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*Haere mai ki tēnei Whare Karakia
Welcome to this House of Prayer*



Living God's Love
Acting for the common Good
Kia ora koutou katoa — Talofa Lava
Malo e lelei — Bula Vinaka Greetings to you all!

Order of Service
Sunday 23rd Pipiri / June 2024
Riding the storm

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.

SAFETY BRIEFING – Hugh Laurenson

GATHERING / Emi mai ki taua karakia

WORDS FOR BEGINNING / Ngā Kupu Whakapuare

In this moment, we gather our random thoughts, our scattered lives and bring the entirety of ourselves to this place of calm.

Silence.

We seek sanctuary so that we can risk everything.

Loving God, we ask for stillness

Grant us peace in heart, mind and body.

We ask for your presence

We welcome you to this gathering

We ask for inspiration

Open our eyes, that we may see.

God who is present in our suffering as well as our celebrations,
who embraces the anxious, the poor and the broken,

who raises up the humble and judges the proud

**Forgive our selfishness, warm our hearts, stir our
generosity, provoke our anger.**

May it be so.

WAIATA – Wairua Tapu

Wairua tapu tau mai rā
Wairua tapu mai runga
Uhia mai ngā taonga pai
Homai tō aroha

Wahia kia tika
Akona mai rā kia ū ki te pai
Horohia kia mau tonu rā
Mōhou te tino kororia.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE / Kānara Whakamāmā

We pause in silence and in hope.

The candle is lit

We light this flame as a symbol of the creativity of our faith:
the creativity to explore new insights;
the creativity to develop a caring community;
the creativity to envision a world of peace and freedom.

OPENING PRAYER / Inoi Whakawhetai

Hospitable God, You enfold us;
Compassionate Jesus, You uphold us;
Advocating Spirit, You are the wind at our backs.

Trinity of Love,
because of You, the universe exists
in all its unfathomable depths,
in all its meticulous detail.

What an astonishing thing to do!

What a labour of love!

Thank You for giving us a place in Your creation,
for making each one of us, an unrepeatable wonder,
and setting us on this earth in this time.

When we recognise Your presence, life is better.

When we call on Your help and spend time with You,

life is better.

When You break in on our consciousness
with Your timely, gentle, surprising, funny,
startling ways of saying hello,
life is better.

Thank You God for always coming to meet us where we are,
at our best, at our worst, in ordinariness, in crisis,
You welcome us and offer help and healing.

So will You silence any fears that we don't deserve Your love,
take away any guilt from mistakes we have made,
bring us close to You,
cheer us up and cheer us on.
In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

HYMN / Himene – Wake, Now My Senses

Words: Thomas J S Mikelson Tune: 'Slane', H&P 378

Wake, now my senses, and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power of being in all;
keep, with the web of creation your vow,
giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now my reason, reach out to the new,
join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;
honour the beauty and wisdom of time;
suffer your limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now compassion, give heed to the cry;
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbour both stranger and friend,
praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now my conscience, with justice your guide;
join with all people whose rights are denied;
take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.

Wake, now my vision of ministry clear;
brighten my pathway with radiance here;
mingle my calling with all who will share;
work toward a planet transformed by our care.

SO WHAT'S THE STORY ...?

PRAYER OF WHO WE ARE / Inoi Whākinga hara

The worst storms, Jesus,
are the ones caused by our fear,
when we grow afraid of losing our power,
or we grow suspicious of the power of others,
when we refuse to acknowledge your mysterious authority;

Yet, it's in the storm that we find our capacity to love.
In releasing our weak claim to power
and opening to your reign,
we discover a new way of seeing ourselves –
as called and useful and beloved –
and the other, whoever they may be –
as dignified and precious and beloved.

Here in the storm, Jesus, we need you, and we need each other,
and the love you give us to share,
leads us through sacrifice and self-giving
to peace and calm,
if only we will loose our hold on fear.

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.**

HYMN / Himene – Where the road runs out

Words and Music: Colin Gibson [AA156]

Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
Be the God of Abraham for us,
send us out upon our way.

*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,
lead us on to eternity.

