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



Let's Dance

“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.

10AM Congregation – Order of Service
Worship leader: Tahi Kato
Organist: Vivien Chiu

WELCOME & SAFETY BRIEFING

Hugh Laurenson

GATHERING

Tena tatou katoa, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula Vinaka, welcome.

Welcome to our worship – whether you are here in person or joining us on-line, you are welcome here.

On your order of service, please response with the text in **bold**.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE (Kānara Whakamāmā)

Jesus calls us to dance with him, to move in harmony with the Spirit, and to follow the steps of compassion, justice, and peace.

Candle is lit.

As we light this candle, we remember that we are invited to join the dance, to be the light of Christ in the world, and to share his love with all people.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ngā Kupu Whakapūare)

When we witness our work bear good fruit and rejoice in all God has done among us...

we gather for worship.

When misunderstanding and misinformation threaten to divide instead of unite us...

we gather for worship.

When we dance together in the joy of knowing we belong to God and one another...

we gather for worship.

When we stumble and bumble our way forward as God's grace guides us into greater love and deeper communion...
we gather for worship. Thanks be to God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

God of secret purposes and extravagant blessings,
we come to praise you.

We come because we want to,
we sing our songs because we are glad to,
we pray for your grace because we need to,
and we ask for the love of Christ in our hearts
because without it we are a dead loss.

Please lift every shutter within our mind,
and open every door within our soul,
that you, the Lord of glory,
the God of countless hosts, may come in.
Through Christ Jesus, the joy of loving hearts.
Amen!

HYMN (Himene): With a hoot and a toot

Words & Music: Colin Gibson Tune: TOOTING (AA 161)

With a hoot and a toot
On a pipe or a flute
We will praise, we will worship God;
With a hum or a thrum,
With a roll on a drum,
We will make him a joyful noise

*Bow a cello that is mellow,
Sound a trumpet call,
Blow a horn and a deep bassoon;
Every instrument is playing,
With our voices we are saying
We rejoice, we are glad in God.*

With a flat or a sharp,
With a chord on a harp,
We will praise, we will worship God;
With a ping on a string,
With a choir that can sing,
We will make him a joyful noise.

Bow a cello that is mellow,...

With a clap of a hand,
Or a sound of a band,
We will praise, we will worship God;
With a paper and comb,
On an old trombone,
We will make him a joyful noise.

Bow a cello that is mellow,...

With a peal on a bell,
With a cheer or a yell,
We will praise, we will worship God;
With a bong on a gong,
Through the words of this song,
We will make him a joyful noise.

*Bow a cello that is mellow,
Sound a trumpet call,
Blow a horn and a deep bassoon;
Every instrument is playing,
With our voices we are saying
We rejoice, we are glad in God.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our hearts are hard, O God –
Soften them with your love.
Our hands are clenched, O God –
Open them with your grace.

Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –

Invite us to dance with you.

Our lives are not our own, we know –

Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's love is steadfast and unchanging, God's mercy is abundant, and God's grace is freely given. In Jesus Christ,

we are forgiven and set free to live fully in God's love.

COMMUNITY TIME

SHARING THE PEACE

We share the peace with one another

SO WHAT'S THE STORY?

LITANY: Lord of the Dance

In the beginning.....

The dance began to swirl and ponder.

In the beginning, all was dark.

And the dance cast forth bright light.

In the beginning, the earth burst forth with wondrous things,
creatures of all sorts, mountains and hills,
vast seas and rivers, valleys and desert areas.

**And the Lord of the Dance saw that it was good
and blessed it all.**

In our beginning, God blessed us.

**And the dance went on,
through our lives, into all that we have done.**

Sometimes the dance was slow and plodding;
at other times it was sprightly and fast.

**Yet in the midst of it all,
the Lord of the Dance is with us.**

This dance, called Life, is everywhere—
in the light and in the dark.
It is in places of hope and in places of deepest sorrow and tragedy.

How shall we dance our dance for God?

We shall live lives of hope and peace,
bringing the good news of Jesus Christ
and all that he taught to us,
so that others may join the dance.

