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Te Rātapu tuatoru o te Aranga

Haere mai ki tēnei whare karakia
Welcome to this house of prayer



Touch to believe

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 Sarah Laurenson & Alan Dine.

10AM Congregation – Order of Service

Worship leader: Hugh Laurenson

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

Heather Garside

Call to Worship (Ngā Kupu Whakapūare)

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. **The Lord be with you.**

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. **The Lord bless you.**

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.**

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

Lighting the candle (Kānara Whakamāmā)

Jesus came to share the good news of God. He came to share in our joy and sorrows so we may know God more fully. Let us take a moment to share our joys and sorrows in community with God's people. We light this candle for the good news we shared, the good news in hearts, and the good news that wherever you go God is with you.

Opening Prayer (Inoi Tuatahi)

God of Hope, we see your love poured out for us in all the world.
Make us more like you. Teach us to live together as one community, human and beyond-human, creature and created to your glory, so your love is known among all the living. Amen.

Hymn (Himene): Thine Be the Glory (H&P 212)

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

***Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.***

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]

3. No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. [Refrain]

Edmond Budry

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

You who have created us and sustain us:

We come with thanksgiving for these moments when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen for your voice.

Create a spirit within us that truly draws us toward you and toward our brothers and sisters; a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle and bold.

Clear our minds, open our hearts and touch us with your presence and your power.

In the stopping, in the pausing, in the quiet,
we cannot avoid what we are not:
Our faults, our lack of faith,
our lack of vision and of action,
our lack of trust – all bubble to the surface.
You, Loving God, see who we are
and still stand by us – offering us hope
and above all, forgiveness.
Friends, receive God's forgiveness.
May God's love set you free this day and always. Amen.

Introducing the Theme (Tīmatanga Kōrero)

Hymn (Hīmene): Christ Is Alive (AA 15)

1. Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate,
And the stars and the suns shout on this Easter Day!
Christ is alive, and his family must celebrate
In a great alleluia, a great alleluia
To praise the power that made the stone roll away.
2. Here is our hope: in the mystery of suffering
Is the heartbeat of Love, Love that will not let go,
Here is our hope, that in God we are not separate,
And we sing alleluia, we sing alleluia
To praise the power that made the stone roll away.
3. Christ Spirit, dance through the dullness of humanity
To the music of God, God who has set us free!
You are the pulse of the new creation's energy;
With a great alleluia, a great alleluia
To praise the power that made the stone roll away.

Words: Shirley Murray. Music: Jillian Bray

Acts 3:12-19 (NRSVUE)

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out”.

Luke 24:36-48 (NRSVUE) - Jesus Appears to His Disciples

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Reflection (He Whakaaroaro)

Hymn (Himene): Give Thanks for Life (AA 45)

1. Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
Mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
Yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Alleluia!
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
Caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,
Who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
Alleluia!
3. And for our own, our living and our dead,
Thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
A love not changed by time or death or dread,
Alleluia!
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
That lies in darkness does its life retain
In resurrection to grow green again,
Alleluia!

Shirley Murray

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)

Loving God, Friend of the earth, you are forever immortal wisdom and compassion; we pray for a larger cultivation of these qualities among people of all races and beliefs. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

No matter what politics people hold, keep all leaders alert to injustices wherever they happen, and increase their wisdom so that governments may be able to redress wrongs without adding more injustice through knee jerk reactions. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

No matter how inept people may seem, or whatever their social status, may each person have a fair access to community compassion through the welfare agencies of government and charities, and may these agencies be wise stewards of their resources. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

No matter how elderly some are, or how Disabled in body or mind others might be, may every citizen be treated with respect and compassion, and given the same medical and personal care as would be afforded the young and the beautiful and the rich. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

No matter what the cynics say, no matter how immense the needs of suffering humanity around the world, give us the wisdom to choose the most effective way of helping at least some others, and the compassion to keep at it no matter what the odds. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

No matter how different the culture of recent immigrants may seem, or what their language or dress codes may be, give us the wisdom to learn from them, and grant them the grace to learn only from what is best in our own ways of life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

No matter what faith our neighbours may belong to, or how odd some of their religious observances may appear to us, give us the wisdom to see beyond outward form to the inner reality and the compassion to overlook faults, just as you, loving God, overlook ours. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

No matter how ineffective ministers may sometimes seem to their congregations, or whatever weaknesses ministers think they discern in the congregations, give

each the compassion and wisdom to affirm each other's strengths and to make up for each other's deficiencies. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer. 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 aiane 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)

Loving Creator, we come together to present our offerings. We are reminded of the profound love with which you have called us your children. May these offerings we bring today be a reflection of our love for you and our desire to be faithful stewards of your blessings. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn (Himene): Now the Green Blade Rises (H&P 204)

1. Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

2. In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
3. Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

John Macleod Campbell Crum

Extinguishing the candle (Kānara Whakapoko)

Sending forth/Benediction (Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga)

Go out into the world in peace
Be of good courage
Uphold the faint hearted
Strengthen the weak
Love and honour everyone

The peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ, God's Son.
And the blessing of God all-loving,
The Creator, Redeemer and Counsellor,
Will be with you now and always.

Amen!

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 the Garside family for providing today's kai and manaakitanga.

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