



# SAINTS A & A A New Church Emerging



Northcote

Aotearoa New Zealand

Birkenhead

## Contemplative Worship @ St Aidans Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020 9:30am

Welcome and settling in ... *This morning we gather face to face and for those who choose ZOOM you can, details at the bottom.*



“Without leaps of imagination or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all is a form of planning.”

— Gloria Steinem

*What constrains your imagination?*

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

### Gathering singing:

- Let us sing to the God of salvation
- Tell my people I love them
- As the dear pants for water

### Prayer

### Welcoming Space

Children of the earth and sky,  
we are nurtured, sustained,  
given warmth and light  
from above and below.

**Supported by earth's strong, firm crust,  
we build our homes,**

**plough the paddocks,  
plant our gardens and orchards,  
It is right indeed to do so  
for it is labour weekend.**

When we turn from self and seek to be aware,  
we will find holy light  
in human faces,  
in blossom, birdsong, and sky.

**Then earth is truly our home,  
and we are one with all earth's creatures,  
Parents of earth's children yet to be.**

In all our living, may we be freed  
to see things afresh,  
to be more fully alive,  
and have the courage to keep faith in  
the future of humanity in whom we share our greetings

**Haere Mai, Aere mai, Hwan-Yeong, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Afio mai, Ulu tonu  
mai, Talofa Lava, Foon Ying, Selamat Datang, Vitaite, Bula, Welkom,  
Welcome**

As one heart is lifted  
**May we share its celebration**  
As one heart is burdened  
**May we share the pain it knows.**

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

Today we will take this flame and light other  
candles ...

**For ourselves, for those named or remembered, in solidarity with  
those who have not the freedom to express their concern or  
celebration for fear of discrimination or condemnation.**

**In lighting candles we do so in all our joys and in all our concerns,  
ever mindful of the presentness of the sacred among us, seeing new  
possibilities of the now. Amene.**



**Singing:** Loving Spirit

**Story for the young at heart –**

**Reading: Matthew 22:34-41 Listening and reflecting on a question**

- As you listen, what comes to mind?

**Singing** – He came singing love (Light a candle for what comes to mind))

**Reading: Matthew 22:34-41 Listening and reflecting on a question**

- as you hear, reflect, What kind of person do you want to be?

**Singing** – He came singing faith (Light a candle for ‘that’ person)

**Reading: Matthew 22:34-41 Listening and reflecting on a question**

- As you reflect, write in your own words what kind of faith community you want to belong to?

**Singing** – He came singing hope (Light a candle for the promise in what you have heard)

**Prayers for others:**

*You are invited to pray in the spirit of the Abba/Lord's Prayer*

**Gracious Spirit,**

**Who loves us like a mother,**

**Whose realm is blooming among us now.**

**And within.**

**We pray that your compassion guide us in every action.**

**Give us what we need for each day,**

**and help us to be satisfied with the miracle of that alone.**

**Forgiver, whose embrace brings us to wholeness without our asking,**

**May we reconcile ourselves to one another in humility.**

**And may we cancel the crushing debts that imprison our neighbours**

**So that communities of joy and health may flourish.**

**May we neither profit from nor ignore evil.**

**But ever work to thwart it with non-violence**

**As we co-create the realm of peace in this world.**

**Now and each day.**

**Amen.<sup>i</sup>**

**Singing:** E Te Atua Offertory is received

**Offertory Prayer:**

May we look for a gentler humanity, a kinder world:  
with our money and with our hearts,  
with our minds and with every good intention...  
Let this be our earnest desire.

**NOTICES –**

**Birthdays and anniversaries**

**Significant events**

**Greetings to one another**

**Sung Blessing:** May the road rise up to meet you

NOTES from today's reflects.

Saints A & A

**Matthew 22:34-41**

22:34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." 41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question ....

Saints A & A Worship Service

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