

**SERVICE 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 St Aidans  
9:30am**

## **Entry into the Celebration**

The Bible is brought into worship...

## **Lighting of the Community Candle**

*The Community Candle is lit*

**Opening Hymn:** Tell my people I love them

AA 132

## **Call to Worship:**

One: We come together from our separate lives,  
each of us bringing our concerns, our preoccupations,  
our hopes, and our dreams.

**All: We are not yet fully present.**

**The traffic, the last-minute cooking, the final details still cling to us.**

**Our bodies hold the rush of the past few hours.**

One: It is now time to let go of these pressures and really arrive...

When you are ready, repeat silently to yourself: 'Here I am'.

*Silence...*

So we gather, and in the silence of this place,  
may we give our attention right now  
to each other,  
to new beginnings,  
to this time,  
to this season.

*(Silence)*

(You are invited to come forward and light a candle as part of being present at our  
worship this morning)

## **Music of Reflection**

**Opening Prayer: We Come** (inspired by Matthew 14:15-21, Mark 6:35-44, Luke 9:12-17, John 6:4-13)

## **Sharing 'The Peace':**

One: This is a house of God. A place of peace. A place where we befriend one  
another. Let us greet another as a sign of God's peace and of our shared friendship.  
And mindful of the threat of sharing more than the peace of Christ – this Sunday  
There is the NZ Sign Language we have been practicing OR

**Namaste:** *Facing the person with right hand on your heart and a slight bow of the  
head...* and say:

The Divine in me honours the Divine in you.

OR

The Light in me recognises the Light in you.

OR

The spirit within me sees the spirit within you.

**Reading:** Mark 6:30-44

Lexi M

**Thoughts for the week:**

Dale Campbell (TEAR Fund)

**Singing/offering:** "Here in the Busy City"

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WOV # 277 (1) Ellacombe

**Offering dedication**

**Prayer:** Enough for All (inspired by Matthew 14:15-21 / Mark 6:30-44)

**All: On my own  
what I have to give  
doesn't amount to much  
in the light of all you have given to me  
and in the face of so much need.**

One: Put together as a congregation,  
what we offer you here in love  
becomes more,  
not simply added together,  
but somehow multiplied in its usefulness.

**All: We ask you to bless our gifts  
and with the addition of your blessing,  
just as it was with the loaves and fishes,  
there is enough for all. Amen**

from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website. <http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/>

**Getting to Know you chat**

**Song:** I danced in the morning

WOV # 183

**Our Prayers for others ...**

**Care Candles:** We are people of all ages who enter this space bringing our joys and concerns. Cathy has lead us in prayer and now you are invited to come forward to light a candle in response to the movement of God for you, and we continue to hold each other in a prayerful silence.

**Music of Reflection**

**Singing:** When I survey the wondrous cross

WOV #258

**Notices / Celebrations:**

**Sending out:**

One: The God we worship is never confined to this holy place.  
So go and travel with the God  
who is found in ordinary and surprising places.

*The Community Candle is extinguished*

One: Go now into the world,

**All: we go,**

**strengthened by the gifts with which Christ has fed us.**

**We will be generous to others, for Christ has given extravagantly.**

**We strive to live by God's word, avoiding lies and violence.**

**We strive to walk in God's paths and never stray.**

**Words of Blessing:**

One: And may God's wonderful love be with you everywhere;  
May Christ Jesus feed you with his body and word;  
And may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth in you  
and fill you with God's presence always. Amen

**Roster:** 22 March 2020

Door Duty/Prayer: Cathy Fraser; Elder/Reading: Lexie McDowall;  
Morning Tea: Anne White and Val Walby

29 March 2020 **Now at St Aidans**

Door Duty/Elder: Andre Muller; Prayer: Laurie Wesley; Reading: Andre Muller  
Morning Tea: Karen Davies and TBA

**St A and A brief combined Church Council Meeting** after the service this Sunday:

Advice about keeping safe from the COVID virus means we need to be alert to changes.

**mainly music** At the moment, this continues as usual on Tuesday, at 9.15 and 10.45 am. We have most contact numbers if this needs to be changed.

**Lenten Studies** Continues at St Aidans, Tuesday at 7pm

**Sunday 29 March** The service this Sunday was to be at Zion Hill but is now shifted to St Aidans. The three churches worshipping together could push us over the 100 person cut-off which we cannot do. So back to two churches at St Aidans

**Pilates:** 9.30 at St Andrews continues at the moment, Thursday at 9.30 am

