



WESLEY WELLINGTON
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26th Haratua/May 2024
Wesley Day

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 19th Haratua/May 2024
Wesley Day

Worship Leader: Nicola Teague Grundy
Organist: Vivienne 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 – Alan Dine

GATHERING / Emi mai ki taua karakia

WORDS FOR BEGINNING / Ngā Kupu Whakapuare

Our past is gathered up in love,
for the Spirit of God was always with us.

Our present is lived in the company of God,
for the Spirit of God is always with us.

Our future will never be faced alone,
for the Spirit of God will always be with us,
Praise be to God!

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.
As we light our candle this morning, we pray for makers-of-peace around the world. We bring to mind those who have Always worked for peace and ask that their work will be remembered and continued.

The candle is lit.

HYMN / Himene – O, for a thousand tongues to sing

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) Tune: Lyngham H&P 255

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

Jesus – the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears.
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free:
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

See all your sins on Jesus laid:
the Lamb of God was slain;
his soul was once an offering made
that all may heaven gain.

In Christ, our Head, you then shall know
Shall feel, your sins forgiven,
Anticipate your heaven below,
And own that love is heaven.

OPENING PRAYER / Inoi Whakawhetai

God of All, we praise you
You spoke – and the universe came into existence
You spoke again and life flooded the world
You spoke again and people heard you

You came to the world in Jesus
In Jesus you spoke to people
In Jesus you showed your love for us

God of All, your Spirit still speaks to people
You called John Wesley – his heart was strangely warmed
You call us with your love. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF WHO WE ARE / Inoi Whākinga hara

Loving God, we confess that we don't always hear your word
Sometimes we don't want to listen
Sometimes we don't want to do what you ask of us
Sometimes we don't trust that you know what you are doing.

Forgive us our lack of vision
Forgive us for the things we should have done – but didn't
Forgive us the things we shouldn't have done – but did
Forgive us for the challenge that we have not taken up
Forgive us that we try to do things in our own strength instead
of relying on you.

God of All, help us to listen, to feel your presence, to hear your
word in our hearts and to follow where you lead.

Amen.

We close our prayers with the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.**

SO WHAT'S THE STORY ...?

HYMN / Himene – John Wesley was a little man

Words and Music: Colin Gibson

John Wesley was a little man who rode upon a horse;
by country ways and city streets he kept his steady course.
'The whole wide world's my parish,' that little man declared;
'God's love is meant for everyone, with all it must be shared.'

Susannah was his mother's name, she taught him all he knew;
his father was a minister, and John became one, too.
He went into the open fields and preached to all who came;
'Believe in Christ, and know his love' is what he did proclaim.

John Wesley had a brother Charles who sang with all his might:
'O for a thousand tongues', he cried, 'to praise God to the height.'
'To our redeeming Lord all praise, who joins us by his grace,
and bids us, each to each restored, together seek his face.'

John Wesley was methodical, he drew up many lists;
and that is why his followers are called the Methodists.
He fought against the slaving trade, opened up a school;
to practice Christian holiness he made his daily rule.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD / Ngā Karaipiture

From Wesley's Journal:

The 24 May was the date that John Wesley had his life-changing experience at a meeting on Aldersgate Street, London, in 1738.

He wrote in his journal:

"In the evening, I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given to me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15 [NRSVUE]

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

The Work of the Spirit

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

REFLECTION – *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)

Offertory Prayer

Receive these gifts, O God, and transform us through the giving, that we may have eyes to see and hearts open to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your will be done on earth. 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

Spirit of the Living God, come hear us and shine your light through us.

We pray for our family both local and worldwide, friends, members of our fellowships, neighbours, those struggling through these uncertain and worrying times those struggling with illness whether mental or physical those struggling to cope with the loss of loved ones
May your light shine through the darkness.

We give thanks for those who are giving their time and gifts to help others, for DCM, Wesley Community Action, health workers, teachers, parents and grandparents, and all those who are helping to keep our society ticking over.
May your light shine through their business.

Loving God, your spirit enters our hearts like a flame helping us shine from the inside out. Help us to show your love to others. Help us to take stock of our lives, to appreciate our natural world, birdsong, ngahere and putiputi, clean air, the beauty that you created for us.

We pray for all who suffer:

for comfort for all who are lonely and sad;

for relief for all in pain or distress;

for strength for all who care for the sick and the dying.

Speak to us in the words of hope and pour out your spirit upon us that we may know your comfort and bring your healing touch to all in need of consolation.

May your light shine through their darkness.

We thank you Spirit of the Living God for the opportunities that have arisen for us to spread your love to the wider world. We pray that you will fill our hearts with your joy, guiding and guarding us, because there is no greater thing than knowing you.

May your light shine throughout the world. Amen.

HYMN / Himene – O thou who camest from above

Words: Charles Wesley Tune: Wilton [H&P 745(ii)]

O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me –

Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make the sacrifice complete.

PARTING WORDS / Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga

Let us take on this week's life
With renewed hope and imagination ...

The candle is extinguished

Go into the week ahead
To do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.

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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