



WESLEY WELLINGTON
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13th Whiringa-ā-nuku / October 2024

LEARNING TO BALANCE



**Our vision – A church united in faith
Where all are respected, accepted and belong**

**Kia ora koutou katoa — Talofa Lava
Malo e lelei — Bula Vinaka Greetings to you all!**

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship Leader: Nicola Teague Grundy

Organist: Vivien Chiu

We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Ngāti Mutunga and Te Āti Awa people and that the Spirit was in the land revealing God to them through law, custom and ceremony. We honour Mana Whenua and their continuing culture and pray that we might all work together for peace and justice in this place.

WELCOME and SAFETY BRIEFING

WORDS OF GATHERING / Whakarāmemene

Here we have gathered the elements of our lives.
Aware and unaware, we have carried them to this place:
the joy of waking and living,
the pleasure found in meaningful work,
the blush of health,
the pain of illness,
the grief of loss,
and the gift of love.

Some of these we have carried a long way.
Some have bent our backs until our eyes
could no longer see the horizon.
Some have carried us upward with purpose,
feathered wing in flight.

All we have carried through the seasons of our lives
has brought us here to this place
we make sacred by our Coming together
and reciting these gathering words:

Come, you are welcome here.

WAIATA E te Ariki

E te Ariki
Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou,
E te Ariki
Titiro mai rā ki a mātou,
Tēnei mātou, ō tamariki,
E whakapono ana mātou,
Ki a koe Auē! Auē!
Te Matua te Tamaiti
Wairua tapu e.

OPENING PRAYER / Inoi Whakawhetai

O God, who embraces us with understanding,
invite in us your Holy gifts to offer to each other.
Carry us towards the depths of dreams
which remind us of new creative relationships,
beyond where we have been in the past.
Create in us levels of humility
which open our hearts to longings for new insights
to be received from each other.
Lift our lives so that we focus on the world around us,
giving new priorities to all
that would add to love, justice and truth
in the future together
and to be offered to all people.
Be with us, O God,
that we may be your people
in all that we do together.
We ask this in faith, this day and every day. Amen.

SO WHAT'S THE STORY ...? / He aha te kōrero ...?

WAIATA – He Hōnore, He Korōria

He hōnore, he korōria
Maungārongo ki te whenua

Whakaaro pai e
Ki ngā tangata katoa
Ake ake, ake ake
Āmine
Te Atua, te piringa
Tōku oranga

He hōnore, he korōria
Maungārongo ki te whenua
Whakaaro pai e
Ki ngā tangata katoa
Ake ake, ake ake
Āmine
Te Atua, te piringa
Tōku oranga (X2)

THE SCRIPTURE / Ngā Karaipiture

Mark 10: 17-31 (*Inclusive Text*)

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up,
knelt and put this question,
'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

Jesus said,
'Why do you call me good?
No one is good but God alone.'

'You know the commandments:
You must not kill;
You must not commit adultery;
You must not steal;
You must not bear false witness;
You must not defraud;
Honour your father and mother.'

And he said to Jesus,
'Teacher, I have kept all these since my earliest days.'

Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him and said,
'There is one thing you lack.
Go and sell everything you own
and give the money to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me.'

But his face fell at these words and he went away sad,
for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to the disciples,
'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the realm of
God!'

The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted,
'My children, how hard it is to enter the realm of God!
It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle
than for a rich person to enter the realm of God.'

They were more astounded than ever.

'In that case,' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?'

Jesus gazed at them and said,
'For men and women it is impossible,
but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up.

'What about us?' Peter asked.
We have left everything and followed you.'

Jesus said,
'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers,
sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of
the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over,
houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land
- not without persecutions -

now in this present time and,
in the world to come, eternal life.’

REFLECTION / Whakaaroaro – Rev Nicola Teague Grundy

Pātai / Questions for reflection

- How can we improve the balance and functionality of our Waka Wairua (Church)?
- How might we work more collaboratively across our parish?
- How can we continue our journey together in respectful and meaningful ways?

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY / Ngā Inoi Mō Te Whānau

E te Atua kaha rawa i te mahi tahi,
Ārahina mātou i ngā wā kāpui,
Awhina mai mātou i roto i te mahi tahi,
Tēnā, āwhinatia mātou ki te noho pākiki
I runga i te whakaaro nui me te manawanui,
Kia mau te hiringa
I ngā wā e uaua ana,
Aroha mai, aroha atu.
Amine

God of collaboration,
Please guide us through challenging times,
Support us through our collaborations,
Help us to be patient,
Embracing understanding and kindness,
May we persist,
Even when the journey is tough,
In love, we give and receive.
Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER / Te Karakia o te Atua

**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.**

COMMUNITY TIME - Notices

OFFERING / Tātou Koha ki te Haahi

We take a moment now to think of the gifts we have to offer God, not just your financial gifts, but all gifts you have: your personality, your skills and time. Imagine taking those gifts and placing them in your hands, and when you are ready, offer them up to God.

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

**Our gifts have been collected and are now presented ...
In hope and thanksgiving
We offer them for the good of
Our neighbours, our city, our world. Amen.**

HYMN / Himene – More than tolerance

Words: George Stuart **Music:** “Austria” Franz Joseph Haydn [H&P 15(i)]

Coming to a place of candour,
Where beliefs and creeds confer;
We will not react with anger,
Nor tell others where they err.
Can we speak of faith and doctrine?
Can we listen - really hear?
As we meet can we imagine
That new insights may appear?

When we hear some different teaching,
When we try to understand;
Different faiths can be disturbing,
And can question where we stand;
We need not forsake devotion
If it's God whom we adore;
But we can share inspiration;
We can question and explore.

We can pledge to be accepting;
Put behind us lack of trust;
We can practise understanding,
Shun rebuke that is unjust.
If we can affirm each other,
Be as friend and not as foe,
We can meet and share together;
Plant respect and let it grow.

PARTING WORDS / Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga

Go now, community of Jesus the Christ,
And love who you can,
Share what you can,
And be fully present as you can.
May the Creator give us enough,
May Wisdom show us what is enough,

And may the Spirit enable us to be enough.
For the sake of the Holy and all that has life. Amen.

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 whiwhingatahitanga ki te Wairua Tapu.
Āmine**

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

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