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



Bumps along the road

Living God's Love – Acting for the common Good

Kia ora koutou katoa — Tālofa lava
Mālō e lelei — Bula vinaka — Greetings to you all!

Welcome to today's service. A special welcome to visitors. We hope you will enjoy worshipping with us this morning and will join us again.

Welcoming you today are Lepa & Sana Manuao

10AM Congregation – Order of Service

Worship leader: Hugh Laurensen

Organist: Vivien Chiu

Welcome and Safety Briefing

Daphne Pilaar

Call to Worship (Ngā Kupu Whakapūare)

Ko te rā tēnei i hanga i Ihowā

This is the day which the Lord has made

Kia hari, kia koa tātou

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Beloved children of God, how can we love each other today?

By meeting and listening and caring for one another.

Beloved children of God, how can we love God today?

By practicing our love for one another and God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Let us worship God together today!

We come to worship God by living our love for God and neighbours. Amen.

Lighting the candle (Kānara Whakamāmā)

Lord, may this candle be a light for you to enlighten us in our decisions,

May it be a fire for you to purify us from all pride and selfishness.

May it be a flame for you to build warmth into our hearts towards our families, our neighbours, and all those we meet. Amen.

Hymn (Hīmene): O God, our help in ages past (H&P 358)

O God, our Help in ages past,

our Hope for years to come,

our Shelter from the stormy blast,

and our eternal Home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne

Thy saints have dwelt secure;

sufficient is Thine arm alone,

and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting Thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come,
be Thou our Guard while life shall last,
and our eternal Home!

Isaac Watts

Prayer of Approach & Words of Assurance (Kupu Kī Pono)

God has been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were raised up,
before the universe was even formed,
God has been there for us.

**So let us live in him,
rooted and established in the faith of Christ,
and abounding in thanksgiving.**

Love God, love your neighbour.
All the laws of Moses,
and all the teaching of the prophets,
hang on these two commandments.

**May the love of God be upon us,
establishing whatever is loving in the work of our hands.**

Yes, let God establish all that is loving in the work of our hands.

People of God, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be rescued and healed! God's mercy is not rationed out in qualified amounts, but overflows the banks of history with prodigious generosity. You are a forgiven family.

Thanks be to God!

Introducing the Theme (Tīmatanga Kōrero)

Hymn (Hīmene): Song of faith that sings forever (FFS 57)

Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison,
faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

Shirley Murray

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 (Moses Dies and Is Buried in the Land of Moab)

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Psalms 90: 1-6; 13-17 (God’s Eternity and Human Frailty)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You turn us[b] back to dust
and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past

or like a watch in the night.
You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us
and as many years as we have seen evil.
Let your work be manifest to your servants
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Reflection (He Whakaaroaro)

Hymn (Himene): Where the road runs out (AA 156)

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.

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

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 in to eternity. *(Chorus)*

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. *(Chorus)*

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 and concerns

Prayers of Intercession (Ngā Inoi Mō Te Whānau)

You, wonderful God, whose glory the heavens declare and whose handiwork the whole earth sees;

be with astronomers and astronauts artists, photographers and bush walkers.

You, whose Spirit brooded over the face of the earth and brought breath to all that lives and grows;

be with health workers who control viruses and bacteria, or engineer genes and chromosomes.

You, for whom truth is not mere facts and figures, but relationship and the gift of eternal love;

be with those whose science has left them empty or whose technology has become a slavery.

You, who give us faith that leads to many doubts, and deep doubts that lead to a larger faith;

be with all agnostics and those who despair, and all the pure of heart who hunger for you.

You, who have created us for fulfilment and joy, and do not rest while one lost person is in misery;

be with those who are lost in amusement arcades

You, who should mother and father forsake us, cherish us as your very own family;

**be with abused children and street kids,
social workers, magistrates and foster parents.**

You, who when thick darkness covered humanity, leapt into the night bringing light and joy;

be with night-shift workers and police, evangelists, counsellors and pastors.

You, whose first-born, perfect Child covered our sins and bore our griefs;

be with mothers and midwives, the falsely accused and sorely abused.

You, who banish fears and bring a new dawn, who swallow up death in victory;

be with those who risk their lives for others and all who today face death alone.

You, who know our needs before we utter them and do far more than we can ask or imagine;

be with us as we offer these prayers and with all who have forgotten how to pray.

Amen.

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.

Offering (Tātou Koha Ki Te Hāhi)

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

Blessing of offerings (said together)

We thank you, God for this opportunity to express our love to you through the gifts we bring to support and encourage your work in near and distant places. Make our hearts glad that we can share in extending the gospel and helping to heal humanity's pain, for we bring them to you with grateful hearts.

Hymn (Himene): Love divine, all loves excelling (H&P 267)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

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 heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley

Sending forth/Benediction (Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga)

Go to celebrate the God who is our home forever.

God's love goes with us!

Go to follow Christ's example in loving God, self, and neighbour.

God's love goes with us!

Go with the Holy Spirit to change the world with love.

God's love goes with us!

The Grace (said together)

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

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

Liturgy for this service was sourced from:

[Disciple Ministries - The United Methodist Church](#)
['Brief Prayers for Busy People' \(Bruce Prewer\)](#)
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