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**Te Rātapu tuatoru o te Petekoha
(Pentecost 3)**

*Haere mai ki tēnei whare karakia
Welcome to this house of prayer*



We are family

Living God's love – acting for the common Good

**Kia ora koutou katoa — Tālofa lava
Mālō e lelei — Bula vinaka — Greetings to you all!**

Welcome to today's service. A special welcome to visitors. We hope you will enjoy worshipping with us this morning and will join us again.

Welcoming you today are Seine Samia & Carol Dale.

10AM Congregation – Order of Service

Worship leader: Hugh Laurensen

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.

Welcome and Safety Briefing

Leatuavao Leatuavao

Call to Worship (Ngā Kupu Whakapūare)

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. **The Lord be with you.**

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. **The Lord bless you.**

Ko te rā tēnei i hanga i Ihowā. **This is the day which the Lord has made.**

Kia hari, kia koa tātou. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Who are the true brothers and sisters of Jesus?

Whoever does the will of God is a brother and sister of Christ.

**We will bow down together in the holy temple,
we will give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Any family that is divided against itself is doomed,
it cannot hold together.

**Whenever we call for saving grace, we are answered,
God makes us strong and generous of spirit.**

As we walk together in God's ways, we shall sing,
For great is the glory of our loving God.

Lighting the candle (Kānara Whakamāmā)

God who never ceases to love, kindle our hearts that we may burn anew with your love. Bless us with the flame of lively living and believing. Take our words and release them to speak of you; take our minds and broaden them to reflect your overflowing love; take our hearts and set them alight with your desire for goodness. In the name of the one full of love, **Amen.**

Opening Prayer (Inoi Tuatahi)

We look to the rulers of this earth
for leadership, wisdom, and strength.
We look to these bodies of ours
for stability, fulfilment, and joy.
We look to families and friends
for love, compassion, and hope.
When rulers betray, when bodies fail,
and when families disappoint,
God offers another look.
God will guide us.
God's Spirit will sustain us.
Christ will welcome us home.
Come, my sisters and brothers,
we are all God's family now.

Hymn (Himene): In this familiar place (AA 72)

1. In this familiar place
I know the mystery of your grace.

Refrain:

*For the love that I receive,
for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you;
for this here and now.*

2. In halting song and word
the music of your voice is heard
3. Among these friends of mine
I taste the company divine.
4. Within this narrow sphere
I learn that you are everywhere.

Colin Gibson

Prayer of Approach & Words of Assurance (Kupu Kī Pono)

O God, you call us like a good parent to you to guide and protect us, to nourish and lead us. Brother Jesus, you call us like a caring elder brother to serve us and help us, to cheer us and invite us. Healing Spirit, you call us and move us ever closer into fellowship with you and each other.

Lord, forgive us and free us. Open our eyes how your wisdom knows true leadership to be service. Open our hearts that we may learn that neither race or tribe, culture or religion are barriers to separate us but that we are all one family in your love.

So open our hearts and minds to learn again to live your love as we celebrate and worship you here together. **Amen.**

Introducing the Theme (Tīmatanga Kōrero)

Hymn (Hīmene): In Christ there is no east or west (H&P 758a)

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.
3. Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are joined as one
throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham

Mark 3:20-35 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Jesus and Beelzebul

Then he went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin” — for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Reflection (He Whakaaroaro)

Hymn (Himene): Who is my mother? Who is my brother? (AA 158)

1. Who is my mother,
who is my brother?
all those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people
born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

2. Differently abled,
differently labelled,
widen the circle round Jesus Christ,
crutches and stigmas,
culture's enigmas,
all come together round Jesus Christ.
3. Love will relate us—
colour or status
can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
family failings,
human derailings—
all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.
4. Bound by one vision,
met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
here is my mother,
here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

Shirley Murray

Community Time

Sharing the Peace

Let's greet each other saying: **"God's peace be with you."**

Notices

Sharing joys, things we are grateful for, sorrows and concerns

Prayers of Intercession (Ngā Inoi Mō Te Whānau)

Although God is unspeakably high and glorious,
this Lord meets the lowly with grace.

Let us pray for the world at large, the large powers and their leaders, and those small nations whose voices sound weak within the councils of the mighty; may the will of God be done.

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Let us bring before God the needs of our own land, its leaders and those who are led, the wise and the gullible, the radical and the conservative, that the will of God may be done.

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Let us lift up to God our local community, its schools and community centres, its sporting fields and hospitals, farmers, industry, and commerce, that the will of God may be done.

Although God is unspeakably high and glorious, this Lord meets the lowly with grace.

Let us commit to God the life of this church; its fellowship and outreach, its healthy members and the sick, our pastor, leaders, and the many quiet achievers; that the will of God may be done.

Although God is unspeakably high and glorious, this Lord meets the lowly with grace.

Let us pray for our families, friends and neighbours, especially for any who are enduring hardship, grave temptation, or are facing hard decisions, that the will of God may be done.

Although God is unspeakably high and glorious, this Lord meets the lowly with grace.

Most high and glorious God, our holy Friend, thank you for listening to our prayers, Please sift and sort them, correct or enlarge them, deny them or bless them, for you know what is best for us, and we trust you to complete all that you have commenced on earth. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer (He Inoi O Te Ariki)

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.

Offering (Tātou Koha Ki Te Hāhi)

(We also acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and online banking)

Blessing of offerings (said together)

O God, we thank you for your great generosity. All that we are and all that we have is a gift from you. Help us to serve one another and so reflect your spirit and goodness. Accept these offerings and grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper under your guidance.

Hymn (Hīmene): We are many, we are one (FFS 67)

1. We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

2. All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon the loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

3. We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

Colin Gibson

Extinguishing the candle (Kānara Whakapoko)

Sending forth/Benediction (Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga)

Go now, praising God's name with your whole heart.
Rejoice in the work of the Holy Spirit,
even when others call it evil and denounce you as mad.
Be the true brothers and sisters of Jesus
by doing the will of God always.

And may God extend grace to you and through you;
May Christ Jesus walk with you in the midst of trouble;
and may the Holy Spirit prepare you for glory beyond all measure.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. **Amen!**

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

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

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