



Wesley Wellington

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Easter 7

Kia ora Koutou Katoa—Talofa Lava

Malo e lelei—Bula Vinaka

Greetings to you all!

Haere mai ki tenei 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

16 May 2021

Leader: Myra Tautau

Organist: Colin Scarf

Welcome to today's service. A special welcome to visitors. Visitor packs are available for your information. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us this morning and will join us again.

WELCOME & NOTICES

Rachel Tevita

LIGHTING OF CANDLE

Panapa Leatuavao

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elisara Manuao

LEADER To worship and pray,

ALL we have come this day.

LEADER To meditate on God's teachings,

ALL we have come this day.

LEADER Gathered as one family of Christ,

ALL we come together in love

LEADER God is present in our lives

ALL God is present in this place

LEADER We are called to live compassionately

ALL We are called to live our faith in action

LEADER May we hear the word read and proclaimed

ALL May we listen to where Jesus leads us to be.

Amen and amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, be with us in our worship this day.

Draw us ever closer to you, that we may become one.

Draw us ever closer to your word, that we may be wise.

Draw us ever closer to your world, that we may serve and love,
as you guide us to do.

In your holy name, we pray.

Amen.

HYMN: *Christ is the world's light*

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Christ is the world's Light, he and none other;
Born in our darkness, he became our Brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's Peace, he and none other;
No one can serve him and despise his brother.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's Life, he and none other;
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our Brother—
He, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high.

Give God the glory, God and none other;
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
Give God the Glory, God in Man my brother:
Glory to God on high.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Filomena

LEADER We delight in your law, O God,

ALL But we don't always follow the rules.

LEADER Shower us with your mercy,

ALL that we may know your forgiveness and your grace

LEADER Guide our steps,

ALL that we may follow you more closely.

LEADER Draw us ever closer to you and to one another,
that we might support one another,

**ALL as we follow where you lead us,
in our efforts to create a world of unity
and boundless love.**

LEADER In your mercy and grace, we pray.

ALL **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF ASSURANCE

God watches over us with mercy and grace.

Christ's forgiveness flows freely,
redeeming us and making us whole.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Say in the language of your choosing.*)

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LEADER Called to be one in Christ Jesus, we are made to love one another in unity and grace. Let's share signs of unity and grace as we pass the peace of Christ with one another this day.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Activity & Song

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Heather Garside

Psalm 1 (NIV)

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of the sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Not so the wicked. They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

John 17 : 6—19 (NIV)

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours, you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying

for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

SERMON: “MAY WE ALL BE ONE”

OFFERTORY

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

OFFERING PRAYER

ALL: **Bless these gifts to be nourishment for a world
hungry for your grace.
Bless us to be nurturers of love
for a world hungry for your compassion.
Bless us to be one in ministry with you
and with one another,
through the power of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Ryan Conway

Son of God, you prayed for those entrusted to your care,
hear our prayers today for your people.

We pray for the peoples of the world, divided by injustice,

exploitation, and strife:

Gather your people from the ends of the earth and make us one in a desire for justice and the pursuit of peace, that we may delight to follow your law and do your will.

Son of God, risen and ascended, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for our nation, divided by prejudice, ignorance and fear: Gather your people from the ends of the earth, and make us one in celebration of our diversity and hope for the future, that all the peoples of this land may be honoured and valued.

Son of God, risen and ascended, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for your church, divided by dogma, dispute and distrust: Gather your people from the ends of the earth, and make us one in the broken bread and loving cup we share, that we may be witnesses to your risen power.

Son of God, risen and ascended, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for our community, divided by wealth and poverty, exclusion and neglect:

Gather your people from the ends of the earth, and make us one in your spirit of generosity and care, that we may live in love for one another.

Son of God, risen and ascended, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need, for all in sickness, sorrow, loneliness or despair:

Gather your people from the ends of the earth, and make us one in charity and compassion for one another, that you may be glorified in the lives of your people.

Son of God, risen and ascended, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died in your love, separated from us

by time and space. gather us into your kingdom with your saints
from all the ends of the earth, that, made one in love for you, we
may enter into the joys of everlasting life, ending praise.
Son of God, risen and ascended, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

HYMN: *Thy hand O God has guided*

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Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness:
One church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest, as to least;
They bade men rise, and hasten
To share the great King's feast;
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, sight restored,
Was all in this enfolded:
One church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
Not leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
The vict'ry shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem:
One church, one faith, one Lord!

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES

BENEDICTION

With the power of the Holy Spirit,
we have been made one in unity and love.

Even as we go in our separate ways,
we go in unity and love,
We go to serve and love
with the power of the Spirit
We go with the blessing of community
guiding our steps and protecting our paths.

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.

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We thank Sven & Fuailalagi Heger for the refreshments today.  
We also acknowledge the Fijian women for the floral decorations.