



WESLEY WELLINGTON
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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 - COMBINED SERVICE

Worship leader – Rev Simote Taunga
Organist – Colin Scarf

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Tongan Youth

WELCOME & HOUSEKEEPING

Tongan Youth

INTROIT (*Please stand*)

Fijian Choir

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

Tongan Youth

CALL TO WORSHIP (Matthew 14)

Tongan Youth

Are you hungry for a word of hope?

We come to be fed and nourished.

Are you yearning to see the bounty of God?

We long to see and believe.

Are you ready to witness the power of our God?

We are ready.

Come! Let us worship.

HYMN: Hark my soul! It is the Lord

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- 1 Hark, my soul, it is the Lord;
Tis thy Saviour, hear his word;
Jesus speaks, and speaks to thee,
Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?
- 2 I delivered thee when bound,
And, when bleeding, healed thy wound;
Sought thee wandering, set thee right,
Turned thy darkness into light.
- 3 Can a woman's tender care
Cease towards the child she bare?
Yes, she may forgetful be,
Yet will I remember thee.
- 4 Mine is an unchanging love,
Higher than the heights above,
Deeper than the depths beneath,
Free and faithful, strong as death.

5 Thou shalt see my glory soon,
When the work of grace is done;
Partner of my throne shalt be:
Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?

6 Lord, it is my chief complaint
That my love is weak and faint;
Yet I love thee, and adore;
O for grace to love thee more!

PRAYER (*Remain Standing*)

Rev. Nicola Teague Grundy

Even when our faith falters,
We will not let you go, O God.
Even though we are ashamed by our lack of faith,
We will not let you go.
Because you meet us in our utmost need,
We will not let you go.
Strive with us until dawn, O Lord,
We will not let you go.
We need your blessing now more than ever.
We will not let you go. Amen.

PRAYER OF YEARNING

God of wonder and mystery,
you struggle with us when our faith is weakest,
yet you do not overcome us;
you meet us in our weakness,
yet you do not humble us with your strength.
In dark nights of the soul,
and when the needs of others seem too great,
you always stand us back on our feet.
When we face overwhelming odds
and yearn to find an easy way out,
you open new vistas of faithful living.
Stay with us when we have need of you, O God,
and bless us in our struggles,
that we might be a blessing for others in need.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Let us say together the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Tongan

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Second Reading: Mathew 14:13-21

Samoan

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

ANTHEM

Tongan Choir

REFLECTION

Rev Simote Taunga

AFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED *(Please stand)*

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at
the right hand of the Father, and he will
come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy
Catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Rev. Utumau'u Pupulu

Loving and merciful God, you are steadfast in your
love for your people, and you answer us when we
call on you: hear us now as we bring our prayers for your world.

We pray for all your people whose lives are
threatened by war, terrorism, or disaster, by famine or
disease: for leaders of nations, those who govern and
those who dispense justice.

Long ago you fed a multitude: take our small gifts
and use them today to feed those who hunger for justice and peace.

Loving God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Loving and merciful God, through your Son Jesus
Christ you bless us and name us anew, making us
children of your promise: hear us now as we bring
our prayers for your church.

We pray for all who are fed at your table;
for pastors and teachers and all who provide
spiritual nourishment to your people.

Long ago you fed a multitude: take our small gifts
and use them today to feed those who hunger to hear your gospel.

Loving God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving and merciful God, your Son Jesus Christ
Gathered around him a group of disciples and friends:
hear us now as we bring our prayers for those close and dear to us.
We pray for all who live in the city and those whose
daily work enriches this community;
for members of this parish, for our families, our friends
and for ourselves.
Long ago you fed a multitude: take our small gifts
and use them today to feed those who hunger for
acceptance and love.
Loving God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Loving and merciful God, your Son Jesus Christ
healed the sick and fed the hungry: hear us now as
we bring our prayers for those in need.
We pray for all who have no work, no home, no
hope for future; for the sad and lonely, for the
sick and all who care for them.
Long ago you fed a multitude: take our small gifts
and use them today to feed those who hunger for comfort and hope.
Loving God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Loving and merciful God, those who see your face
shall be satisfied: hear us now as we remember
those who have passed through death to eternal life.
We remember the faithful people of this parish, and
all whom we have loved.
Help us to follow in the steps of all who have
offered their lives to you, that our small gifts may be
turned to abundance in your hands and used to feed
your hungry people. Bring us from death to life, that,
with all your saints, we may come to see you face to
face and rest in your eternal presence.
Loving God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer. Amen.

