



WESLEY WELLINGTON
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Sunday 2nd July 2023
COMBINED SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 – Parish Combined Service of Holy Communion

SUNDAY – 2ND JULY 2023

Worship Leader: Rev. Nicola Teague Grundy

Organist: Vivien Chiu

WELCOME

Alan Dine

INTROIT

Samoan Choir

GATHERING WORDS

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

10am Youth

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

The smallest thing, under the influence of God,
is made infinitely precious and eternal.

If we come to worship focussing on our needs,
we will go away feeling let down.

If we come wanting a God made in our own likeness,
we will be disappointed.

If we come rigid in our ideas and set in our ways,
we will leave as barren as we arrived.

If we put God first,
we shall never worship in vain.

Listen to this, people of God:
The Lord your God is One:
love the Lord your God
with all your heart
with all your mind
and with all your strength. Amen.

HYMN: “Everything Has Its Own Season”

Words: William L Wallace; *Tune: Westminster Abbey*

Everything has its own season;
time for darkness and for day;
time for sound and silent stillness,
action's time or thinking's way;
time for waking, time for sleeping,
time for work, and time for play.

Everything has its right timing,
time to hold or to let go,
compromise or for confronting,
time for joy or tears of woe;
time for dying and new living,
time for yes and time for no.

Each of these are special timings-
all belong in life's great web.
Help us, Christ, discern the patterned
life arising from the dead,
and embrace your timeless loving
with awareness you have fed.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev Utumau'u Pupulu

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:
We thank you for the gift of life:
for the breath that sustains life,

for the food of this earth that nurtures life,
for the love of family and friends
without which there would be no life.
We thank you for the mystery of creation:
for the beauty that the eye can see,
for the joy that the ear may hear,
for the unknown that we cannot behold
filling the universe with wonder,
for the expanse of space
that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.
We thank you for setting us in communities:
for families who nurture our becoming,
for friends who love us by choice,
for companions at work, who share our burdens and daily tasks,
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,
for people from other lands who
call us to grow in understanding,
for children who lighten our moments with delight,
for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.
We thank you for this day:
for digital technology that enhances our worship
for life and one more day to love,
for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace,
for neighbours and one more person to love
and to whom be loved,
for your grace and one more experience of your presence,
for your promise: to be with us, to be our God,
and to give salvation.
For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks,
eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THEME

10AM SINGING GROUP – Invitation to love

MINISTRY OF THE WORD - to be read in *Fijian and English*

Psalm 13 (*paraphrased by Nathan Nettleton*)

How long will this go on, LORD?
Have you written me off permanently?
How long are you going to keep turning your back on me?

How long do I have to put up with feeling sick in the guts,
and with my heart breaking from the pain of it all?
How long will my enemies get to kick me around?
Come on, LORD. You are my God. Give me an answer!

Let me see some light at the end of the tunnel;
something to keep me from losing the will to live.
Don't let my enemies think they've won;
don't give them the pleasure of my downfall.

I have put my trust in your rock-solid love;
my heart will burst with joy when you save your people.

I will sing your praises, LORD,
because you have treated me with great generosity.

Matthew 10: 40-42 [Contemporary English Version]

⁴⁰ Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me. And anyone who welcomes me also welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Anyone who welcomes a prophet, just because that person is a prophet, will be given the same reward as a prophet. Anyone who welcomes a good person, just because that person is good, will be given the same reward as a good person. ⁴² And anyone who gives one of my most humble followers a cup of cool water, just because that person is my follower, will be rewarded.

ANTHEM

Tongan choir

REFLECTION

Rev Nicola Teague Grundy

A CELEBRATION OF FAITH

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

God is with us. This we celebrate.
For we have seen the signs of grace
in every place,
in every generation.

**The beauty of the creation, in all its pristine wonder,
is not the only dwelling place of the creator.**

This, our God, is born again in cities
as well as country stables.

**Is found in holy places and the supermarket,
sits with us in coffee shops,
and by the one who hopefully sings a song
on the streets of this day.**

The spirit dances on concrete
**and holds in comfort those who walk
with briefcase and shopping bag.**

The God who is more than we can ever name or know
**is beside us in every work place and every hidden home
of our body, mind and soul.**

HYMN - "Let us build a house"

Words and music: Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as a symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Rev Simote Taunga

It's Good News this Gospel of yours, Jesus,
and we easily get so excited and full of expectation,
that we can be disappointed when goodness takes longer
than we had hoped.

But sometimes the most powerful changes,
the most complete healings
come not in one startling moment,
but slowly, by degrees.

And so we pray for your Good News to capture our world,
in the comfort of loving shoulders
offered for the grieving to cry on;
in the shared laughter and hopefulness
found in the midst of pain and suffering;
in the vulnerable welcome of hospitality
given to both strangers and friends;
in the unconditional love and challenging confrontation
received from trusted partners;
in the simple responsibility
accepted by those who are conscientious and faithful;
in the generous good
done by grateful followers of your ways;

In these small, but significant actions,
we pray that we and our world may recognise
the signs of your reign among us;
and that your Good News may be proclaimed by degrees,
in the daily rhythms of our lives. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 – PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of splendour, your goodness sustains us,
And your graciousness gives us hope.
Use us and these gifts of bread, wine and money
To further the ways of love, hope and justice.

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Introduction

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Spirit of God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Chaos covered its ears, Crafty God, as you began constructing
creation. Joyous noise filled the air, as rivers cascaded through

lush green valleys. From the heavens came love's raucous laughter, echoing down mountain passes. You would gladly guide us along Eden's paths of peace, but we shook off your hand, rejecting your hopes and dreams for us. Women and men were called to tell the story of your love and grace, but people have covered their ears and continued to walk another path. But continuing to seek us and draw us to yourself, you sent Jesus, to show us the way back to you.

We join our voices with those around the world today, and in the heavenly realm, offering our praise and thanksgiving

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest.

We remember that Jesus, on the same night that he was handed over to torture and execution, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his friends, saying:

Take eat, this is my body, my living presence, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

In the same way he took the cup of wine and gave you thanks and gave it to them, saying: Drink this all of you; for this is my very life, spent for you.

Do this to remember me.

So today we share bread and wine together as a sign of our unity in the body of Christ, as a pledge that we will work for justice, and as a foretaste of that which can be despite what is and what has been. We pray that Your Spirit will be present amongst us here, and in this bread and this wine, that they may become the life of Christ within us, that our lives may lean towards justice, mercy and peace. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

We break this bread,
bread inviting us to grasp what the eye cannot see:
God with us in the journey of life;
God with us in our everyday,
God with us in our living and our loving.

We drink this wine,
wine reminding us of promises to love,
of love generously shared,
of Jesus who loved so totally and our call
to love as courageously as Jesus loved.

All are invited to share in this meal. The Samoan Choir will sing during the communion and are invited to the table first.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN ‘Brother, sister, let me serve you’

Words and Music: Richard A. M. Gillard [AA 8]

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE

Candle is extinguished.

We 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.**

WORDS OF BLESSING

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me.
Quench our thirst for love,
Satisfy our need to be known,
Assure us that we are indeed prophets of welcome.
Let us go to proclaim this peace in God's name.

MA TE MARIE. *(Sung unaccompanied)*

Ma te marie a te Atua
Tatou katoa e tiaki;
Mana ano 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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