



Wesley Wellington

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Sunday 3 March 2024

Lent 3 – Year B

Haere mai ki tēnei Whare Karakia

Welcome to this House of Prayer



Living God's Love – Acting for the Common Good

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 - 10am Congregation

Sunday 3 March 2024 - Lent 3

Leader: Tahi Kato
Organist: Colin Scarf

Welcome

Introduction

Lighting the candle

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.

Call to Worship

What a generous God we worship!

What an extravagant Creator, what a Source of abundance!

God has filled the universe with stars and galaxies beyond number,
has filled the world with creatures and objects, colours and shapes,
types and varieties, more than we can apprehend,
has built it all on atoms and molecules, too small to see,
too many to imagine!

We thank You, gracious and giving God, and we praise You.

What a vibrant life this is!

What an amazing array of experiences, relationships
and opportunities!

God has provided us with minds and bodies, hearts and souls
to perceive and enjoy all that life contains,
has called us to appreciate each unique moment, each special gift!

We thank You, gracious and giving God, and we praise You.

What an amazing Saviour is ours!

What a self-giving, compassionate Lord!

God has entered our world and shared its challenges,
has lived and died as one of us,

has risen, and has opened the door to full, eternal and exuberant life!

We thank You, gracious and giving God, and we praise You.

Hymn: All creatures of our God and King (H&P 329)

Words: St Francis of Assisi. Tune: LAAST UNS ERFREUEN.

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfolded blessings on our way,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them His glory also show!
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Approach

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have built for us
an eternal house, a temple of righteousness,
a place of gracious plenty for the hungry
and abundant life for the poor in spirit.
Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ.
Overturn the tables of corruption and greed
and upset the imbalance of injustice,
so that we may worship you in spirit and truth.

Prayer of Confession

(inspired by Exodus 20, Psalm 19, John 2: 13-22)

With hearts of sorrow,
we come before you, O God,
to confess what you already know—
we have failed to keep your laws.
Again and again,
we have followed our own selfish will,
rather than your holy and life-giving will
for our lives.
We have twisted your decrees and institutions
to suit our preconceptions and interests
rather than your own.
Forgive us, O God,
and cleanse us from hidden faults,
that the words of our mouths,

and the meditations of all our hearts,
may be acceptable to you,
our Rock and our Redeemer.

Words of Assurance

(inspired by Exodus 20: 1-17)

God shows steadfast love
and blesses to the thousandth generation
those who follow God's ways.
In love, God sent Jesus
to bless and redeem God's people.
God forgives us our sins
and restores us to new life.
Let us rejoice in God's mercy.

Introducing the Theme

Waiata – My life must be Christ's broken bread. 10am Singing Group

Words: Gen A Orsborn Tune: Sheltered Dale.

Reading (NRSVUE)

Exodus 20:1-17

The Ten Commandments

20 Then God spoke all these words,

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

8 “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

John 2:13-22

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a

marketplace!" 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Sermon

Hymn: Let justice roll down

Words & Music: Colin Gibson (AA85)

*Let justice roll down like a river,
let justice roll down to the sea;
let justice roll down like a river
let justice begin through me.*

Justice for all who go hungry,
crying to God to be fed,
left in a world of abundance
to beg for a morsel of bread.

*Let justice roll down like a river,
let justice flow down to the sea;
let justice roll down like a river
let justice begin through me.*

Justice for those who are homeless,
victims of war or of need,
trapped on the borders of nowhere,
lost in the canyons of greed.

*Let justice roll down like a river,
let justice flow down to the sea;
let justice roll down like a river
let justice begin through me.*

Justice for all who are powerless,
yearning for freedom in vain,
plundered and robbed of their birth-right,
silently bearing their pain.

*Let justice roll down like a river,
let justice flow down to the sea;
let justice roll down like a river
let justice begin through me.*

Offering

Blessing of Offering

Sharing the Peace

The peace of God be with you!
And also with you!

*The peace is shared.
Then gather around the communion table.*

Holy Communion

God's love for the world was so great that He gave us His Son,
so that anyone who believes in Him should not die
but receive eternal life.

Silence

We come to this table in need;
We are weak and need strength;
We are broken and need healing;
We are hardened and need softening;
We are poor in spirit and need care.

Prayer

We give thanks for Your compassion, O God;
We rejoice at Your invitation to share in this meal,
and we receive again Your abundant grace. Amen

So, let's remember how Jesus gave Himself for us;

At supper, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus took bread,
gave thanks, broke it and shared it with His friends, saying:
This is my body, given for you. Take it, eat it, and remember Me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks and shared it with His friends, saying:
This is my blood shed for you. Take it, drink it and remember Me.

The bread and wine are circulated to be received only but not consumed yet.

In this bread and in this wine we receive again
the generous, and costly gift of life,
offered to us through the sacrifice of Jesus.
Please eat and drink.

Bread and wine is consumed.

This meal is a proclamation of God's goodness,
a thanksgiving for God's grace
and a sharing in God's life.

And we will keep celebrating in this way until Jesus returns.

We all say, **Amen.**

Hymn: We Are Moving

Words & Music: Bill Wallace 2018. Arrangement: Heather Garside
Written October 2018 for NZ Methodist Conference at St Andrew's College, Christchurch.

1. We are moving, we are moving,
On the pilgrim path of Jesus,
From our pride to being humble,
From enclosed to being open,
On the living path of Jesus.
2. We are loving, we are loving,
Loving in the way of Jesus,
From condemning to affirming,
From rejecting to embracing,
In the loving way of Jesus.
3. We are weaving, we are weaving,
Weaving many sacred patterns,
In a whole that's now emerging,
To embrace creative crafting,
Of a fabric with new patterns.
4. We are changing, we are changing,
To embrace the Way of Jesus,
From consuming to conserving,

From competing to supporting,
In the Way of life with Jesus.

Notices

Sharing Joys, Things we are Grateful for, Sorrows & Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

We pray...

...For ourselves and our loved ones,
that we might find all we need in You.

(Each one is invited to pray in silence for themselves and their loved ones.)

...For our community and our country, that none may be in want,
and all may share the goodness of this place.

(Each one is invited to pray in silence for their community and country.)

...For our world and its peoples, that the riches of the earth
may be enjoyed by all, and that we may all turn away from greed.

Each one is invited to pray in silence for the world and its peoples.

Lord's Prayer

**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 aianeī
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: God of grace and God of glory (H&P 712)

Harry Emerson Forsdick (1930) Tune: CWM RHONDA (Christian Worship: Hymnal 770)

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation

to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Extinguish the candle

Sending forth / Benediction

The Grace of Christ has been offered to us again today;

We receive it with thanks,

and through our kindness we will share it with others.

The Love of God has come to us again today;

We fill our hearts in joy,

and through our compassion we will share it with others.

The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit has embraced us again today;

We delight in it with gratitude,

and through our generosity we will share it with others.

Go in peace and thanksgiving,

Live and work so that God's goodness may be recognised,

And God may be praised.

Amen.



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