



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



We are a multi-racial Christian community:
Methodist in affiliation – Ecumenical in intention
Diverse in theology – Inclusive in outreach.

Kia ora koutou katoa - Talofa Lava
Malo e lelei - Bula Vinaka - Greetings to you all!

**Order of Service – Combined Service
Worship leader – Rev Utumau’u Pupulu
Organist – Colin Scarf**

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

INTROIT

Samoan

CALL TO WORSHIP

The One who called Samuel from the darkness,
continues to say: “Let light shine out of darkness.”

The light of Christ shines all around us.

The One who searches us and knows us,
hems us in, behind and before.

We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Let us worship a God who surprises us at every turn.

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful One, when life beats us down,
you reach out and restore us to health and wholeness.

Surprise us once more, O God,
with your never-failing grace
and the light of your love.

Amen.

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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1. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy!
all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Lord of the Sabbath, when our spirits feel withered,
we yearn to touch your healing power.
Be with us in our hour of need,
and become the joy of our salvation.
Our mouths long to sing your praise,
and our eyes long to behold your glory.
In your holy name, we pray.
AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Though we are but vessels of clay,
The extraordinary power of God
Shines light in and through our darkness.
Though our span of years is short
We are fearfully and wonderfully made.
God blesses us with mercies beyond measure.

(Let us say together the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice)

10AM SINGING GROUP

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading Psalm 139: 1 – 6

Samoan

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down
and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search

out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Second Reading: Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6

Tongan

One Sabbath day he was walking through a field of ripe grain. As his disciples made a path, they pulled off heads of grain. The Pharisees told on them to Jesus: "Look, your disciples are breaking Sabbath rules!" Jesus said, "Really? Haven't you ever read what David did when he was hungry, along with those who were with him? How he entered the sanctuary and ate fresh bread off the altar, with the Chief Priest Abiathar right there watching - holy bread that no one but priests were allowed to eat - and handed it out to his companions?" Then Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made to serve us; we weren't made to serve the Sabbath. The Son of Man is no lackey to the Sabbath. He's in charge!"

Then he went back in the meeting place where he found a man with a crippled hand. The Pharisees had their eyes on Jesus to see if he would heal him, hoping to catch him in a Sabbath infraction. He said to the man with the crippled hand, "Stand here where we can see you." Then he spoke to the people: "What kind of action suits the Sabbath best? Doing good or doing evil? Helping people or leaving them helpless?" No one said a word. He looked them in the eye, one after another, angry now, furious at their hard-nosed religion. He said to the man, "Hold out your hand." He held it out - it was as good as new! The Pharisees got out as fast as they could, sputtering about how they would join forces with Herod's followers and ruin him.

ANTHEM

Tongan

REFLECTION

Rev Utumau'u Pupulu

AFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please stand)

We are not alone – we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our Judge and our Hope, in life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

HYMN LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVE EXCELLING

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1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, Almighty to deliver;
let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

3. Finish then, Thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation
perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Rev. Nicola Teague Grundy

Loving God, you know our needs and desires before we ask and all our days are in your hands. Hear the prayers we bring to you.

We pray for the world:

for those who suffer because of war or civil strife;

for those who are imprisoned, displaced or dispossessed.

When we are unmoved by the plight of others,

when our greed keeps others poor,

shake us from our complacency and restore us to life.

Loving God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the church:

for your priests and prophets and all who lead your people;

for all who worship and minister in this place.

When we are legalistic and lacking in love,

when we are slow to recognize your voice or understand your word,

call us again by name and restore us to life.

Loving God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for our community:

for those who have nowhere to live and too little to eat;

for those without any work or means of support.

When we are judgmental and mean-minded,

when we are slow to compassion and swift to condemn,

unlock our hearts and restore us to life.

Loving God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer:

for those who do not know the love of family or friends;

for the sick and the dying and all who mourn.

When hearts are broken and spirits crushed,

when bodies are crippled or racked with pain,

touch us again with your love, and restore us to life.

Loving God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died in your love,

for all who have heard your voice and answered your call;
for all whose yearly remembrance occurs at this time.
Help us to follow the example of your faithful people and,
when we come to the end of our earthly days,
bring us with all your saints from death to everlasting life,
that we may continue forever in your presence.
Loving God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

HYMN GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

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1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

2. Open thou the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream shall flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death or death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

THE MINISTRY OF SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY

As those who are fearfully and wonderfully made, let us share the blessings of our maker with those who need God's light and glory in their lives.

(We acknowledge our gifts for the food bank and the work of the Parish through envelope and cash offerings, and through automatic payments and online banking.)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Though we are vessels of clay,
your light shines through us
when we share what we have
with those in need.**

**May today's offering be like the bread of presence,
that feeds the hungry and satisfies the soul.**

In Christ's name, we pray.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING

All glory and thanksgiving to you, living God,
creator and sustainer of the universe;
you gave us your beloved Son Jesus Christ
who, on the night he was betrayed, took bread
and after giving thanks broke it
and gave it to his disciples saying,
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this to remember me."

In the same way he took the cup after supper and said,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

**Glory to you, Lord Christ
your death we proclaim.
your resurrection we celebrate.
your coming, we await.**

Amen

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, that these gifts may be to us the
bread of life and the cup of salvation. Bind us into one
body, that we may grow into the fullness of Christ who is the head.

**We come to your table, Lord, trusting not in
our own righteousness but in your great mercy. We
are not worthy even to gather the crumbs from under
your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature**

is always to have mercy.

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat this bread
and drink this wine that Christ may evermore dwell in
us and we in him.**

Amen.

BREAKING BREAD

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a
sharing in the blood of Christ.

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”

INVITATION

Draw near in faith and take the Holy Communion,
in remembrance that Christ died for you.

*(The Fijian Choir who will sing during today’s communion, are invited to come forward first, followed
by everyone. Please approach by the centre aisle and return by the side.)*

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,

We thank you with all our heart for your mercy and grace.

Grant us now and in the days to come a living hope in you;

and as we serve you in the world,

help us look and work for that day

when at your name every knee shall bow

and every tongue confess you Lord,

to the glory of God.

Amen

HYMN Brother, Sister, let me serve you.

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1. Brother, Sister, let me serve you,

Let me be as Christ to you,

Pray that I may have the grace

To let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,

We are travellers on the road,

We are here to help each other

Walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear,
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh, ill laugh with you,
I will share your joy and sorrow
Til we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love, and agony.

6. Brother, Sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you,
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too.

BENEDICTION

**The extraordinary power of God leads us
on our journeys of faith.**

**With the blessings of Sabbath rest
and the healing of God's love,
go to be a blessing.**

Go as those who are fearfully and wonderfully made.

AMEN.

THE GRACE

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.**

MA TE MARIE (*Sung unaccompanied*)

Mā te mārie a te Atua	<i>The peace of God</i>
Tātou katoa e tiaki;	<i>keep us all.</i>
Mana anō e whakaū	<i>He will confirm</i>
O tātou ngākau ki te pai.	<i>our hearts in goodness.</i>

Mā te Atua Tamaiti rā,	<i>May the Son of God</i>
Mā te Wairua Tapu hoki,	<i>and the Holy Spirit too,</i>
Rātou, Atua kotahi nei.	<i>one God,</i>
Tātou katoa e whakapai.	<i>Bless us all.</i>
Amine.	<i>Amen.</i>

Please join us in the new hall for refreshments following the service.