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Pentecost 2

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



“Called by Grace, Healed by Mercy”

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!**

Welcome to this Gathering as a community of Faith
ORDER OF COMBINED & HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
10AM

Leader: Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o Organist: Colin Scarf

Welcome & Safety Briefing

Myra Tautau

Candle Lighting

Tinei Alefosio

Leader:

Today we light this candle
as a sign of the presence of Christ among us.

People:

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Leader:

As this candle shines,
may Christ shine in our hearts,
our church,
and our community.

People:

Lord Jesus, light our way,
heal our lives,
and lead us in your love.
Amen.

Call to Worship

Leader:

Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.

People:

Christ calls us to come and find rest.

Leader:

Come, all who seek healing, forgiveness, and hope.

People:

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Leader:

Come, let us worship the God who gives life to the dead.

People:

We come in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

Introit**Tongan****Opening Prayer**

Loving and gracious God,
we thank you for gathering us together today.

You are the God who called Abraham into a new future,
the God who gave hope when hope seemed gone,
and the God revealed in Jesus Christ,
who welcomes sinners,
heals the broken,
and brings life where there is despair.

As we worship today,
open our hearts to hear your call again.
Heal what is wounded within us.
Strengthen our faith,
renew our hope,
and fill us with your Holy Spirit.

May this service draw us closer to Christ
and closer to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HYMN**H&P 215 – Amazing Grace – John Newton 1725-1807**

1. Amazing grace how sweet the
sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see.

2. Through many dangers toils and
snares
I have already come
God's grace has brought me safe
thus far

And he will lead me home.

3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

4. And when this heart and flesh
shall fail
And mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we are often slow to follow your call.

Like Matthew before he met Jesus,
we become trapped in old ways and comfortable places.

We confess that sometimes we judge others,
forgetting that your grace is for all people.

We confess our fears,
our doubts,
our selfishness,
and the times we fail to trust you fully.

Forgive us, O God.
Heal what is broken within us.
Restore us through your mercy,
and lead us into new life through Jesus Christ.

(Silence)

Hear the good news:
Christ came not for the righteous,
but for sinners.
In Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven,
healed,
and made new.

**Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

Story for Children

10am Singing Group

Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1–9

Samoan – Marina Holmes

The Call of Abram

12 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

²“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.^[a]

³I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”^[b]

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶Abram travelled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring^[c] I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

⁹Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

Romans 4:13–25

Fijian

¹³It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.”^[a] He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

¹⁸Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”^[b] ¹⁹Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. ²⁰Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²²This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” ²³The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, ²⁴but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the

dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Tongan

The Calling of Matthew

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'^[a] For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

¹⁸ While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

²⁰ Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. ²¹ She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

²² Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

²³ When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, ²⁴ he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. ²⁵ After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. ²⁶ News of this spread through all that region.

Sermon

"Called by Grace, Healed by Mercy"

Hymn

H&P 705 – Take my Life and let it be – Frances Ridley Havergal 1836-79

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| 1. Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated Lord to thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. | Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee. |
| 2. Take my hands, and let them
move
At the impulse of thy love | 3. Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee. |

4. Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my heart it is thine own
It shall be thy royal throne.

5. Take my will and make it thine
It shall be no longer mine

6. Take my love my Lord I pour
At thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for thee

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Minister:

Today we celebrate God's grace and faithfulness in the life of Samuel Burt.
In baptism, God claimed him as His own child and welcomed him into the family of Christ.

Today Samuel comes to renew the promises of his baptism, affirming once again his faith in Jesus Christ and his desire to follow Him.

Samuel, do you turn again to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour?

Samuel:

I do.

Minister:

Do you renounce evil, injustice, and all that separates you from the love of God?

Samuel:

I do.

Minister:

Do you repent of your sins and seek God's forgiveness and grace?

Samuel:

I do.

Minister:

Will you continue to follow Jesus Christ, trusting in His love and serving Him in your daily life?

Samuel:

With God's help, I will.

Minister:

Do you believe in God the Father?

Samuel:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Minister:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Samuel:

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Minister:

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Samuel:

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: "Samuel, remember that you are baptised and be thankful.