HYMN: My God, now is your table spread

- 1 My God, now is your table spread,
your cup with love still overflows:
so may your children here be fed
as Christ to us his goodness shows.
- 2 This holy feast, which Jesus makes
a banquet of his flesh and blood
how glad each one who comes and takes
this sacred drink, this royal food!
- 3 His gifts that richly satisfy
are yet to some in vain displayed:
did not for them the Saviour die
may they not share the children's bread?
- 4 My God, here let your table be
a place of joy for all your guests,
and may each one salvation see
who now its sacred pledges tastes.

(Tune Rockingham) Edward Miller

THE MINISTRY OF SACRAMENT

We many as we are, are one body in Christ.
If we do not love our brothers and sisters whom
we have seen,
How can we love God whom we have not seen?
The peace of God be with you

And God's peace be with you.

(A sign of peace may be exchanged among the people)

OFFERTORY

Sokopeti Sina

Come, and let yourselves be built, as living stones
into a spiritual temple; become a holy priesthood, to
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through
Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:5)

*(We acknowledge our gifts for the food bank and the work of the Parish through
envelope and cash offerings, and through automatic payments and online banking.)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to offer
which earth has given and human hands have made.

Blessed be God for ever.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

With all your people in heaven and on earth we give
you thanks for Jesus Christ, through whom all things
were made; who in the fullness of time became flesh
and lived among us, full of grace and truth; who in
obedience suffered death on the cross, and was raised
in triumph that we might have life. Therefore, we
worship and praise your glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took the bread and
after giving thanks broke it and gave it to his disciples
saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup after supper and said,

This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

your death we proclaim.

your resurrection we celebrate.

your coming, we await.

Amen

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, that these gifts may be to us the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Bind us into one body, that we may grow into the fullness of Christ who is the head.
Amen.

We come to your table, Lord, trusting not in our own righteousness but in your great mercy. We are not worthy even to gather the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat this bread and drink this wine that Christ may evermore dwell in us and we in him. Amen.

BREAKING BREAD

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

INVITATION

Come for all things are now ready.
Draw near in faith and take the holy sacrament,
in remembrance that Christ died for you.

(The 10am Choir who will sing during today's communion, are invited to come forward first, followed by everyone. Please approach by the centre aisle and return by the side for you wine.)

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you with all our hearts for Your mercy and grace. Grant us now and in the days to come a living hope in you; and as we serve you in the world, help us look and work for that day when at your name every knee shall bow and every tongue confess you Lord, to the glory of God.
Amen.

HYMN: Give me Joy in my heart, keep me praising **H&P 492**

- 1 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
 Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
 Keep me praising till the break of day.

Refrain:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

- 2 Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving.
 Give me peace in my heart, I pray.
 Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving.
 Keep me loving till the break of day.

Refrain:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

- 3 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
 Give me love in my heart, I pray.
 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
 Keep me serving till the break of day.

Refrain:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

BLESSING

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. And the blessing of the Almighty God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

Amen.

THE GRACE (*Let us offer each other the 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 (*Sung unaccompanied*)

Ma te marie a te Atua	<i>The peace of God</i>
Tatou katoa e tiaki;	<i>keep us all.</i>
Mana ano e whakau	<i>He will confirm</i>
O tatou ngakau ki te pai.	<i>our hearts in goodness.</i>

Ma te Atua Tamaiti ra,	<i>May the Son of God</i>
Ma te Wairua Tapu hoki,	<i>and the Holy Spirit too,</i>
Ratou, Atua kotahi nei.	<i>one God,</i>
Tatou katoa e whakapai.	<i>Bless us all.</i>
Amine.	<i>Amen.</i>

Please join us in the new hall for refreshments following the service.