



WESLEY WELLINGTON
75 Taranaki Street
www.wesleychurch.org.nz

COMBINED SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
EPIPHANY 1

Sunday 11 January 2026

Haere mai ki tēnei Whare Karakia
Welcome to this House of Prayer

Farewell Church Service
for Reverend Simote and Akesa Taungā



Welcome to our gathering as a community of faith

We are a multi-racial Christian community:
Methodist in affiliation – Ecumenical in intention
Diverse in theology – Inclusive in outreach.

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

Combined Service of Holy Communion

Worship Leader: Reverend Simote Taungā
Organist: Vivien Chiu

WELCOME & HOUSEKEEPING **Ana Halafihi**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE **Tupou Halafihi**

CENTERING WORD (Isaiah 42)

INTROIT (The congregation stand) **Fijian Congregation**

I am your servant, Creator for all and may you delight in me.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stay standing) **Anau Havea**

Voice 1. You who created the heavens and stretched them out above us.

Voice 2. You who spread out the earth beneath our feet and summoned sprouts and shoots.

All **Breathe life into us, God who Creates!**

Voice 1. You who came to the river.

Voice 2. You who sought the baptizer and the Jordan waters.

All **Welcome us to the waters of life, Jesus the Christ.**

Voice 1. You who soared through the heavens,

Voice 2. You who hovered and rested upon Jesus.

All **Alight upon us today, Spirit of God, heaven's Dove.**

OPENING PRAYER **Eseta Valu**

You who call us, we come before you, in answer to your call in our life.

You created the heavens and the earth

And placed us here for life and hope.

We know your dream for a world

That is righteous and just,

A world you promise will come to pass.

Breathe your Spirit upon us again and again and bring to life our passion for your bold vision.

Make us a light to those who sit in darkness

In the name of Jesus, who descended into the waters of baptism to show us the way to righteousness, and of the soaring spirit, who alights upon those who arise from these life-giving waters. Amen.

HYMN O for a thousand tongues to sing

H&P 744

English

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!

Fijian

Sa vosa ga, qai reki mai
Na yalo vutugu;
Na mataboko, era rai;
Na bale era tu.

Samoan

Lo'u Matai ma lo'u Atua
Fesoasoani mai
E talai atu i le lalolagi
Lou suafa mamalu.

English

He breaks the power of cancelled
sin,
He sets the prisoner free.
His blood can make the foulest
clean
His blood availed for me.

Tongan

Ko Sisu 'a e Huafa lahi,
'O 'ikai hano ua:
"kai ha taha ke tatau,
Ha taha ke kakunga.

PRAYER

Joeli Ducivaki

We have come to hear God's word to meet our Lord in the communion of his body and blood. Let us therefore examine our lives seeking God's grace that we may come in repentance and faith.

Hear the words of Jesus Christ- the first commandment is love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

Lord, we have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength.

The second commandment is: love your neighbour as yourself.

Lord, we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.

He also said- I give you a new commandment: Love one another, as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.

Lord, we have not loved one another as you have loved us.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy,

Lord have mercy

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the word of grace: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, I declare to you, our sins are forgiven.

All Amen. Thanks be to God.

(Let us say together the Lord's Prayer in the Language of your choice).

10AM SINGING GROUP

CHILDRENS TALK

Pulupaki Pouvalu

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Tongan

The Servant of the Lord

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

This is what God the Lord says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:

I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name!
I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.
See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

The Baptism of Jesus

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.” Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

ANTHEM**Samoan Choir****REFLECTION****Rev. Simote Taungā**

Tongan Choir offers a special hymn

AFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating. Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, To reconcile and make new,

Who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church,

To celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen!

Invitation to the offering**Kolosaini Taulata**

Bring praise, bring hope, bring open hearts---for God call us to share our gifts and offerings with the world. Our offering will now be received.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to offer

Which earth has given and human hands have made

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

- 1 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.

- 2 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.

- 3 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.

- 4 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!

Words: Shirley Murray; Music: Colin Gibson

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT**Reverend Simote Taungā**

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 God whom we have not seen?
The peace of God be with you
All: **And God's peace be with you.**

A sign of peace may exchanged among the people

THANKSGIVING

(Please Stand)

Leader: The Lord is here
All: God's Spirit is with us.

Leader: Lift up your hearts
All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our 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.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
Might, heaven and earth are full of your
Glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
The Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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”
In the same way he took the cup after
supper and said, “This cup is the new
covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink
it, do this in remembrance of me”.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we
proclaim; your resurrection we celebrate;
Your coming we await. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine 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: **We come to your table, Lord, trusting not in our own righteousness but in your great mercy. We are not worthy even to gather the crumbs from under the table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have 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 OF BREAD

Leader: The bread which we break, is a sharing in the body of Christ. The wine which we pour, is a sharing in the blood of Christ. Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

COMMUNION

Leader: Draw near in faith and take this holy sacrament, in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

(The Tongan Choir who will sing during today's communion, are invited to come forward first, followed by everyone. Please approach by the centre aisle and return down the side.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o

All: **Lord Jesus Christ,
We thank you with all our heart 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

HERE I AM LORD

1. I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of
night,
- I will make their darkness
bright.
Who will bear My light to
them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in
the night.
I will go, Lord. If You lead me.
I will hold, Your people in my
heart.**

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's
pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They run away.
I will break their hearts of
stone,
Give them hearts for love
alone.

I will speak My word to them.

Whom shall I send?

Chorus

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Author: Daniel L. Schuttle (1981)

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE**Tupou Halafihī****BLESSING**

Leader. The peace of God which passes all understanding; Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Be with you always. Amen.

GRACE

All: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
The love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us
all. Amen**

HYMN**Mā Te Mārie**

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

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

We warmly welcome everyone to gather for refreshments in the new hall, where we will honour Reverend Simote Taungā with gift presentations and farewell speeches.