindful of your love for us, and our faith in you.

we ask you to help us, be a light in this world for you. Our desire

is to reflect your light, be a good witness and point people to the Light.

Help us to see what you want us to see. Help us to be ready to serve and share. Amen

OPENING PRAYER (Inoi Tuatahi)

Gracious Loving God, we gather once again to offer you praise and thanksgiving

for your unfailing love and faithfulness, shown most clearly through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Grant us grace to worship you in spirit and in truth.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to recognize you here among us.

Give us courage to step out in faith to meet you, and confidence to follow where you lead.

For you are our God, and we are your people, called by your name.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

**HYMN Jesus lover of my soul,
 Let me to thy bosom fly**

(H&P528)

- 1 Jesus, lover of my soul,
 let me to thy bosom fly,
 while the nearer waters roll,
 while the tempest still is high;
 hide me, O my Savior, hide,
 till the storm of life is past;
 safe into the haven guide,
 O receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

WORDS: Charles Wesley MUSIC (MARTYN 7.7.7.7.D.):

CHILDREN'S TIME

Confession & Commitment

Father God, You call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in Your hands,
and to wholeheartedly commit to following You. We confess that we find this difficult to do.

It is not always easy to follow where You lead, to turn away from our own personal wants and desires, to let go of our safety nets and trust that You will provide for us in all things.

Forgive us when we doubt You, God Increase our faith. We confess that we do not always understand Your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question Your presence and Your power. Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for Your good

timing. Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives, to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. We praise You for Your faithful love, and pray that You would make us worthy to bear Your name. Amen.

HYMN Eternal Father, strong to save (H & P 379)

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
 Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
 Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
 Its own appointed limits keep;
 O hear us when we cry to Thee
 For those in peril on the sea.

2. O Saviour, whose almighty word
 The winds and waves submissive heard,
 Who walkedst upon the foaming deep,
 And calm amid its rage did sleep;
 O hear us when we cry to Thee
 For those in peril on the sea.

3. O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
 Upon the chaos dark and rude,
 Who bad'st bid its angry tumult cease,
 And gavest light and life and peace;
 O hear us when we cry to Thee
 For those in peril on the sea.

4. Trinity of love and power,
 Your children shield in danger's hour;
 From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
 Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
 And ever let there rise to thee
 Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

*Words: William Whiting (1825-78)
tune: Melita. John Bacchus Dykes (1861)*

READINGS

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Matthew 14:22-36

REFLECTION

Strengthened by the Storm

HYMN

Where the road runs out

(AA 156)

1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us,
send us out upon our way.

Chorus

Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.

2. When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,
lead us on to eternity.
3. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hovering overhead
who will take away our fear.

Words & Music: Colin Gibson

COMMUNITY TIME

SHARING THE PEACE

Let's greet each other saying: **"God's peace be with you."**

NOTICES

Sharing Joys, Things we are Grateful for, Sorrows & Concerns

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Most merciful God, we bring to you our prayers for your world and its people: for victims of natural disasters, starvation and disease; for all aid and relief workers.

As you came long ago to your disciples in the midst of a storm, come today to your people tossed about in the tempests and troubles of life, that we may take heart from your presence. Merciful God, **hear our prayer**

We bring to you our prayers for your church:
in places where it faces persecution:
in places where it is marginalised and ignored
in places where it is discredited by discord and disgrace.

As you came long ago to your disciples in the midst of a storm, come today to your people tossed about in the tempests and troubles of life, that our faith may be rekindled by your presence. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We bring to you our prayers for this community:
For all who are in violent or abusive relationships
For street – children and all who have no homes:
For all who are unable to care for themselves
For our families and friends, and all with whom we share our daily lives.
As you came long ago to your disciples in the midst of a storm, come today to your people tossed about in the tempest and troubles of life, that we may draw strength from your presence. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We bring to you our prayers for all who are in need.
For all without family and friends
For all who mourn the loss of those they love
For all who are afraid, confused or without hope
For the sick and all who care for them.
As you came long ago to your disciples in the midst of a storm, come today to your people tossed about in the tempest and troubles of life, that our terrors may be calmed by your presence. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We bring to you our prayers for all who have died in the faith:
For those of this parish who have gone before us to your heavenly presence:
As you came long ago to your disciples in the midst of a storm, come to us when we are tossed about in the tempest and troubles of life, that, with your

faithful people of every age, we may come to find in your presence a place of everlasting peace and joy.

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER (He Inoi O Te Ariki)

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 aianei 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.

OFFERING (Tātou Koha Ki Te Hāhi)

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God,

we bring our gifts –

our lives and tokens of our everyday living.

By your Holy Spirit

strengthen our sometimes doubting faith

and enable us to be responsible stewards

of all that you have entrusted to us;

in Jesus' name we pray. Amen

HYMN Stand by me

1. When the storms of life are raging,
stand by me; (stand by me)
when the storms of life are raging,
stand by me. (stand by me)
When the world is tossing me
like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water,
stand by me. (stand by me)
2. In the midst of tribulation,
stand by me; (stand by me)
in the midst of tribulation,
stand by me. (stand by me)
When the hosts of hell assail,
and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle,
stand by me. (stand by me)
3. In the midst of faults and failures,
stand by me; (stand by me)
in the midst of faults and failures,
stand by me. (stand by me)
When I've done the best I can,
and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me,
stand by me. (stand by me)
4. When I'm growing old and feeble,
stand by me; (stand by me)
when I'm growing old and feeble,
stand by me. (stand by me)
When my life becomes a burden,
and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley,
stand by me. (stand by me)

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COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

God calls us to step out in faith, to follow where He leads
even if what He calls us to do seems impossible.

So let's go from here with courage, trusting in God's presence and
power,

and eager to do God's will. And may the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and within you
wherever you find yourself this week.

THE GRACE (Said Together)

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

***Please join us for morning tea in the New Hall following the service.
Many thanks to the Manuao family for providing today's kai and
manaakitanga.***

Liturgy for this service was sourced from:

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