When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hovering overhead
who will take away our fear.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD / Ngā Karaipiture

Mark 4: 35-41 (Inclusive Text) *Peter Grundy*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to the disciples,
'Let us cross over to the other side.'

And leaving the crowd behind they took Jesus,
just as he was, in the boat;
and there were other boats with them.

Then it began to blow a gale and
the waves were breaking into the boat so that the boat was
almost swamped.

But Jesus was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep.

They woke Jesus up and said,
'Teacher, do you not care? We are going down?'

And Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,
'Quiet now! Be calm!'

And the wind dropped, and all was calm again.

Then Jesus said to them,
'Why are you so frightened?
How is it that you have no faith?'

They were filled with awe and said to one another,
'Who can this be?'

REFLECTION / Kauwhau – Rev Nicola Teague Grundy

HYMN / Himene – Deep in the human heart

Words: William L (Bill) Wallace; Tune: DIADEMATA [HioS 19]

Deep in the human heart
the fire of justice burns;
a vision of a world renewed
through radical concern.

As Christians we are called
to set the captives free,
to overthrow the evil powers
and end hypocrisy.

This is our task today
to build a world of peace;
a world of justice, freedom, truth,
where kindness will increase;
a world from hunger freed,
a world where people share,
where every person is of worth
and no-one lives in fear.

Taking the step of faith,
we leave the past behind
and move into the future's world
with open heart and mind.
By grace we work with Christ,
as one community,
to bring new hope and fuller life
to all humanity.

OFFERING / Tātou Koha ki te Haahi

(We acknowledge offering made by automatic payment and on-line banking)

We are called to make real the sharing of the gifts God has given to us. Let us offer what we have for the good of all.

**Gracious God, accept what we offer today: our gifts of money, our faltering steps, our brokenness, our leftovers, our hope, our risking, our lives. Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back, that new life may be ours, to celebrate and share in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

COMMUNITY TIME

Sharing the peace

Let us offer the peace to each other saying:

The peace of God is here to stay.

Notices - Sharing Joys and Sorrows

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

If we're honest, compassion does not come easy to us, God;
We see others who struggle;
those without homes, or food;
those dying from curable diseases, simply because
they can't get access to the medicine they need;
those who have lost loved ones through death or circumstance,
and long for human companionship;
those who are persecuted and judged because of their difference;
those who are facing the awful consequences
of bad choices they have made;
and those who must live with the consequences
of choices that others make that impact their lives;
It all just feels like it's too much, and there's nothing we can do.

But, we know that's not true –
we know that compassion is enough;
that when we allow ourselves to feel,
compassion will lead us to do what we can,
and that this will make a difference.

And so, we pray first for ourselves:
that you would soften our hearts,
and still our fears,
and lead us into those acts of compassion
that we are capable of doing.

And then we pray for all of these others
whose lives can be changed
through small, simple acts of care;
that you would disturb us, and others like us,

until we finally step up and play our part
in the saving of your world;
and that enough of us would answer your call,
that the needs of the hurting ones
may be met. Amen

HYMN / Himene – Song of faith that sings forever

Words: Shirley Murray; Music: Colin Gibson [FFS 57]

Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exultation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison:
faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

PARTING WORDS / Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga

Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me food."
Made in the Image of God,
We see the face of Christ in all.

Jesus said, "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."
Made in the Image of God,
We see the face of Christ in all.

Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."
Made in the Image of God,
We see the face of Christ in all.

Jesus said, "I was naked and you gave me clothing."
Made in the Image of God,
We see the face of Christ in all.

Jesus said, "I was sick and you took care of me."
Made in the Image of God,
We see the face of Christ in all.

Jesus said, "I was in prison and you visited me."
Made in the Image of God,
We see the face of Christ in all.

Jesus said, "In as much as you did to one of those considered to be the least important, you did it to me."
Made in the Image of God,
We see the face of Christ in all.
We go from here to see and serve Christ in all.
Amen.

The candle is extinguished

May the storms within and around you be stilled;
May you recall the depth of God's love
And the breadth of God's power;
And may you, too, bring calm to all you meet.
Amen.

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**

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