



# SAINTS A & A

## A New Church Emerging



Northcote

Aotearoa New Zealand

Birkenhead

### **Worship@Home Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020** **meeting by zoom as we journey in faith**

**9:00am - 9:25am** Welcome and settling in ... *This morning we gather again via ZOOM for those who can. Those who can't, you are welcome at St Aidans. We will be signing in, physical distancing and not finishing with a cuppa but we will worshiping together.*



Imagine if you could *hear* this picture. What sort of a low ringing sound would you get from pouring water over the bell of a large metal bowl? Can you hear it?

*What sounds are so vivid to you  
that you can conjure them out of  
silence?*

**We are joined as one 'fellowship' in worship, sharing in hospitality we the people of Saints Aidans and Saint Andrews and beyond.**

**With this Contemplative Service you are invited to have:**

1. River stones
2. Three Candles with your usual weekly candle
3. The quietness to listen

### 9:30am Gathering song:

- Welcome to the family
- We sing the mighty power of God

### Welcoming Space

Fountain of life...

Pulse of life...

Breath of life...

**Earth is filled with the presentness of you our God.**

A planet filled with your presentness O God

**quivering in the forests,**

**vibrating in the land,**

**pulsating in the wilderness,**

**shimmering in the rivers.**

Together this day, let us sense the face of God in all creation. Friends we greet each other in our own languages and language of God .

**Haere Mai, Aere mai, hwan-yeong, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Afio mai, Ulu tonu mai, Talofa Lava, Foon Ying, Selamat Datang, Vitajte, Welkom, Welcome**

As we come to **light our community candle – the community of God.**

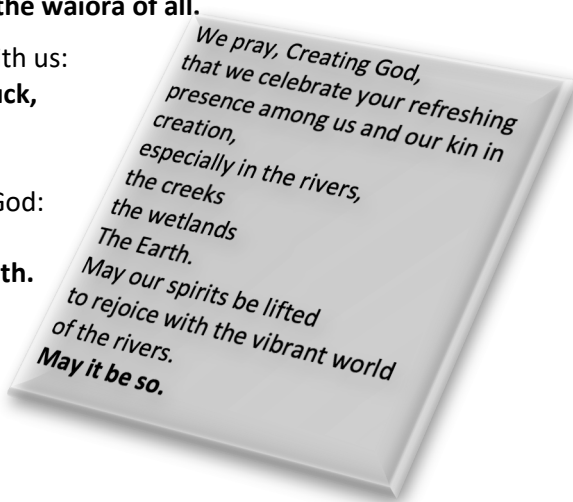
We invite the rivers to worship with us:  
**the Waikato, Rakaia, Whanganui and all the streams that flow to the sea.**

We invite the country creeks to sing:  
**with their eel and koura, trout and the waiora of all.**

We invite the fauna to praise God with us:  
**King-Fisher, heron and mountain duck, dragonflies and sleepy tuatara.**

We join with the waters in praising God:  
**waterfalls singing upstream and waves dancing at the river mouth.**

We celebrate the song of the river!  
**Sing, river, sing! <sup>i</sup>**



**Singing:** Peace like a river

**Reading.** Ezekiel 47:1-12

Take your river stone,  
rub it between your fingers,  
feel its surface and edges,  
let it sit in the palm of your hand.



## SEASON OF CREATION

### Listening to fast flowing water

- What comes to mind? Write it down.
- Light a candle for the thing you heard the loudest
- Reflection – We remember the rivers across our planet.  
Rivers and wetlands that are the lifeblood of Earth  
and vital for all that lives.

**We remember and rejoice.**

- singing;  
Be still and feel the presence of God,  
the presence pulsing,  
pulsing through Earth,  
be still and feel the pulse of God.  
(Silence)

### Listening to tumbling water

- Look at what you wrote down – meditate upon it
- Light a candle for what you heard in meditation
- Reflection - We remember the streams of our past, the pools and  
ponds where we played,  
**and the feeling of celebration as we splashed each other.**

- singing;  
Be still and hear the Spirit of God,  
the Spirit breathing,  
breathing through Earth,  
be still and hear the breath of God.  
(Silence)

### Listening to quiet water

- Write in your own words what you have heard
- Light a candle for the promise in what you have heard

- Reflection – Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with the presentness of God.

**A home for us to share with our kin.**

- singing;  
     Be still, behold the glory of God,  
     the glory filling,  
     filling this Earth,  
     be still, behold the face of God.  
     *(Silence)*

As you hold the river stone in your hands  
 as you go forth into this week.  
 will you care for creation?

**We will care for creation!**

**We will nurture the rivers!**

**We will celebrate life!**

This we know, the earth does not belong to us,  
**We belong to the earth.**

**and so we pray our prayers of intercession**

**Words of Blessing**

Let us embrace the wonder of this week  
 with expectation and imagination...

*The Community Candle is extinguished*

Go in peace to claim the life of Christ within your midst:  
 and may the earth be warm under your feet,  
 the rain bring the gentle flowers  
 of the bush bright around you,  
 and the wind blows as the breath of the Spirit before you.  
**Amene. May it be so.**

**Singing our way home:** For the healing of the nations

**NOTICES –**

**Birthdays and anniversaries**

**Significant events**

**Greetings to one another**

**Following you are welcome to sign off or stay and chat with others.**

Saints A & A Worship Service

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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## The River From the Temple

### Ezekiel

**47** The man brought me back to the entrance to the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar. <sup>2</sup>He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was trickling from the south side.

<sup>3</sup>As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits<sup>[a]</sup> and then led me through water that was ankle-deep. <sup>4</sup>He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist. <sup>5</sup>He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could

not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—a river that no one could cross. <sup>6</sup>He asked me, “Son of man, do you see this?”

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. <sup>7</sup>When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. <sup>8</sup>He said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah,<sup>[u]</sup> where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. <sup>9</sup>Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. <sup>10</sup>Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea. <sup>11</sup>But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt. <sup>12</sup>Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing.”

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<sup>i</sup> (Adapted/ Norman Habel/soc)