The God who called you is faithful.

Walk in the light of Christ all the days of your life.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

(The Minister may make the sign of the cross on Samuel's forehead with water.)

Congregation:

Samuel, We rejoice with you and give thanks for God's grace in your life.
May the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide you as you continue to follow Christ.
Amen.

Prayer

Gracious God,
we thank you for Samuel and for your faithfulness throughout his life.

Strengthen him by your Holy Spirit.
Renew within him the joy of his baptism.
Deepen his faith,
increase his love,
and guide him in the way of Christ.

May he continue to grow as a disciple,
serving you faithfully and witnessing to your love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Parish Steward to present candle, certificate of confirmation and Bible)

Anthem

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Prayer of Intercession

Leader: Gracious God,
we thank you that in Jesus Christ
you welcome the weak,
heal the broken,
and give hope to the weary.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for your Church throughout the world.
Help us to become places of grace and healing,
where all people are welcomed in the love of Christ.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit.
Bring healing, comfort, and strength.
Surround them with your peace.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those carrying grief, loneliness, fear, or despair.
Remind them that nothing is impossible for you.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for our communities,
for leaders of nations,
for peace in places of conflict,
and for justice where people suffer.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for our parish and all our congregations.
Strengthen our faith,
deepen our love,
and guide us in your mission.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: As we come to your table today,
fill us again with your grace and mercy.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask all these prayers
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us to pray together, saying:

Lord's Prayer

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 aiane
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.

Community Time

Sharing the Peace

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

Offering

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

Generous and loving God,
everything we have comes from your gracious hand.

Today we bring these offerings before you
with thankful hearts.

Receive them as signs of our love,
our faith,
and our desire to serve your mission in the world.

**Use these gifts to bring hope to the weary,
healing to the broken,
food for the hungry,
and the light of Christ to all people.**

As Jesus welcomed sinners and healed the sick,
may our Church continue to be a place of grace,
mercy, and new life.

Bless both the gifts and the givers,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn

H&P 697 Just as I am – Charlotte Elliot 1789-1871

1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for
me
And that thou bidd'st me come to
thee
O Lamb of God, I come!
2. Just as I am though tossed about
With many a conflict many a
doubt
Fightings and fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come!
3. Just as I am poor wretched blind
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find
O Lamb of God, I come!
4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse,
relieve
Because thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come!
5. Just as I am, they love unknown
Has broken every barrier down
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone
O Lamb of God, I come!
6. Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and
height to prove,
Here for a season, then above
O Lamb of God, I come!

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Minister:

Lift up your hearts.

People:

We lift them to the Lord.

Minister:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister:

It is right, and a joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You call us by grace,
renew us by Your Spirit,
and gather us as one people in Christ.

Therefore, with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven,
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

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.**

Minister:

On the night in which He gave Himself for us,
Jesus took bread,
gave thanks to You,
broke the bread,
gave it to His disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, He took the cup,
gave thanks to You,
gave it to His disciples and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

All:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

Minister:

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us
the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

Renew us by Your grace.
Strengthen us for faithful service.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory is Yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen.

Breaking of Bread

Minister:

Because there is one loaf,
we who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Distribution

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

HOLY COMMUNION IS SERVED

(Samoan choir – to be served first please, because they're singing during Communion)

Prayer After Communion

Together we pray:

**Gracious God,
we thank You for feeding us
with the body and blood of Christ.**

**Renew us by Your Spirit,
strengthen us in faith,
and send us out
faithful in service
to love and serve You in the world.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices

Hymn **H&P 437 – Guide me O thou great Jehovah – CWM Rhonda**

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| 1. Guide me O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore. | Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and
shield. |
| 2. Open thou the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream shall
flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through: | 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's
destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee. |

Benediction

Go now in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Walk by faith like Abraham.

Follow Christ like Matthew.

Reach out in faith like the healed woman.

And may the God who brings life out of death
fill you with hope, peace, and joy.

The Grace

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

Please join us for refreshments in the New Hall

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