



WESLEY WELLINGTON

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4th Here-turi-kōkā / August 2024

Combined Service and Holy Communion



**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: Rev Simote Taunga
Organist: Colin Scarf

SAFETY BRIEFING & WELCOME – *Eseta Valu*

Leader: Grace and Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Grace and Peace to you also.

Leader: Give thanks for the goodness of God.

People: God's love will last forever.

INTROIT (The congregation stands) Fijian Choir

LIGHTING THE CANDLE *Tongan Youth*

CALL TO WORSHIP **Mafi Manuofetoa**

Leader: We do not live by bread alone,
 but by the life-giving word of God's love.

**All: God, give us the bread of life,
 Today and always.**

Leader: Too long have we lived with hunger,
 seeking to fill our appetites with food
 that leaves us wanting.

**All: Too long we have starved ourselves
 of spiritual food that truly satisfies.**

Leader: "I am the bread of life," Jesus tells us.
 "whoever come to me will never be hungry"
 "whoever believes in me will never be thirsty
 come, Holy Spirit, feed us with your grace and love,

All: **May we love our neighbours, ourselves, and you.
so that we may never be hungry again,
Amen.**

HYMN / Himene – Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (H&P 7)

Reginald Heber (1783-1826) based on Revelation 4:8-11

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
 Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
 casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,
 who wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
 though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
 only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
 perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
 Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

PRAYER: Anaua Havea

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Confession:

Leader: We have come together to hear God's word and 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. Our Lord Jesus Christ said; The first commandment is: Love your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

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

Leader: The second commandment is: Love your neighbour as yourself.

People: Lord, we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.

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

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

Leader: Lord have mercy

People: Christ have mercy

Leader: Lord have mercy

Silence

Leader: 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.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God

Lords Prayer (In the language of your choice)

10AM Singing Group

Children's time: **Pulupaki Pouvalu**

Choir: **Tongan Congregation**

Scripture:

Psalms 51:1-12 (NIV) Tongan

¹. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

- ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.
- ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
- ⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

John 6:24-35 (NIV)

Fijian

²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

Jesus the Bread of Life

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

³⁰ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?” ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’

³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.” ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Sermon: Rev. Simote Taunga

John 6:35: Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Theme: JESUS CHRIST IS THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Hymn: Guide me O thou great Jehovah (HP 437)

William Williams (1717-91)
tr. Peter Williams (1722-96) and others

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, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open thou the crystal fountain,
 whence the healing stream shall flow.
 Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through.
 Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
 be thou still my strength and shield,
 be thou still my strength and shield.

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, songs of praises
 I will ever give to thee,
 I will ever give to thee.

Offertory:

Leader: Whatever measure of grace and giftedness you have been given, it is enough. From the measure, you are invited to share yourselves with God and with God's world.

Offertory Prayer:

All: For calling us into ministry with you, we give you thanks and praise, O God.

For gracing us with gifts and abundance, we are ever grateful.

Bless these gifts we now dedicate to you, that they may nourish others with the grace of your presence.

In gratitude, we pray. Amen

Holy Communion:

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 our God whom we have not seen?

The peace of God be with you.

People: And God's peace be with you.

Exchange the Peace

Let us greet one another with signs of peace and joy.

Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord is here

People: God's Spirit is with us.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lords.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give 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.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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."

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

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Leader: Come Holy Spirit that these gifts 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: Amen. 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 your 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 Bread:

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Invitation:

Come for all things are now ready. Draw near in faith and take this holy sacrament in remembrance that Christ died for you.

Prayer After Holy Communion:

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you with all our hearts 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: Take my life and let it be (HP 705)

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79)

1. English

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

2. Samoan

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

3. Tongan

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

4. English

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

5. Fijian

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

6. 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.

Blessing:

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. And the blessing of the Almighty God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always. Amen

The Grace:

Let us offer each other The Grace:

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

Extinguish the candle: Tongan Youth

Mā Te Mārie (Sung unaccompanied)

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

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

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Please join us in the new hall for refreshments following the service.