



Wesley Wellington

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Pentecost 10

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 Utumau'u Pupulu

Reflection: Rev Rob Ferguson
(Synod Superintendent Lower North Island)

Organist: Colin Scarf

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LIGHTING THE CANDLE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader The Bread of Life has come among us.

All What is this Bread of Life?

Leader It is none other than Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son.

All We hunger for the true bread that will nourish our souls.

Leader Come, then, to Christ who feeds us with his very life.

**All We come, needing sustenance and nurturing.
Amen.**

INTROIT

Fijian Choir

OPENING PRAYER

Leader God of forgiveness and new beginnings,
you feed our hearts with compassion,
and nourish our souls with the bread of heaven.
As Jesus fed the hungry crowds,
knowing that they needed both physical bread
and the bread of heaven,
fill us with your generous spirit
and make us one with Christ.

All Amen.

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HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

H&P 7

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,
which 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 power, 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 OF CONFESSION

All **Gracious and loving God, have mercy on us.
Like David, we have been greedy,
grasping for what is not ours
even though we have enough.
We have forgotten your promise:
that you will fill us with the bread of life.
Like the crowd that followed Jesus
to Capernaum, yet did not understand
what he had given them,
we seek bread for our bodies
more than we seek the bread of heaven.
Forget our sins, take away our guilt.
Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean.
Tender, loving God, have mercy on us.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader When we repent, God creates in us a new heart,
and puts a new and right spirit within us.
In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

All **In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God.
Amen.**

LET US SAY TOGETHER THE LORD'S PRAYER

(In the language of your choice)

10AM SINGING GROUP: *I Take Thy Promise*

Words: Rev Henry Legh Richmond Deck. Music: Jonathan Berkahn.

HYMN: *Guide me O thou great Jehovah*

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1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.
2. Open thou the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream shall flow;
Let the fire, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer,
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
I will ever sing to thee.

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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Tongan Congregation

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13 (NRSV)

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him.

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Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan said to David, "Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.

John 6:24-35 (NRSV)

Samoan Congregation

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you?"

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What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

ANTHEM

Tongan Choir

REFLECTION

Synod Superintendent Rev Rob Ferguson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(please stand)*

**All As people worthy of God's calling
we recommit to living this call
by conducting ourselves with humility,
gentleness, and patience,
by making every effort to preserve our unity,
and accepting, one another with love,
and by celebrating our various gifts,
that we may grow in every way into Christ.
Amen**

HYMN: Let us break bread

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1. Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
4. Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy if you please.

OFFERTORY

Leader Whatever measure of grace and giftedness you have been given,
it is enough.
From this 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.**

MINISTRY OF SACRAMENT

Leader The bread of life be with you,

All And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts,

All We lift them up to God.

Leader Let us give thanks to the God of love and grace.

All It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Leader It is right, and a good and joyful thing
To bring our thanks and gratitude to you,
God of love and grace.

**All Since the beginning of time,
you have created us in your image,
nourished us with your wisdom and grace,
called us into relationship with you,
and invited us to live lives worthy of your calling.**

Leader When we failed to live in a manner
worthy of this calling,
and when we wandered lost on the paths
of death and destruction,
you continued to walk with us,
nourishing us with your wisdom and grace.

**All In the words of prophets and poets,
you have spoken you're your truth in love,
reminding us of your call,
and showing us the way to answer it.**

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Leader In the fullness of time,
you came to us as the bread of life,
as Jesus the Christ,
speaking truth in new and renewing ways,
calling us to unity and peace,
showering us with mercy and grace
and inviting us to live as your people on earth.
And so, with your people on earth,
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn, saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader Holy are you, and blessed is Christ Jesus, the bread of life.
With joy and gratitude, we remember that night
when Jesus took a simple loaf of bread, broke it,
and transformed it with his love and grace, saying:
“Take, eat, this is my body,
the bread of life, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me”.

After supper, Jesus took the cup,
Blessing it with gratitude
and transforming it with love and grace, saying:
Drink from this, all of you.
This is the living water, my very life,
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 And so, in remembrance of these,
Your mighty acts of nourishing love and grace,
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving.**

Leader Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine,
that they might become for us
the bread of life and living water.

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All **May they strengthen us to live as your people,
and may they nourish us with grace for eternal life
By your Spirit, make us one with you,
one in unity and peace with each other,
and one in the ministry to the world
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at your heavenly banquet.**

BREAKING OF BREAD

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

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.

*The Fijian Choir, who will sing during today's communion, are invited to come forward first,
followed by the congregation. Please approach by the centre aisle for your bread and return by
the side for you wine.*

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

H&P 705

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 li filemu.

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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 golds
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 va.
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.

- Frances R. Havergal (1836-79)

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Leader The Bread of Life has called and fed you.
Now go forth into God's world to nourish others,
bring God's love, hope and peace.

All Amen.

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

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

Āmine.

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

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

Thank you for joining us for today's service. Please join us in the New Hall for refreshments.
Thank you to Anaseini Osborne for preparing the flowers, and to the Samoan Congregation for preparing the refreshments.