



**Faith Community Gathering
3rd February 2019
Reflecting on Te Tiriti O Waitangi**

**Haere Mai, Aere mai, hwan-yeong, Fakaalofa lahi atu,
Afio mai, Ulu tonu mai, Malo e leilei, Talofa Lava, Welcome**

PROVERB

“Ehara taku toa, he takitahi, he toa takitini”

My success should not be bestowed onto me alone!



It was not individual success but success of a collective that makes one successful.

Gathering Music - video

E te Ariki
Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou
(O Lord listen to us)

E te Ariki
Titiro mai ra ki a matou
(Oh Lord, look at us)

Tenei matou
O tamariki
E whakapono
Ana matou
Ki a koe
(This is us, Your children, we believe in you)

Aue! Aue!

Te Matua, te Tamaiti, Wairua Tapu e
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(the Father, Son, Holy Spirit)

The gong is sounded three times

Processional Hymn: God of Grace God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for our living in your power.

Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your gospel's goal.

Fill us with a living vision;
heal our wounds that we may be
bound as one beyond division
in the journey to be free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
ears to hear and eyes to see.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore.

Prayer:

E te whanau o te Karaiti
Sisters and Brothers in Christ.
On this day of the week
This resurrection morning,
In this sacred space of St Andrews
Where the people of God in Birkenhead
Have gathered for a hundred years and more.
Living upon the headlands, ridges and valleys
Overlooking the Waitemata harbour,
Surrounded by farms and gardens
Where people live, work, play and savour.
From the old times of Ngati-tai
And the days of Pakeha settlers
Then the later migrants of the Pacifica and beyond
All have enjoyed the bounty and beauty of sea and land.
Surrounded now by all who have gone before us
We gather to give thanks, to break bread, to pray
For others as well as for ourselves, and to enjoy
The presence of the Creator who is in our midst.
So

Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

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Lighting of Community Candle

This is the light that is lit for everyone who comes into the world.
Bear this light to others, one by one.
Let the flame go from life to life
till all is lit with its warmth.

May our time together renew our hope.

May the stories we share refresh our courage.

May the songs we sing lift our spirits.

May the words we speak invigorate us.

May the touch of hands, the sound of laughter,
the sight of faces new and familiar,
restore us in faith.

Spirit of life, we gather here in loving community.
Keep us in mind of the responsibilities of being human.
Give us the strength to endure, but more,
help us to bring strength to each other.

May we exclude no one intentionally,
but may our church be inclusive as we say it is.
May our coming and our going be blessed,
this day and forever more.

May it be so with us amen

Singing: God of Generations

(tune: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!")

God of generations, we are all your children;
To your church we bring our gifts, our worship and our song.
Young and old we follow, hand in hand together:
In your great love, together we are strong.

Christ, you welcomed children, called us to be like them,
And received a boy's small gift to feed a hungry crowd.
In our church's children, may we see you working:
More than "our future"! They are faithful now.

Spirit, freely moving, giving youth a vision,
By your grace young Jeremiah heard your loving call;
Mary was a young one when she learned her mission:
Through faithful youth, you offer truth to all.

God of men and women, Helper on our journey,
You have called us in our faith to grow and to mature.
May we keep on learning, worshiping and praying,
That each new day, we'll serve you all the more.

Notices and celebrations:

Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-10
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Those reading the Scriptures can finish with the following phrase
after the Gospel

"Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church."

Young'uns chat:

Singing:

**This, a day of glad thanksgiving
for a treaty signed and sealed,
giving credence to our country
by true partnership revealed:
Aotearoa's beaches
forests, rivers, mountains, lakes,
Gifts of God for our enjoyment,
treasures shared for all our sakes.**

**Though we live in peace and plenty
there is more work to be done:
justice must be even-handed,
healing former wounds begun.**

**May our children all be cherished,
taught in ways that make them strong,
Live their lives in tranquil freedom,
Hope their vision, love their song.**

**God was present at Waitangi
all those many years ago;
God is with us still to guide us
as our faith and knowledge grow;
Maori, Pakeha together,
listening, learning, all involved,
planning for a peaceful future,
tensions lessened, doubts resolved.**

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Suggested tune: Ode to Joy by Beethoven.

Message:

Singing/offertory: There are many ways of sharing
(tune: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

There are many ways of sharing, But God's Spirit gives each one.
There are different ways of caring; It's one Lord whose work is done.
God, whose gifts are overflowing, May we hear you when you call;
Keep us serving, keep us growing For the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.
When you call your sons and daughters, You give gifts for serving
you.
God, we join in celebration Of the talents you impart.
Bless each baptized one's vocation; Give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us As we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; Give us joy to share your Word.
Give us unity and vision As we serve your church and world.

CELEBRATING LEADERS AND CHILDREN

*Young people & Teachers come forward Elders of the church
surround them*

Voice 1:

Once upon a time, in the beginning,
a labour of love was undertaken.
And a place was established where young people
might find learning and love and acceptance,
and it was called Mainly Music, school and various other names and
places.
And the labour of love progressed.
And it was very good.

