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24th Poutū-te-rangi/March 2024
Te Rātapu tuaono o Rēneti: te Rātapu Nikau

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
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Worship Leader: Nicola Teague Grundy
Organist: Colin Scarf

SAFETY BRIEFING

LIGHTING THE CANDLE / Kānara Whakamāmā

In times of struggle,

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

In times of wonder,

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

In times of anxious anticipation,

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

In this time and place, here and now,

and in all the days of our lives

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

As we continue to journey toward the cross, let the light of this
Christ candle remind us of who we are and whose we are:

struggling, wondering, and anxiously anticipating people of the
Way.

The candle is lit.

GATHERING / Whakaemi mai ki taua karakia

OPENING PRAYER / Inoi Whakawhetai

Loving God,

we greet you on this Palm Sunday morning
with our songs and shouts of praise.

We give thanks for your openness and inclusivity.

We celebrate the way you reach out to the broken,
the downcast, the lonely and the excluded.
Let us come to worship you today with humility and
compassion.
Let us turn our backs on pride and power.
Let us follow in your footsteps.
Let us seek to be more like you.
Amen.

WAIATA – He Honore

He Hōnore, he korōria
Maungārongo ki te whenua
Whakaaro pai e
Ki ngā tangata katoa
Āke ake, ake ake
Āmine
Te Atua, te piringa
Tōku orange

HYMN / Himene – All glory, laud, and honour

Theodulph of Orleans (d.821) [H&P 160]

All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews

with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

To thee before thy Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

OUR JOURNEY BEGINS ...

THE SCRIPTURE / Ngā Karaipiture

Mark 11: 1-11 (The Message)

When they were nearing Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany on Mount Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions:

“Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you’ll find a colt tethered, one that has never yet been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone asks, ‘What are you doing?’ say, ‘The Master needs him, and will return him right away.’”

They went and found a colt tied to a door at the street corner and untied it. Some of those standing there said,

“What are you doing untying that colt?”

The disciples replied exactly as Jesus had instructed them, and the people let them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus, spread their coats on it, and he mounted.

The people gave him a wonderful welcome, some throwing their coats on the street, others spreading out rushes they had cut in the fields. Running ahead and following after, they were calling out,

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in God’s name!

Blessed the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in highest heaven!

He entered Jerusalem, then entered the Temple. He looked around, taking it all in. But by now it was late, so he went back to Bethany with the Twelve.

PUT YOURSELF IN THE STORY ...

Why are you here today?

If you had lived in Jerusalem at that time would you have left your house that morning and found your way to this crowd?

What would you have called out to Jesus as he went by?

I invite you to go to one of the three stations that have been set up. Each of the stations has an activity. The stations are for us all – no matter what your age.

Three stations

- 1. A palm branch*
- 2. Party blowers and palms*
- 3. Riding on a donkey*

During the singing of the hymn – we will have a parade using the material made during the activity.

HYMN / Himene

Words and Music: Graham Kendrick (StF 264)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alCQ7fb0hEA>

Make way, make way, for Christ the King
In splendour arrives;
Fling wide the gates and welcome him
Into your lives.

*Make way (Make way), make way (make way),
For the King of kings (for the King of kings);
make way (make way), make way (make way),
and let his Kingdom in.*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free;
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.

We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him,
their thrones must fall!

PRAYER OF HOPE / Ngā Inoi Tūmanako

In the quiet moments, in the still places,
I can sometimes hear it;
An urgent voice, echoing through the wildernesses of the world,
and of my heart
calling me to prepare and to participate
in the new world that wants to be born.

How can I be part of something that I haven't seen,
that I struggle even to conceptualise, let alone understand?
Yet, still the voice calls, and my heart stirs.

I begin to imagine a world of joy and creativity,
a world where the poor are always cared for
and the rich are always generous;
a world where justice guides,
and where mourning is always temporary;
a world where the highest values are valued most highly
and where priorities and agendas are set
with the greatest good in mind.

This world exists, Jesus, in the Gospel you preached,
in the stable and the cross and the empty tomb,
in Baptismal waters and Eucharistic meals
in your constant calling, and your constant coming.

And so we praise you for this world,
and for the dream that we can learn to know it here and now
even as you do.

REFLECTION

HYMN / Himene – Lift high the cross

Words: Shirley Murray; Music: Sydney Nicholson (AA 87)

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his glorious name!*

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out ...

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,
teach us compassion for each human life ...

Peace was your plea and peace your loving theme
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream ...

Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God ...

Worlds to be born and children yet to be
Come, take up this song into eternity ...

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.

Offertory Prayer

Loving God, we express our thanksgiving for our blessings through these offerings. May they further our work in the church, community and beyond. Amen.

COMMUNITY TIME

Notices - Sharing Joys and Sorrows

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS / Ngā Inoi mō te Whānau

Loving and Holy Spirit of God, hear our prayers.

We believe that You want us not just to serve
but to pray for the world to whose service You have called us,
in all its longing for peace, for justice, for reconciliation.

Hear our prayers today for those who struggle against tyrannies,
those damaged by natural disasters

or blight caused by others' greed,
those forced out from their communities
to seek refuge elsewhere;
for aid agencies, peace-keeping forces, rescue services,
world organisations and alliances, national governments,
and those offering a welcome to those displaced seeking refuge
in our towns.

If statistics are tears, the world weeps for release for so many:
the dispossessed, the falsely imprisoned, the undervalued,
the cruelly undernourished, the exploited, and the sick;
the deeply anxious who have everything and yet nothing,
miserable in their comfort, longing for love, to feel of value.
May they and we travel with You to Easter.

We pray now for those people who are on our hearts ...

With these petitions, we give thanks
for saints and martyrs through the centuries,
and the many people forgotten by us but known to You,
who have challenged injustice and discrimination,
given voice to those unnoticed and unheard,
and helped to create communities where all are valued.

And all through Jesus Christ, in whose words we say together,

**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 – Have you Heard God’s Voice

Words and Music: Jacqueline G. Jones; (StF 663)

Have you heard God’s voice;
Has your heart been stirred?
Are you still prepared to follow?
Have you made a choice to remain and serve,
though the way be rough and narrow?

*Will you walk the path that will cost you much
and embrace the pain and sorrow?
Will you trust the One who entrusts to you
the disciples of tomorrow?*

Will you use your voice; will you not sit down
when the multitudes are silent?
Will you make a choice to stand your ground
when the crowds are turning violent?

In your city streets will you be God’s heart?
Will you listen to the voiceless?
Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start,
will you share your faith with the faithless?

Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith
and believe it could be different?
Will you share your views using words of grace?
Will you leave a thoughtful imprint?

*We will walk the path that will cost us much
and embrace the pain and sorrow.*

*We will trust in One who entrusts to us
The disciples of tomorrow.*

PARTING WORDS (*Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga*)

Time has now come for us to leave this sacred place.
As we do, may we embrace the challenges
of our lives and our world ...

The candle is extinguished

The peace of God,
which is beyond all understanding,
guard your thoughts and your hearts in Jesus Christ.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
be with you and those you love,
this day and always. Amen.

GRACE

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa,
te atawhai o to tātou Ariki o Ihu Karaiti,
me te aroha o te Atua,
me te whiwhinga tahitanga
ki te Wairua Tapu. Amine**

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