



WESLEY WELLINGTON
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10th Whiringa-ā-rangi / November 2024



**Our vision – A church united in faith
Where all are respected, accepted and belong**

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship Leader: Nicola Teague Grundy

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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.

SAFETY BRIEFING

INTROIT – As the red of Pohutukawa gathers light

Words and Music: Liana Leiataua

As the red of Pohutukawa gathers light
among the branches,
The people of Pacific
Unite to see it glow,
Blue, Bula,
Whakariamai,
Iesu, Iesu,
As one,
We stand strong...

As the white dove flies over land
To spread good news,
The people of Pacific
Unite to hear the sound
Of sea blue.
Bula, Bula
Whakariamai
Iesu, Iesu,
As one
We stand strong ...

As we learn from our Tipuna,
In faith we see the light
That shines for the Pacific
In hope for everlasting life.
Bula, Bula
Whakariamai,
Iesu, Iesu,
As one,
We stand strong...

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WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CANDLE / Kānara Whakamāmā

We light this candle in remembrance of those who have gone before us, in acknowledgement of each of us who are gathered here and in celebration of those who will come after us.

The candle is lit

Let this candle burn as a beacon of connection of faith, hope, and love – drawing us closer to God and each other.

WAIATA - E te Atua

E te Atua aroha mai,
E te Atua aroha mai,
E te Atua aroha mai,

ake ake tonu e
ake ake tonu e

E te Atua awhina mai,
E te Atua awhina mai,
E te Atua awhina mai
ake ake tonu e
ake ake tonu e

E te Atua manaaki mai,
E te Atua manaaki mai,
E te Atua manaaki mai,
ake ake tonu e
ake ake tonu e

WORDS OF BEGINNING / Ngā Kupu Whakapūare

God who is beyond us,
maker of heaven and earth –
Open our eyes to see the wonder of creation!

God was made known
In the life of Jesus the Christ
Open our hearts to know the deep love of Christ!

God who lives in each one of us as Spirit
Holy fire to kindle our true purpose
**Open our beings to each other to confirm that we all belong,
and together we can give birth to your new earth.**

OPENING PRAYER / Inoi Whakawhetai

O power of springtime,
Spirit of green grasses
and warm breezes;
Goddess of creativity
of birth
of life renewed
You sing all about us at this time.

The birds call your sacred name.
Buds burst forth with your vestment.
The sun reaches higher into the sky
shining the light of this new day
through the windows of your cathedral,
this world.

O power of springtime
forgive us our speediness
and our racing before your
eternal grace
that we do not see the myriad
miracle world we share.

Open our eyes with your warmth
and our hearts with your beauty
slow our minds with awe and wonder.

Dear Spirit of green grasses
and warm breezes;
let us find here
in these moments of quiet
the grace of your breath
as we breathe into our bodies
the spirit of spring.

HYMN / Himene – All-Present, All-Visible, Source of All Life.

Words: S Klosterboer. Tune: *St Denio* Immortal, Invisible [H&P 9]

All present, all-visible, Source of all life,
Within and around us, through joy and through strife.
Most Sacred, Eternal, You move on the earth,
You beckon and call forth new life and new birth.

Enlivened, extravagant, Sower of seeds,
Abundant, abounding, Your mercy exceeds.
Unhindered, unbridled, you shine forth your grace,
That we may do likewise, revealing Your face.

You care for Creation, O Mother of all,
Great mountains, clear waters, and flowers so small.
The earth is Your temple, for all life to share,
So help us be stewards of healing and care.

Transcendent, uncharted, and still close at hand,
Encompassing people from near and far lands.
Within each new moment, throughout life and death,
Your praises are sung out from all that has breath!

SO WHAT'S THE STORY ...? / He aha te kōrero ...?

Offering prayer:

Gracious God, whose compassion knows no bounds, we offer these gifts as a reflection of our love and gratitude. Whether out of our scarcity, or from our abundance, we pray that these gifts might offer life instead of despair, hope instead of grief, grace instead of fear. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE / Ngā Karaipiture

Mark 12: 38-44 (*NRSV Updated Edition*)

Jesus Denounces the Scribes

³⁸ As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

The Widow's Offering

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

HYMN / Himene - 'Take My Life and Let It Be'

Words: *Frances R. Havergal* Tune: *Consecration* [H&P 705(i)]

English

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Samoan

O outou o tigaina
Tepa tonu ia Iesu;
Lona alofa tele lava
E maua ai le filemu.

