



WESLEY WELLINGTON
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Combined Service and Holy Communion



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**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
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Worship Leader: Rev Nicola Teague Grundy
Organist: Vivien 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 & WELCOME – *Leatuavao Leatuavao*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE / Kānara Whakamāmā

The candle is lit

**We light this flame as a symbol of the creativity of our faith:
the creativity to explore new avenues of insight;
the creativity to develop a caring community;
the creativity to envision a world of justice, peace and
freedom.**

INTROIT – *Tongan Choir*

GATHERING / Whakaemi mai ki taua karakia

WORDS OF BEGINNING / Ngā Kupu Whakapūare

When they said: Let us go to God's House,
Our hearts were filled with joy.

And here we are,

In the place of God's dwelling:

All are invited here.

To worship,

Praise,

And give thanks

To the name of God.

Let us worship
and praise the God
Who calls us here.

OPENING PRAYER / Inoi Whakawhetai

Some of us have travelled to be together this morning
Some of us have come only a short distance
Some of us come with hearts full; full of grief, full of joy
Some of us come with burdens almost bigger than we can bear
Some of us come with something to give, something to share
Some of us come with a deep need, a deep longing
Some of us come with more questions than answers
Some of us come with so much contentment
 we're afraid of complacency
Some of us come to journey with you God,
 to go further than we can imagine
Be with us this morning on our journey,
 our adventure, our discovery

Travel with us Lord.

Amen

HYMN / Himene – Loving God of Aotearoa

Words: Philip Garside; Music: Gustav Holst.

Loving God of Aotearoa,
hear now our call to you,
We have gathered in your presence,
to celebrate anew!
We have come from many places,
speaking, thinking differently,
But in you we are united,
One whole, strong family.

Refrain:

Let us heed your call to service
and follow lovingly,
May we be compassionate people,
Alive in you and free.

Scripture tells of faithful people,
who spread your light and love.
Now inspire, lead, direct us,
so we can be like them.
May the Way that Christ has taught us,
and the power of your Word,
set a fire burning in us,
for justice and for love.

Rimu tall, with tui singing,
proclaim your majesty,
You who care for all creation,
will always care for me.
Matariki's spirit guide us,
rise within us all the year.
Help us live and speak forgiveness,
your people want to hear.

SO WHAT'S THE STORY ...? / He aha te kōrero ...?

WAIATA – 10am Singing Group

E te Ariki Whakarongo mai ra kia ma tou
E te Ariki Titiro mai ra kia ma tou
Tenei matou O tamariki
E whakapono Ana matou Ki a koe

Aue!
Aue!
Aue!
Aue!

Te Matua te tamaiti Wairua tapu e
Te Matua te tamaiti Wairua tapu e

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / Inoi Whakawhetai

In our weakness

we find our strength.

When we are most in need

Goodness arises within us.

We recall the times when we knew this truth in our bones;
times when we could not see the next step forward,
when we could not imagine going on.

Yet through the power of God's love we do go on,
and like a thirsty bush returning to flower after the winter rain,
we flourish once again.

May we live, confident of God's presence, sure that no matter
what we face God's strength will be with us, enabling us to
embody compassion and create flourishing communities.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

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.

THE SCRIPTURE / Ngā Karaipiture

Ezekiel 2: 1-5 (Common English Bible) – Samoan Reader

The voice said to me: Human one, stand on your feet, and I'll speak to you. ² As he spoke to me, a wind came to me and stood me on my feet, and I heard someone addressing me. ³ He said to me: Human one, I'm sending you to the Israelites, a traitorous and rebellious people. They and their ancestors have been rebelling against me to this very day. ⁴ I'm sending you to their hardheaded and hard-hearted descendants, and you will say to them: The LORD God proclaims. ⁵ Whether they listen or whether they refuse, since they are a household of rebels, they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Mark 6: 1-13 (NRSV Updated Edition) – Alofa Kato

6 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went

out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

ANTHEM – Fijian Choir

REFLECTION / Whakaaroaro – *Rev Nicola Teague Grundy*

HYMN / Himene - Christ, let us come with you

Words: Shirley Murray; Music: Colin Gibson (AA 17)

Christ, let us come with you
to the upper room
where the feast is laid,
to the bread and wine
where our peace is made –
Christ, let us come with you.

Teach us your serving love:
to become as friends,
to become as one
that the world believe
what your life has done –
teach us your serving love.