**Praise be to the Lord of the Dance,
the Lord of Creation, the Lord of Life! Amen.**

HYMN (Himene): Lord of the Dance

Words & Music: Sydney Carter Tune: LORD OF THE DANCE (WOV183)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he;
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me,
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John
they came with me and the dance went on:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he;
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:

the holy people said it was a shame,
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on our back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the dance and I still go on:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;

They cut me down and I leap up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he;

and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

MINISTRY OF THE WORDS (Ngā Pānui Karaipiture) Heather Garside

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (NRSVUE)

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. 3 They carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart 4 with the ark of God, and Ahio went in front of the ark. 5 David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

12...So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing, 13 and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatted calf. 14 David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. 15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart.

17 They brought in the ark of the Lord and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. 18 When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts 19 and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Mark 6:14-29 (GNT)

14 Now King Herod heard about all this, because Jesus' reputation had spread everywhere. Some people were saying, "John the Baptist has come back to life! That is why he has this power to perform miracles."

15 Others, however, said, "He is Elijah."

Others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

16 When Herod heard it, he said, "He is John the Baptist! I had his head cut off, but he has come back to life!" 17 Herod himself had ordered John's arrest, and he had him tied up and put in prison. Herod did this because of Herodias, whom he had married, even though she was the wife of his brother Philip. 18 John the Baptist kept telling Herod, "It isn't right for you to marry your brother's wife!"

19 So Herodias held a grudge against John and wanted to kill him, but she could not because of Herod. 20 Herod was afraid of John because he knew that John was a good and holy man, and so he kept him safe. He liked to listen to him, even though he became greatly disturbed every time he heard him.

21 Finally Herodias got her chance. It was on Herod's birthday, when he gave a feast for all the top government officials, the military chiefs, and the leading citizens of Galilee. 22 The daughter of Herodias came in and danced, and pleased Herod and his guests. So the king said to the girl, "What would you like to have? I will give you anything you want." 23 With many vows he said to her, "I swear

that I will give you anything you ask for, even as much as half my kingdom!”

24 So the girl went out and asked her mother, “What shall I ask for?”

“The head of John the Baptist,” she answered.

25 The girl hurried back at once to the king and demanded, “I want you to give me here and now the head of John the Baptist on a plate!”

26 This made the king very sad, but he could not refuse her because of the vows he had made in front of all his guests. 27 So he sent off a guard at once with orders to bring John's head. The guard left, went to the prison, and cut John's head off; 28 then he brought it on a plate and gave it to the girl, who gave it to her mother. 29 When John's disciples heard about this, they came and got his body, and buried it.

REFLECTION (He Whakaaroaro)

HYMN (Himene): Forward Through the Ages

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, Tune: ST. GERTRUDE (UMH 555)

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.

Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal.

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

NOTICES

Sharing joys, things we are grateful for, sorrows and concerns

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Ngā Inoi Mō Te Whānau)

To the bidding "...God of glory", would you please respond, "**hear our prayer.**"

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 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 (Tātou Koha Ki Te Hāhi)

We also acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and online banking

Gracious God, in this sacred moment of offering, we recognise your sovereignty and mercy. As we present our gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our journeys. Guide us to dance with abandon, even amid our doubts and struggles, trusting in your steadfast love and grace. **Amen.**

HYMN (Himene): O Day of God, Draw Nigh

Words: Robert B.Y. Scott, 1899; Tune: T. MICHAEL Metre:SM (UMH 730)

O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power;
come with thy timeless judgment now
to match our present hour.
Bring to our troubled minds,
uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land,
that all may dwell secure,
and finely build for days to come
foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife
thy sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more,
and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh
as at creation's birth;
let there be light again, and set
thy judgments on the earth.

Extinguishing the candle

BENEDICTION (Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga)

Family of God, week in and week out, we gather for worship to support, to encourage, to learn, to confess, and to praise. These and more are the rhythms of our life with God and one another.

Go now from this place blessed by grace to keep dancing. Keep dancing with the Triune God. Keep dancing with your neighbours. Keep dancing with all creation. Keep dancing in the love of God and for the love of God that your lives may be blessings to all you meet. **Amen.**

THE GRACE

**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.

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