



WESLEY WELLINGTON  
**75 Taranaki Street**  
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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**PENTECOST 3**

*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**  
**18<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**WELCOME AND SAFETY BRIEFING**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE** (Kānara Whakamāmā)

We light this candle to remind us of the light of God's love,  
the warmth of God's welcome,  
and our faith in the ever presence of God,

*The candle is lit*

Together we say:

**Welcome to our place,**

**Welcome to worship,**

**Welcome in the name of our living God. Amen.**

**WORDS FOR BEGINNING** (Ngaa Kupu Whakapuare)

Creator God,

we gather together from many places, pasts and communities  
to celebrate and worship together, as your people.

**We come to worship God.**

Jesus, life-giver, we celebrate all that brings us together.

We are on a journey, learning and celebrating.

**We come to worship Jesus.**

Spirit of love, we are a living community and we give thanks  
for the movement of the Spirit – ever inspiring, strengthening,  
moving and challenging us.

**We come to worship the Spirit. Amen.**

**HYMN** (Himene) **Great is thy faithfulness**

*Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960) [H&P 66]*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou has been thou for ever will be;

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love:

*Great is thy faithfulness ...*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness ...*

## **OPENING PRAYER (Inoi Tuatahi)**

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME**

## **HYMN (Himene) – Sing a happy alleluia!**

*Words: Shirley Murray, Music: Colin Gibson [AA 118]*

Sing a happy alleluia!  
sing it out with heart and style,  
we're the echo of God's laughter,  
we're the image of God's smile.

*Alleluia, all creation,  
alleluia everyone,  
alleluia, all creation,  
alleluia everyone!*

We're the proof of God's good humour,  
we're the twinkle in God's eye,  
made to shine, reflect the glory,  
given light and space to fly –

Sarah laughed at God's good timing,  
Mary sang and David danced,  
Jesus smiled and hugged the children –  
so is life for us enhanced.

Every day sing alleluia!  
We are loved, though so absurd,  
human, foolish, chosen people,  
God still takes us at our word!

## **PRAYER TO REFLECT ON OUR CONSCIENCES**

### **MINISTRY OF THE WORD** (Ngaa Paanui Karaipiture)

**Psalm 116: 1-6, 12-19** (*Paraphrased by Nathan Nettleton*)

**Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26** [The Message]

### **REFLECTION** (He Whakaaroaro)

#### **A CELEBRATION OF FAITH**

*In response to the word reflected on  
Let us stand and share together a celebration of our faith.*

We are a cloth of diverse colours  
made from many gifts and graces.

**We are the people flowing forth from Creativity God,  
surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.**

We are raw material for rewarding relationships  
as our lives interweave,  
**contributing one to the other,  
holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.**

We are each worthy of being respected and cared for  
**essential to the pattern, skilled in our appointed tasks,  
sources of laughter and sharers of tears.**

We commit ourselves to work together,  
**that one day, this world may be a place  
where all people live in justice, freedom and peace.**

**HYMN (Himene) There's a wideness in God's mercy**

Words: F W Faber *altered by Colin Gibson* Music: Colin Gibson [HioS 135]

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There's no place where human sorrows  
are more deeply felt than heaven;  
there's no place where human failings  
have such kindly judgements given.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make that love too narrow  
by the limits of our own;  
and we magnify God's strictness  
with a zeal Love will not own.

There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that endless world of bliss.  
If our love were but more simple,  
we would trust the living Word;  
and our lives would fill with gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

**THE OFFERTORY (Taatou Koha Ki Te Haahi)**

*(We acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and on-line banking)*

Here we bring our gifts of money and talents  
That they may be used to reflect your love in the world.

*Offering is received.*

**Bless our gifts and our lives so that they can be used  
to create a better world for all people. Amen**

## **COMMUNITY TIME**

*Let us offer the peace to each other saying:  
The peace of God is here to stay.*

Notices

Sharing our joys and concerns

## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION (Ngaa Inoi mo te Whaanau)**

### **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 aianeī  
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.**

**HYMN (Himene) God who sets us on a journey**

Words: Joy Dine. *Tune:* Hyfrydol [FFS 32]

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.

Exploration brings new insights,  
changes, choices we must face;  
give us wisdom in deciding,  
mindful always of your grace  
should we stumble, loose our bearings,  
find it hard to know what's right  
we regain our true direction  
focused on the Jesus light.

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.

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.

## PARTING WORDS

We now extinguish this candle, but let us say together:  
**We now embody this light and promise  
to reflect the light of God's love  
in all that we say and do. Amen.**

## BLESSING

## GRACE

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

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