Jesus, forgive us all
that we use your name
though we stand apart,
we refuse your prayer
to be one at heart –
Jesus, forgive us all.

Christ of the open hands,
you have brought us close
to be loved and fed,
you have touched our life,
now you walk ahead –
Christ, let us come with you!

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Gracious and loving God,
we come to you with hearts that need to be opened
to your word and your love.
There is so much around us that tears at us
and causes us to tremble.
Keep us ever mindful of your presence
and the hope that you have given us
in your Son Jesus Christ.

Guide us, we pray, as your church,
struggling to spread the good news.
Keep us focused on the mission and ministry
to which you have called us and lead us forward.
We know, Lord, that there will often be bumps and holes
in the road along the way.
Save us from dwelling on them
and make us secure in the goals you have placed before us.

Hear our prayers for all who need
your tender touch of healing in their lives—
those we name before you each day,
and those who are known only to you in the depths of our hearts.
Be with those who mourn.
May we all remember the love and grace
that your faithful people have brought to our world.

We pray for all your creation, always at odds with one another.
Guide our leaders and those of other nations
that this world might truly be as you created it to be—
a world of peace, hope and love.

These are our prayers, together with those that lie on the hearts
of all your faithful people,
which we offer to you in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who said “not my will, but thine be done.” **Amen.**

OFFERING / Tātou Koha ki te Haahi

(We acknowledge offering made by automatic payment and on-line banking)

It is out of gratitude that we give these gifts of food and money. They come with the prayer that all may know abundance of goods and of peace in all places in our world. So may it be.

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

We share the Peace

God's peace passes all understanding;
It guides our hearts directs our minds;
May this peace be always with you.
And with you also

Invitation

Jesus invited all to the feast of peace and new life.
Jesus risked everything in compassion.
Jesus promised to make himself known in the breaking of the bread.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The warmth of God is among us
The spirit of love is here.
Be encouraged in your heart.
Our courage is in God.

We give thanks and praise for all that is good in the world.
For that mystery we name G-o-d...
For the one we name Jesus...
For the renewing strength and freedom of the Spirit...

(Silence)

G-o-d of winter, the unpopular, slandered season,
G-o-d of lightning, wind and storm,
G-o-d of brisk winter mornings;
of warm socks, coats and gloves,

raincoats, umbrellas and warm fires,
we open ourselves to all the possibilities life offers us.

So, we join our celebration to all people, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, re-creating G-o-d,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.

Bread and Wine

We remember the time when Jesus faced difficult decisions and destructive forces:

in the days and nights of his searching,
in finding ways to free others from images and ideas
that kept them captive and dependent and fearful of God,
in breaking down social and religious barriers,
in facing failure,
in facing death.

When we too experience the winter of our lives
may we find the courage to let go
and trust in your guiding, warming light.

(Silence)

And as we eat together at this table
we remember the importance and the words and the actions
of all meals in the tradition of Jesus...

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends.
Bread is broken

He poured a cup of wine, offered thanks for it, and gave it to his
friends.

Wine is poured

Bread... the very stuff of life. Broken.
Wine... fruit of the vine. Cup full.

Communion

Everyone is welcome at this table.

Everyone present will receive a share.

So, in the meal tradition of Jesus

we break and share bread and drink wine,

pledging ourselves to allow the spirit that moved in Jesus

to move freely in our lives.

(The Samoan Choir will be served first and will sing during communion)

Prayer after Communion

God of amazing grace, in the cold of the winter months

we are grateful for your presentness, warming us. We pray this

presence will strengthen us to follow in the way of Jesus, in this

community and this city. Amen.

HYMN / Himene – Will you come and follow me

Words: John L Bell and Graham Laule; Music: Kelvingrove

Will you come and follow me

if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know

and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

will you let my name be known,

will let my life be grown

in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind

if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind

and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare

should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer

in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call you name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound,
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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

For the blessings we each bestow on one another
with our energy, compassion, and prayer,
we give thanks.

For the blessings we become to others in need,

**we give thanks and remember
that we are not alone.**

MA TE MARIE (*Sung unaccompanied*)

Mā te mārie a te Atua
Tātou katoa e tiaki;
Mana anō e whakaū
O tātou ngākau ki te pai.

Mā te Atua Tamaiti rā,
Mā te Wairua Tapu hoki,
Rātou, Atua kotahi nei.
Tātou katoa e whakapai.
Amine.

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