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6th Whiringa- ā -nuku / October 2024



Combined Service and Holy Communion

**A Church united in faith where all are
respected, accepted and belong**

Kia ora koutou katoa — Talofa Lava

Malo e lelei — Bula Vinaka Greetings to you all!

Order of Service
6th Whiringa-ā-nuku/ October 2024

Worship Leader: Rev Simote Taunga
Organist: Vivian Chiu

Greetings & Welcome, Introduction & Safety Briefing

Invitation and Gathering

Liuola Pulupaki Pouvalu

Centering Words

What are humans that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them? Not angels to be sure. Just people, the beloved children of God.

INTROIT (*The congregation stand*)

Samoan

Lighting the candle

Tongan Youth

Call to worship

Tongan Youth

Leader: Your steadfast love is before our eyes, O God.

All: Help us move in faithfulness

Leader: When tests and trials come- when evil itself appears- we place our trust in you, O Knower of joy and suffering.

All: Help us move with integrity

Leader: Place us on level ground, O Redeemer.

All: Move us to sing songs of thanksgiving and to proclaim your wondrous deeds.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, through whom all things exist,
we are mindful this day
of siblings in faith around the world
we rejoice in our oneness with them.
We are mindful too,
of those near at hand and those far away-
those who suffer from ills and calamities,
from wars and disasters.
Be present with them and us, we pray-
Even as you fix our hearts on you
and how we might in faith,
respond to the needs of neighbors
around the world. Amen.

Hymn O for a thousand tongues to sing H&P 744

Charles Wesley -Tune Lyngham HP 120(ii)

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

- 2.** My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

- 3.** 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.

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

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

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.

Prayer of confession and Response

We are conscious this day, O God,
of the world's great needs:
for love,
for caring,
for right relationships of all kinds.
We are conscious, too, of the times we fall short:
the small daily choices
and the large systems in society
that impede the loving world you envision.
Save us from hypocrisy, we pray,
And help us find the places your glory abides.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

The psalmist says God made humanity
but a little lower than angels.

We are, God knows, sometimes not even close
to angels at all.

Yet, God crowns us with glory and honor.

In the name of that Jesus, the perfecter of our salvation,
Know that you are loved and forgiven. Amen.

Response to the word

Redeem us, O God.

Be gracious unto us and to the world.

In the great congregation,

we will bless your holy name. Amen

The Lord's Prayer. *Let us say together*

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Gives us this day our daily bread,

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Do not put us to the test but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom the power and the glory

are yours now and forever.

Amen.

10AM Singing Group

Scripture Readings

Psalm 26

Samoaan

1.Vindicate me, Lord, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered. 2 Test me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; 3 for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.4 I do not sit with the deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites. 5 I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked.6 I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, Lord,7 proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds. 8 Lord, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells. 9 Do not take away my soul along with sinners, my life with those who are bloodthirsty,10 in whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of bribes. 11 I lead a blameless life; deliver me and be merciful to me. 12 My feet stand on level ground; in the great congregation I will praise the Lord.

Mark 10:2-16

Fijian

2 Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

3 “What did Moses command you?” he replied.

4 They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

5 “It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. 6 “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ 7 ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,[b] 8 and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

10 When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. 11 He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. 12 And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

13 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” 16 And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Baptism

Rev Alipate Livani

Anthem

Fijian

REFLECTION (Mt. 10:6-9)

“But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. V7. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife. V8. And the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. V9. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Theme: Marriage in the presence of God means no more Divorce.

Hymn What a friend we have in Jesus

H&P 559

Joseph Medicott Scriven

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?

Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Offertory

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 260)

The psalmist invites us to walk in faithfulness before God. As part of this journey of faithfulness, with thanks for God's wondrous deeds, and in support of the church's ministry in this neighbourhood and around the world, let us share our tithes and offerings.

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, creator of this and many other worlds,
bless these gifts in Jesus' name,
that they may aid a world of need near and far.
Amen.

Holy Communion

Leader: We many as we are, are one body in Christ. If we do not love our brothers and sisters whom we have seen, how can we love our God whom we have not seen?

The peace of God be with you

People: And God's peace be with you.

Exchange the Peace:

Let us greet one another with signs of peace and joy

Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord is here

People: God's Spirit is with us.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: With all your people in heaven and on earth we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, through whom all things were made; who in the fullness of time became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth; who in obedience suffered death on the cross, and was raised in triumph that we might have life. Therefore, we worship and praise your glorious name.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Leader: On the night he was betrayed, Jesus 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 in remembrance of me.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ:

Your death we proclaim.

Your resurrection we celebrate.

Your coming we await. Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Leader: 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.

All: Amen. We come to your table Lord, trusting not in our own righteousness but in your great 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:

Leader: 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:

Come for all things are now ready. Draw near in faith and take this holy sacrament in remembrance that Christ died for you.

Prayer after Holy Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you with all our hearts 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 Guide me O Thou great Jehovah H&P 437

William Williams

1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

BENEDICTION

Go forth, as God gives you strength,
blameless and upright, persistent in integrity,
trusting without wavering, and confident
in God's love.
Go in peace. Amen

The Grace

Let us offer each other 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.

Extinguish the candle:

Tongan Youth.

Mā Te Mārie (Sung unaccompanied)

Mā te mārie a te Atua
Tātou katoa e tiaki;
Māna anō e whakaū
O tatou ngākau ki te pai

Mā te Atua Tamaiti ra,
Mā te Wairua Tapu hoki
Rātou, Atua Kotahi nei.
Tātou katoa e whakapai.
Āmine.

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