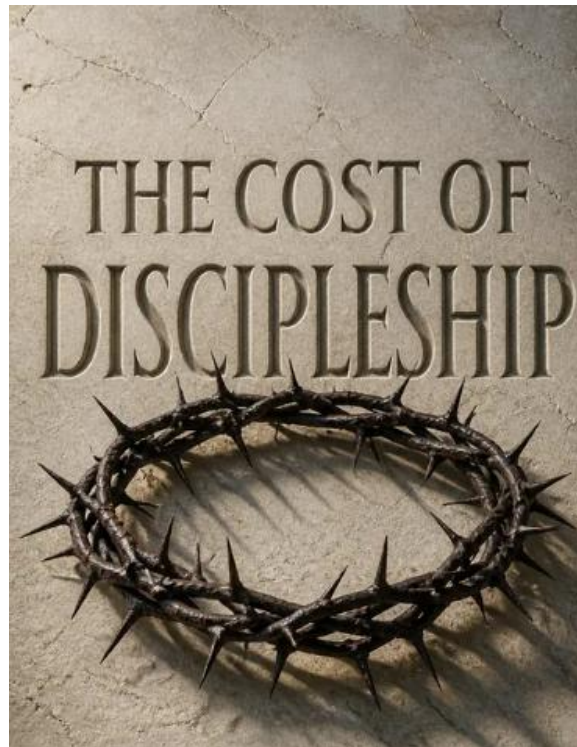




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Café Church service

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



The Cost of Discipleship

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.

Call to Worship

Come, beloved of God, come and hear the voice that calls you by name.

People: We come, ready to listen, ready to follow.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Our hearts are open; our spirits are willing.

In the midst of our busy lives, God offers us rest for our souls.

People: We come to be renewed, restored, and refreshed.

Let us lift our voices in praise, for the One who is faithful from generation to generation.

People: We worship the Lord with joy and thanksgiving!

Lighting the candle

We light this candle for God the Creator

People: may this light remind us of God's presence

We light this candle for Jesus Christ

People: May this light remind us of God's love

We light this candle for the Holy Spirit

People: May this light remind us that God is with us always.

Opening Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, On this blessed Sunday morning, we gather as Your people, hearts open, spirits expectant, and voices ready to praise.

We thank You for the gift of life, for the breath in our lungs, and for the grace that has carried us through the week gone by.

Lord, as we step into this time of worship, we lay aside our distractions, our burdens, and our worries.

We come to be renewed by Your Word, strengthened by Your Spirit, and united in the fellowship of believers.

May everything we do in this service — every prayer, every song, every word spoken — bring glory to Your holy name.

We invite You, Lord, to lead us, guide us, and dwell among us today.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, we pray.

Amen.

Hymn: One more step along the world I go (H&P 746)

1. One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go,
From the old things to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you:

Refrain:

***And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.***

2. Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn;
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.
3. As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should;
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know.
4. Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough;
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you.
5. You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me;
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you.

Sydney Carter

Ministry of the Word

Matthew 16:21 – 28 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance^[a] to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

The Cross and Self-Denial

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Introducing the theme: *Cost of discipleship*

Table groups activity

1. Jesus said that he must go to Jerusalem, suffer, be killed, and be raised to life. ***What does this tell us about Jesus' mission and obedience to God?***
2. Why do you think Peter reacted so strongly when Jesus spoke about his suffering and death?
3. Jesus said, ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up the cross and follow me’ ***What does it mean to ‘take up your cross’ and follow Jesus? What might this look like in our everyday lives today?***
4. Jesus said that some people standing there would not taste death before they saw ‘the Son of Man coming to his Kingdom. ***‘What might the disciples have expected these words to mean?’***

5. What is the cost of following Jesus for us today. ***What might we need to give up, change, risk, or faithfully commit ourselves to in order to follow Christ?***

Reflection:

10 AM singing Group

Notices

Prayers of Intercession

Almighty God, maker of all, we give thanks with joy for your goodness. We praise you for the love that created and sustains us, and for the gift of Christ, who brings us into covenant with you and with all your faithful people. Help us treasure your gifts and show our gratitude through service.

People: Lord, make us your disciples.

We pray for your Church, redeemed through the sacrifice of Jesus. Bless our Ministerial Team; fill them with your Spirit and strengthen them to serve our Parish faithfully. Unite all your people, so that one holy Church may bear witness to your glory.

People: Lord, make us your disciples.

We pray that you lead our nation in the ways of justice and peace. Bless our leaders, and guide them to serve all people with integrity.

People: Lord, make us your disciples.

We pray for all who are broken, disillusioned, suffering, unwell, lonely, or afraid; and for those who feel neglected, betrayed, or heartbroken.

People: Lord, make us your disciples.

We pray that you fill our children with divine wisdom. Guide their decisions, choices, and actions as they journey through life. Help them seek your counsel, listen for your voice, turn from harmful paths, and walk toward a future that honours you.

People: Lord, make us your disciples. Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tou Ingoa
Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.
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 whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou, i te kino:
Nou hoki te rangatiratanga,
te kaha, me te kororia,
Ake, ake, ake. Āmine.

Offering

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

Prayer of offering

Leader: Loving God, we thank you for all you have given us.

People: For life, love, and those who have nurtured us.

Leader: We bring these gifts before you

People: And offer our hearts as well

Leader: Bless these offerings, that they may serve others

People: And reflect your love in the world

Leader: May our lives be an offering to you

People: Love that nurtures and lives through us. Amen

Hymn: Come, let us sing a wonderful love (H&P 691)

1. Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,

streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

2. Jesus, the Saviour, this gospel to tell,
joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame;
seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

3. Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam,
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4. Come to my heart, O thou wonderful Love,
come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride;
seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

Robert Walmsley

Extinguishing the candle

Benediction

Go now in the blessing and power of the Holy Spirit who gives us life, that you may grow in faith and live as bearers of love and life everywhere you go. Amen.

Grace.

Let us say the grace together

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. Amen.**

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