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**8<sup>th</sup> Hakihea / December 2024**  
**RANGIMĀRIE / PEACE**



**Our vision – A church united in faith**  
**Where all are respected, accepted and belong**

**Kia ora koutou katoa — Talofa Lava**  
**Mālō e lelei — Bula Vinaka Greetings to you all!**

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

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**Worship Leader: Nicola Teague Grundy**

**Organist: Colin Scarf**

*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**

*The colour party enters and comes to the front.*

*The GB and BB flags are placed in the choir area*

*Rev Nicola welcomes those present to the service*

**Girls' Brigade International Queens Award recipient  
followed by Waiata:**

### **Girls' Brigade Song**

Words and Music by Rev V Beaumont & Deirdre Box

Our Girls' Brigade is honour bound  
to spread Christ's word abroad  
so we, its members loyal and true,  
pay homage to the Lord.

*Chorus:*

He is The Way, The Truth, The Life  
and to the Lord we will pray  
we'll seek, we'll serve,  
we'll follow Christ  
here in the Girls' Brigade.

Our Christ our King encircle us  
with your great fire of love  
to pass on to others in our lives  
the glory of God above.

So let us seek to follow Christ  
to serve Him all our days  
and on life's journey we'll progress  
with joyful songs of praise.

### **Boys' Brigade Kings Badge recipient followed by Waiata:**

#### **Boys' Brigade Song**

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides life, and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

#### *Chorus:*

We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rave, and the wild winds blow,  
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?

Will your eyes behold through the morning light  
the city of gold and the harbour bright?  
Will you anchor safe by the Heavenly shore,  
When life's storms are past for evermore?

## **ADVENT – RANGIMĀRIE / PEACE**

### **LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

*Girls' Brigade member to light hope candle*

The psalmist invites us to “make a joyful noise to the Lord”  
So, let us free ourselves and rejoice as we make a joyful noise.

*Boys' Brigade member to light the candle of peace.*

We can celebrate God's gift of peace,  
a peace that crosses all boundaries and situation,  
a peace that brings goodwill to all of creation.

Even when we do not fully understand it or experience it,  
we can know its power and commit to be instruments of peace.

*I invite you to take a moment and share a sign of God's peace  
with each other saying Peace be upon you.*

## **WORDS OF BEGINING / Ngā Kupu Whakapūare**

Let's close our eyes and focus on the sounds within, and around us.

Listen.

Listen to the sounds of breathing, creaking pews, shuffling feet,  
Clearing throats, the sounds of the city.

Know that each breath, each movement, holds a life within it.

*Silence*

Let there be a moment, held, as in one breath, when all the earth  
turns away from death, peace nursing creation, peace spreading  
her wing, O that we could know what Christmas is meant to  
bring!

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

### **SCENE 1**

#### **HYMN / HIMENE Come and join the celebration**

Words: *Valerie Collison* Music: *Celebrations* [H&P 97]

*Chorus:*

Come and join the celebration,  
it's a very special day;  
Come and share our jubilation,  
there's a new King born today!

See the shepherds  
hurry down to Bethlehem,  
Gaze in wonder  
at the Son of God who lay before them:

Wise men journey,  
led to worship by a star,  
Kneel in homage,  
bringing precious gift from lands afar, so,

‘God is with us’,  
round the world the message bring,  
He is with us,  
‘Welcome’, all the bells on earth are pealing:

## SCENE 2

### **HYMN / HIMENE While shepherds watched their flocks**

Words: *Nahum Tate* Music: *Winchester Old* [H&P 120(i)]

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around.

‘Fear not,’ said he (for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind),  
‘glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and humankind.

‘To you in David’s town this day  
is born of David’s line  
A saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:

‘The heavenly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,  
and in a manger laid.’

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
    appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, and thus  
    addressed their joyful song:

‘All glory be to God on high,  
    and to the world be peace;  
goodwill henceforth from heaven to earth  
    begin and never cease.’

