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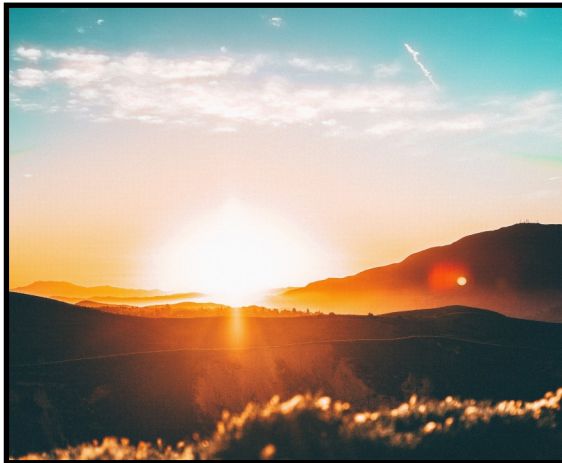
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Pentecost 6

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: Rev Simote Taunga

Organist: Colin Scarf

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PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Tongan Youth

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

INTROIT

Fijian Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP *(please stay standing)*

Caring Words

With each breath we take, our spirits breathe in God's spirit, our souls rejoice in the one who fully knows our hearts. God's grace sustains us, even in the midst of our weaknesses. As we exhale, let us reflect upon our relationships with our neighbours. The same spirit that energises us nourishes our neighbours. Pondering God's steadfast love, may we see the ways that God is calling us in the space and time.

Call to Worship

Leader When winds tear into our vessels,

All God's grace will be our guide.

Leader When insecurities mount up within our souls,

All God's strength will be our guide.

Leader When hardships weaken our resolve,

All God's mercy will be our guide.

Leader When insults rip and slander stains,

All God's courage will be our guide.

Leader When vulnerability saps our faith,

All God's presence will be our guide.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader Divine Summoner, through your voice, we understand who you created us to be.

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Through your voice, we understand our calling.
Through your persistent presence, we find resilience.
May we contently embrace our vulnerabilities.
May we boldly claim our pasts, and may we find our future with
determination and grace.

All Amen.

HYMN: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

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| 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King! | Glorious in his faithfulness. |
| 2. Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him! | 3. Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows. |
| | 4. Angels in the height, adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space. |

- Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), based on Psalm 103

(Remain standing.)

GLORIA EXCELSIS

We read together the Gloria Excelsis.

**All Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer.**

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**For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit
In the glory O'God the Father.
Amen.**

Leader We have come together to hear God's word and 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.

CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader Hear these words of Jesus Christ:
The first commandment is: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

All 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.

All Lord, we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.

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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.

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

Leader Lord, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Leader Lord, have mercy.

Leader Hear the word of grace:
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness.
Therefore I declare to you, our sins are forgiven.

LET US SAY TOGETHER THE LORD'S PRAYER

(In the language of your choice.)

Children go to prepare decorations.

BIBLE READING

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 (printed from the New International Version)

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'"

When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

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'You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table.' (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)

*Mark 6:1-13 (printed from the New International Version)*

David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God.

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Then David was angry because the Lord's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.

David was afraid of the Lord that day and said, "How can the ark of the Lord ever come to me?" He was not willing to take the ark of the Lord to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the Lord blessed him and his entire household.

Now King David was told, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf.

## **ANTHEM**

Tongan Choir

## **REFLECTION: "The Message and Mercy of the King"**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**All        We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**We 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.**

### **PRAYER FOR OTHERS**

**Leader    You are the God of highest heaven, yet you have mercy on your people when they call on you: hear the prayers we offer. We pray for the peoples of the world, for all who suffer from**

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persecution and oppression, for those who suffer hardship because of others' cruelty, greed, or indifference.

Send us out to proclaim your gospel of justice and peace, that we and all your people may repent of our ways and live together in harmony.

God of peace,

**All      Hear our prayer.**

Leader      We pray for your church, its clergy and people, for those who proclaim your good news, for those who are persecuted for their faith, for those who have lost their faith or wandered far from you.

Send us out to proclaim your gospel of righteousness and truth, that we and all your people may repent of our ways and live as your faithful people.

God of grace,

**All      Hear our prayer.**

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Leader      We pray for this community, for those with whom we live and work, our families and our friends, for those who are victims of ignorance or intolerance.

Send us out to proclaim your gospel of reconciliation and love, that we may repent of our ways and live as a caring and hospitable people.

God of grace,

**All      Hear our prayer.**

Leader      We pray for all in need, for those who are frightened, lonely, or sad, for those we turn away from and those whose needs we ignore, for the sick and the dying and all who care for them.