Voice 2:

We give thanks for all teachers, helpers, musicians, children and
parents,
who are part of Mainly Music and places of learning in this new year.
May they be blessed in their ministry.
May we always be prepared to offer our support,
that they may never feel alone in their work.
And it was very good.

Voice 1:

God of splendour,
your goodness sustains us,
and your graciousness gives us hope.
May we all with these gifts of bread, wine, money
Those who teach and those who learn
be used to further your way of love, hope, and justice.
And it was very good.

And the labourers looked at all that had been accomplished,
and the people rejoiced,
for it was very good.

Singing three fold amen: Amen Amen Amen

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Our Prayers for others :-

Lord's Prayer sung in Maori:- video

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

(Our Parent in the spirit world)

Kia tapu tou Ingoa

(Sacred is your Name)

Kia tae mai tou rangatira-tanga.

(Bring us Your Chiefly rule);

Kia meatia tau e pai ai

(May it happen in the way that is to You, good)

ki runga i te whenua,

(may it happen on earth)

kia rite ano ki to te rangi.

(In the same way as in spirit world).

Homai ki a mātou aianeī

(Give us now)

he taro mā mātou mo tēnei ra.

(The food we need this day).

Murua o mātou hara

(Strip us of our sins);

Me mātou hoki e muru nei

(Give us back what we have lost);

i o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

(So that we, the slaves of sin, may be with you again).

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whaka-waia;

(Do not lead us into temptation);

Engari whaka-orangia mātou, i te kino:

(May we be whole, away from things evil);

Nou hoki te rangatira-tanga,

(Through your chiefly position, is)

te kaha,

(the power)

me te kororia,

(and the glory).

Ake, ake, ake.

(Forever and ever)

Āmine.

(Amen)

The Eucharist:

Invitation

In faith and love, gathered in this place,
we celebrate the brightness of community
and the season of Summer

God of the summer's day,

praise and wonder be.

God of the lingering sunset and early dawn,

praise and wonder be.

God of the warm wind and the refreshing shower,

God of the shady tree and the cool of fresh waters,

God of the ripening harvest and sparkling sea,

praise and wonder be.

The passing of the peace:

Singing: Let us break bread together

Let us break bread together with our Lord!

Let us break bread together with our Lord!

As we travel through this land

All God's children hand in hand

Lord, fill all our living with your life.

Let us drink wine together with our Lord!

Let us drink wine together with our Lord!

As we travel through this land

All God's children hand in hand

Lord, fill all our living with your life.

Let us sing songs together with our Lord!

Let us sing songs together with our Lord!

As we travel through this land

All God's children hand in hand

Lord, fill all our living with your life.

Let us all work together for our Lord!

Let us all work together for our Lord!

As we travel through this land

All God's children hand in hand

Lord, fill all our living with your life.

All creation blesses the creator, the source of energy and life.

We also remember the ways of Jesus

who walked the dusty roads of Galilee,

who taught from seashore and mountainside,

and who told stories of the sower and the seed,

the lilies of the field,

and the birds of the air.

May we, too, know your presentness in the beauty of creation.

We also remember, Creativity God,

that your care for this earth and your people can be denied;

for your goodness was abused

and the Holy One was betrayed.

On the night of his arrest, so our tradition tells us,

Jesus, the Holy One, again shared a supper with his friends.

Through grain and grape, bread and wine,

he spoke of his coming death and new life,

asking them to remember him.

May we feel your touch, hear your call,

experience your grace, and

know your strength in our lives

As we celebrate your life in our midst.

Jesus took bread,

offered thanks, broke it, and

gave it to those gathered with him:

Voice of a child: 'Bread broken - for you. Take this, all of you'

He poured a cup of wine

offered thanks for it, and

gave it too to those gathered with him:

Voice of another: 'Wine poured out for you. Take this - all of you.'

It is through the goodness and creativity of God

we have this bread and wine to offer...

Bread, that was once scattered as grain in a paddock

and gathered together

and baked into a loaf;

Wine: that was once grapes grown on a hillside

and gathered together

and pressed into juice.

Come, for all is now ready.

Christ's body broken give you life ...

*You are invited to take and eat the bread in your own time
being reminded that you are in relationship with God*

Christ's life poured out give you hope ...

*You are invited to hold the wine and we drink together being
reminded we are one family, God's family.*

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Parting Words

The presentness of God reaches beyond this place...

With faith in the creative powers of life,

With hope for the future of life in this world,

With love for all others who share this life with us,

Let us go forward together in peace.

Our worship in this sacred space has ended.

Let our service begin.

Blessing

Ko te Karaiti te pou herenga waka

(We shall all be one in Christ)

Whakapaingia te Atua to tatou kai-hunga,

(Praise to God who has created us)

Whakapaingia te Atua to tatou kai-aurima,

(Praise to God who has accepted us)

Whakapaingia te Atua to tatou kai-unga ki te ao whanui.

(Praise to God who sends us into the world)

May it be so

Recessional singing: Take my life and let it be

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, God, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
for you only may it ring;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
claim it now for you alone.

Take my love; my God, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

**You are invited to keep this copy of the liturgy and take it home with you
to share with another member of your family, or with a friend**

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