### SCENE 3

#### **HYMN / HIMENE    Silent Night**

Words: *Joseph Mohr* Music: *Stille Nacht* [H&P 112]

Silent night, holy night:  
sleeps the world; hid from sight,  
Mary and Joseph in stable bare  
watch o’er the child beloved and fair  
sleeping in heavenly rest.

Silent night, holy night:  
shepherds first saw the light,  
heard resounding clear and long,  
far and near, the angel-song:  
‘Christ the Redeemer is here!’

Silent night, holy night:  
Son of God, O how bright  
love is smiling from your face!  
    Strikes for us now the hour of grace,  
    Jesus, Lord at your birth.

### SCENE 4

#### **HYMN / HIMENE    See him lying on a bed of straw**

Words: *Michael Perry*; Music: *Calypso Carol* [H&P 118]

See him lying on a bed of straw;  
draughty stable with an open door,  
Mary cradling the babe she bore;  
    the Prince of Glory is his name:

*Refrain:*

*O now carry me to Bethlehem  
to see the Lord of love again;  
just as poor as was the stable then,  
the Prince of Glory when we came.*

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,  
show where Jesus in the manger lies;  
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise  
to see the Saviour of the world:

Angels, sing again the song you sang,  
sing the story of God's gracious plan;  
sing that Behl'em's little baby can  
be the Saviour of us all:

Mine are riches from your poverty,  
from your innocence, eternity;  
mine, forgiveness by your death for me;  
child of sorrow for my joy:

## **FINAL SCENE**

**HYMN / HIMENE We Wish you a merry Christmas**

*To be sung unaccompanied*

We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a happy new year

We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a happy new year

Good tidings we bring  
To Jesus our King  
Good tidings for Christmas  
And a happy new year.

*Narrator to invite congregation to say together*

**So let us remember, united we stand  
as we share God's message of love through the land.  
So now may we leave equipped to proclaim  
The wonderful good news in Jesus's name.**

*Nicola acknowledgment.*

## **OFFERING / Tātou Koha ki te Haahi**

God you invite us to share from the abundance of our lives, so others might be filled with life, with hope, with love and with grace.

*The offering is collected.*

**Bless these gifts we offer, so they may be used to share the gospel of wholeness and welcome for all. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS FOR OTHERS / Ngā Inoi Mō Te Whānau**

*For this prayer you will need the piece of foil that was with your Order of Service. You will need this for this prayer.*

Prayer is an act of love: love of God; love of self, love of neighbour. We enter a time of prayer to recall, collect and expand on our love for the world.

*As our prayers are shared together we say*

**This is my prayer**

**This is our prayer**

Loving God,

These are those who move our hearts in concern today.

In this season of waiting, our God comes to us.

In this holy season of delight and wonder, Jesus comes to us

In these days of remembering what our lives are to be,

God's Spirit comes to us.

We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:



## **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 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**

## **PARTING WORDS / Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga**

May we go forth  
In the certainty of faith,  
In the knowledge of love,  
And in the vision of hope.  
**And in our going, may we be blessed  
With all good things on this day and forever more.**

*The candles are extinguished*

## **HYMN/HIMENE Now as we go**

Words: *Shirley Murray*; Tune: *Colin Gibson* [AA99]

Now as we go, kind Spirit keep us,  
in all we see, Christ be our focus,  
in all we do, his story shape us,  
that we may grow  
to God's good purpose.

Now as we go, sister and brother,  
give us good care one of the other,  
more hope to share,  
more strength to gather,  
more life to know in faith together.

## **THE GRACE (said together)**

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa,  
te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki o Ihu Karaiti,  
me te aroha o te Atua,  
me te whiwhinga tahitanga  
ki te Wairua Tapu.  
Āmine**

*The colour party leaves.*

Please join us for a shared morning tea  
in the New Hall following the service.  
Many thanks to Manuao family  
for providing today's kai and manaakitanga

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