Send us out to proclaim your gospel of healing and hope, that we may repent of our ways and bring comfort and consolation to all people.

God of grace,

**All      Hear our prayer.**

Leader We remember all who have died in the faith, those who have spread your gospel in every generation. When we stray from your path, call us to repentance, send us out in the power of your Spirit to follow in the footsteps of your prophets and saints that, with them, we may come at last to stand in your presence, for you are our god, for ever and ever.  
God of grace,

**All Hear our prayer.**

**HYMN: We have a gospel to proclaim**

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| 1. We have a gospel to proclaim,<br>Good news for all throughout the earth;<br>The gospel of a Saviour's name:<br>We sing his glory, tell his worth. | 4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn;<br>Empty the tomb, for he was free:<br>He broke the power of death and hell<br>That we might share his victory. |
| 2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem<br>Not in a royal house or hall,<br>But in a stable dark and dim,<br>The Word made flesh, a light for all.         | 5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,<br>By all creation glorified.<br>He sends his Spirit on his church<br>To live for him, the Lamb who died.   |
| 3. Tell of his death at Calvary,<br>Hated by those he came to save,<br>In lonely suffering on the cross,<br>For all he loved his life he gave.       | 6. Now we rejoice to name Him King:<br>Jesus is Lord of all the earth.<br>This gospel-message we proclaim:<br>We sing his glory, tell his worth.      |

- Edward J. Burns (1938-)

**MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT**

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 God whom we have not seen?  
The peace of God be with you.

**All And the peace of God be with you.**

*(Signs of peace may be exchanged among the people.)*

**OFFERTORY**

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

Leader God calls us to serve and invites us to give.

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Knowing that God will be guiding us, and that God will be leading us, let us claim the generosity of God.

In our celebration of his bounty, we share our treasures, talent, and time with the church and community.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Leader Despite the sufferings and challenges on our journeys, your power transcends human weakness.  
We celebrate your generosity by sharing treasures, talents, and time along our way.  
No matter where we travel or which hardships we face, we sing your name in every corner of the earth.  
With our songs of praise, we share our gifts with your creation.

**All Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING

*(Please stand.)*

Leader The Lord is here.  
**All God's Spirit is with us.**  
Leader Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**  
Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All 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 are 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.

**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.**

Leader All glory and thanksgiving to you living God, creator and Sustainer of the universe; you gave us your beloved Son Jesus Christ, who, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

In the same way, he took the cup after supper, and said: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

**All**      **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 of bread and wine 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.

**People**      **Amen.**

**All**      **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 OF BREAD**

**Leader**      This bread which we break, is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
This wine which we pour, is a sharing in the blood of Christ.  
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

## **COMMUNION**

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All**      **Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you with all 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***

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| 1. Take my life, and let it be<br>Consecrated, Lord, to thee;<br>Take my moments and my days,<br>Let them flow in ceaseless praise.     | 4. Take my silver and my gold,<br>Not a mite would I withhold;<br>Take my intellect, and use<br>Every power as thou shalt<br>choose.  |
| 2. Take my hands, and let them<br>move<br>At the impulse of thy love;<br>Take my feet, and let them be<br>Swift and beautiful for thee. | 5. Take my will, and make it thine;<br>It shall be no longer mine;<br>Take my heart—it is thine own;<br>It shall be thy royal throne. |
| 3. Take my voice, and let me sing<br>Always, only, for my King;<br>Take my lips, and let them be<br>Filled with messages from thee.     | 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour<br>At thy feet its treasure-store;<br>Take myself, and I will be<br>Ever, only, all for thee.        |

- Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79)

## EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE

## BLESSING

Leader Let us delight in the steadfast love of God, as we share our weakness or celebrate our strengths.

Let us rejoice in God's glory, as we journey throughout God's great earth.

Let us remember God, who guides our path, the Christ that strengthens us, and the Spirit who nurtures us.

May the divine image dance within us forevermore.

**All Amen.**

## GRACE

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.**

**Amen.**

## MĀ TE MĀRIE *(sung unaccompanied)*

Mā te mārie a te Atua  
tātou katoa e tiaki;  
māna anō e whakaū  
ō tātou ngākau ki te pai.

*The peace of God  
keeps us all.  
He will confirm  
our hearts in goodness.*

Mā te Atua Tamaiti ra,  
mā te Wairua Tapu hoki  
rātou, Atua kotahi nei,  
tātou katoa e whakapai.

*May the Son of God  
and the Holy Spirit too,  
one God  
bless us all.*

Āmine.

Thank you for joining us for today's service. Please join us in the New Hall for refreshments.  
Thank you to the Fijian women for preparing the flowers, and to the 10am Congregation for preparing the refreshments.