



Wesley Wellington

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Pentecost 7

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

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



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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating: Rex Millar

Organist: Colin Scarf



WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader God is infinite, eternal, true, and our spiritual companion.
He is Holy, Almighty, and awesome to believers.
Let us in our worship acknowledge His greatness,
Let us honour His love, His justice and righteousness.
Let us in our time together worship Him
In the name of Jesus our redeemer and Lord.

All Amen.

HYMN: *Praise to the Lord*

WOV 28

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
 All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near;
 Praise Him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
 Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
 Hast thou not seen how thy heart's longings have been
 Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
 Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
 Who with His love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,
 Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
 Sheddeth His light, chaseth the horrors of night,
 Saints with His mercy surrounding.

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5. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for ay we adore Him.

- Joachim Neander 1650-80, tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 and others

PRAYER

Leader Eternal Father, with reverence and humility we join together in this moment of quiet contemplation, conscious of the spirit which brings us together in worship. We give thanks for this church where we come to sing, to pray and listen to scripture and enjoy fellowship. We come to commune with you and refresh our spirit.

For life, maturity gained, the joy of living, the warmth of friends and relatives, our placement in families, communities, and nations, we are grateful.

We thank You for the privileges we enjoy being a people in a country of contrasting beauty. For mountains, rivers, amazing coastlines, productive plains, for our cities and the infrastructure we enjoy; for the shelter of our homes and the provision for our health we acknowledge your care and your wish that through our days we may have life and life abundantly.

All Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Boney M—*Rivers of Babylon*

1. By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down
Yeah, we wept, when we remembered Zion
By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down
Yeah, we wept, when we remembered Zion
2. There the wicked
Carried us away in captivity
Required from us a song
Now how shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

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3. There the wicked
Carried us away in captivity
Required from us a song
Now how shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?
4. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
5. Let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart
Be acceptable in thy sight here today
Let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our hearts
Be acceptable in thy sight here today
6. By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down
Yeah, we wept, when we remembered Zion
By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down...

Sing with your saviour

1. Sing with your Saviour and laugh with your Lord,
Dance in the cascading music of God,
Praising and chanting in cadence and chord,
Sounding, re-sounding the music of God.

Refrain Chime of the bell, sweep of the strings,
All in accord, harmony streams,
Drum-beat and melody, heart-beat and swing,
God-given rhythm sings back to its King.

2. Fellowship springs in the Christian who sings,
Lilting the wonder of unspoken things,
Throwing reserve to the clean-sounding winds,
Breathing the breath of life Jesus Christ brings.

Refrain

3. Glory runs over and visions awake,
Questions are answered and barriers break;
Sing of the light and the love of the Lord,
Songs from the heart are the music of God.

Refrain

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Following the words 'Lord God', the congregation is invited to say:

“Through your grace and favour we ask your blessing.”

BIBLE READING

Psalms 27:1-6 (Printed from the New International Version)

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Galatians 4:8-11, 5:22-23 (Printed from the New International Version)

Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

OFFERING

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

OFFERING DEDICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All Our Father in heaven, holy be your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Do not put us to the test, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours
Now and forever.
Amen.**

HYMN: *Spirit of God our hearts inspire*

WOV 331

1. Come, Holy Spirit, our hearts inspire,
Let us thine influence prove,
Source of the old prophetic fire,
Fountain of light and love.
2. Come, Holy Spirit, for moved by thee
The prophets wrote and spoke;
Unlock the truth, thyself the key,
Unseal the sacred book.
3. God, through himself, we then shall know,
If thou within us shine,
And sound, with all thy saints below,
The depths of love divine.

SERMON: “Coping with problems and crises”

HYMN: *Will your anchor hold?*

MHB 634

1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?
- Refrain: We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.

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2. It is safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand,
For 'tis well secured by the Saviour's hand;
And the cables passed from His heart to mine,
Can defy the blast, through strength divine.

Refrain

3. It will firmly hold in the straits of fear,
When the breakers have told the reef is near;
Though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,
Not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.

Refrain

4. It will surely hold in the floods of death,
When the waters cold shill our latest breath;
On the rising tide it can never fail,
While our hopes abide within the veil.

- Priscilla Jane Owens (1829-99)

Thank you for joining us for today's service. Please join us in the New Hall for refreshments.
Thank you to Akesa Taunga for preparing the flowers, and to the Garside family for preparing the refreshments.