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Sunday 24th August 2025 (Pentecost 11)

Haere mai ki tēnei whare karakia - welcome to this house of prayer



Worship Leader: Eroni Kito

**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.**

10AM Congregation – Order of Service

Worship leader: Eroni Kito

Organist: Colin Scarf

WELCOME AND SAFETY BRIEFING

QUIET TIME

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

God interrupts our plans to call us into new life.

**Christ meets us in the middle of disappointment,
And gives us new purpose.**

The candle is lit

We light this candle to remind us:

God is not confined to our expectations.

When our plans are interrupted,

Grace breaks in.

Call comes anew.

And we are invited to follow – again.

**Jesus, Light of the World,
Shine in our disrupted lives.**

Call us by name.

Feed us with love.

Send us to serve.

CALL TO WORSHIP

LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory

in the heavens.

**Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.**

When I consider your heavens,

the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
**What is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?**
You have made them
a little lower than the angels
and crowned them
with glory and honor.
**You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:**
All flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
**The birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.**
(Altogether)
LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
AMEN! *(Psalm 8 NIV)*

HYMN O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
(Charles Wesley 1739)

*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 thro' all the earth abroad
the honours of your 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 cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.*

*5 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.*

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty Father!

As we gather in your house today, we think especially of

Our brothers and sisters and children

Whom we fondly refer to as disabled or challenged

This has come about from birth, accidents, wars, work,

age and in other places and by other means

Their lives are more difficult as they struggle with movement,

hearing, talking, feeling, thinking and others

And need more attention, more care, more help as they face
more limitations

We thank you for them

We thank you for putting them into our lives

Through them we are able to live your life more fully

We thank you that they are in your loving arms always

**That you surround them with compassion and fill them with
hope**

We ask that you touch our hearts more and more

**So that we will continue to steadfastly show your love to
them**

Fill us with your compassion

The same compassion which your Son Jesus showed on the
Cross

That we may find the strength to look out for one another in your
love

For those whom you have put in our midst

For whom the struggle in this life is that little bit more

Bless us all dear Lord, fill us with your power and strength

In Jesus' name we pray

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN Great is Thy faithfulness (Thomas O. Chisholm 1923)

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
 as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

WORD OF ASSURANCE

We meet in the presence of God
Where He has put in our laps
those who face difficulties in their lives
through physical and other challenges
He does not challenge us, He calls us
Let us rejoice that He finds us worthy
He never forsakes us, He is with us always!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THANKS

We acknowledge that we all show various forms
and degrees of disability and challenge in our lives
**We confess that at many times we do not show your love
and compassion to others in the way that you would want us
to dear Lord**
**We are tempted to walk other paths and other ways and to
walk away from us**
And do things which often give rise to conflicts and struggles
We seek your forgiveness, help us to turn away from sin
We give thanks to you for your great love
Thank you for our lives and the lives of our loved ones
As we continue to share in your blessings
We pray in Jesus' name
Amen

READINGS

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

The Call of Jeremiah

4 The word of the Lord came to me, saying,
5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew[a] you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."
6 "Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I
am too young."
7 But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You
must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command

you. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

9 Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Psalm 71: 1-6

1 In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

2 In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;
turn your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my rock of refuge,
to which I can always go;
give the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

5 For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,
my confidence since my youth.

6 From birth I have relied on you;
you brought me forth from my mother’s womb.
I will ever praise you.

REFLECTION: Purpose & Plan

HYMN *Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!*
(Frances J. Crosby & Phoebe P. Knapp 1873)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Chorus:

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

OFFERING (*Our offering will now be received*)

OFFERING PRAYER (Altogether)

***We thank you for the countless wonderful gifts
you give to us daily***

We thank you for the gift of Jesus

***We are happy and at peace even in times of problems and
pain because of your gifts***

***Wonderful Father, we contribute towards the coffers of the
church for those in need and hungry***

***Bless them Lord and bless us and plant in us the Spirit of
sacrifice and sharing and the Spirit of Hope and the Spirit of
love which you are***

Amen.

**HYMN And can it be that I should gain
(Charles Wesley 1738)**

1 And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain:

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

2 'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]

3 He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. [Refrain]

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. [Refrain]

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE

BENEDICTION

As we go our separate ways today may we meditate more deeply on the great love of our God,
And strive to share His love more readily with those who face different kinds of challenges in their lives, so that we can all get a share of the type of life that God has intended for all of us!

GRACE (*altogether*)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

The love of God

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Be with us all

Amen!