Tongan

Sisu, ke ke ma'u ma'au
'Eku ngaahi mea kotoa;
Taleniti, ngaahi ta'u
Fanau, fale, mo e koloa.

Rotuman

'Oto monē tē 'on'ou
Sap sin, Jusu, 'es'ao'āk
Se 'ou rotu, ko Gagaj,
La famör ma'oi la mãür.

Fijian

Na ligaqu na Kalou
Mo Ni taura tu oqo
Me'u sa ogataka ga
Ka ni bula vou ko ya.

English

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

REFLECTION / Whakaaroaro – TeRito Peyroux-Semu

A CELEBRATION OF FAITH / He Pānuitanga o Te Whakapono

In response to the word reflected on, let us stand
and share together a celebration of faith.

The people stand as they are able

God of all living, we have seen your presence
in the rhythm and surprises of our years.

**You have accompanied us through all that is past.
So we give thanks.**

We recognise your closeness in this day.

**You challenge and encourage us
in each act and decision.
So we offer our praise.**

Now we look to you in the promises which stretch before us.

**You meet us with hope and call us to freedom
to live as your new people.
So we commit ourselves again,
to live as committed people of faith.**

HYMN / Himene – “God gives us a future”

Words: Elizabeth J Smith Tune: Camberwell [H&P 74(ii)]

God gives us a future
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power
we will let God change us
for new life starts now.

We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday
for God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight
and the strength we lack.

Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action
stir us into prayer
till we choose God's life, and
find our future there.

COMMUNITY TIME

Passing the peace with each other
God's peace be with you
and also with you.

Notices

Sharing our joys and celebrations; Grievs and concerns

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS / Ngā Inoi Mō Te Whānau

Lord God,

We bring before You today our broken world,
a world at conflict and war.

We pray especially for those who are caught in the middle,
lives and livelihoods lost, or never to be the same again.

Futures stolen from young women and men,
hearts broken in those who grieve.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

We bring before You today our unequal world,
a world divided between haves and have-nots
where the rich get richer, and the poor don't seem to matter.
We pray especially today for those who are displaced –
seeking out home, a safe refuge, a place to rest and have a
future.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

We pray today for our government,
and the difficult decisions faced, where there are no easy
answers.

We pray for wisdom, discernment, boldness, and action.
We pray for world leaders to hear and abide by Your word,
for whom power is not about self-serving, but serving the needs
of others –
especially for the sake of the least, the last, the lost, and the
lonely.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

We pray for Your Church,
that we might not just speak of peace, but actively seek it,
among ourselves and in this world.

That we trust in You and Your ways,
and forever encourage others to do so too.

That we might not just pray for those most in need,

but put our time and talents, and our money at Your disposal,
as acts of worship and service to You and for our neighbour.

Give us discernment we pray,
to see where You are moving,
to have eyes afresh for this new day,
ears that are willing to listen,
hearts that are ready to respond,
and a nimbleness of spirit,
to join in where You are
and touch lives afresh with the good news of Jesus.
That Your Church may continue to worship, praise, and serve
You from the heart of Your people.
Lord in Your mercy hear our prayer,

THE LORD'S PRAYER / Te Karakia o te Atua

**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.**

HYMN / Himene – “Nothing is Lost”

Words and Music: Colin Gibson [Faith Forever Singing 50]

Nothing is lost on the breath of God,
nothing is lost for ever;
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No feather too light, no hair too fine,
no flower too brief in its glory;
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,
but is counted and told in God's story.

Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,
nothing is lost for ever;
God sees with love and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No journey too far, no distance too great,
no valley of darkness too blinding;
no creature too humble, no child too small
for God to be seeking, and finding.

Nothing is lost to the heart of God,
nothing is lost for ever;
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No impulse of love, no office of care,
no moment of life in its fulness;
no beginning too late, no ending too soon,
but is gathered and known in God's goodness.

PARTING WORDS / *Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga*

Go now, community of Jesus the Christ,
And love who you can,
Share what you can,
And be fully present as you can.
May the Creator give us enough,
May Wisdom show us what is enough,

And may the Spirit enable us to be enough.
For the sake of the Holy and all that has life. Amen.

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 whiwhingatahitanga ki te Wairua Tapu.
Āmine**

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