



# SAINTS A & A A New Church Emerging



Northcote

Aotearoa New Zealand

Birkenhead

**Worship Service @ St Andrews  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
9:30am**

Welcome and settling in ...

## 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.

*the gong is sounded*

**Gathering song:** For the music of creation

## Lighting of the Community Candle

Here we have gathered the elements of our lives and brought them to this place –

the joy of waking and living,

the blush of health,

the pain of illness,

the grief of loss,

the gift of love.

Some of these we have carried a long way.

**All we have carried through the seasons of our lives**

**has brought us here to this place**

**which we make sacred**

**by our coming together.**

Come, you are welcome here

here where we celebrate the richness and diversity of life.



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

**Time with the young-uns:**

**Singing:** Jesus Hands were kind hands

**Singing:** Waitangi Day

**Readings:** Mark 1:29-39

**“Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.”**

**Message:**

**Singing/offertory:** We work for peace

**Eucharist:**

As a river without an outlet becomes stagnant,  
so life which receives but does not give  
becomes polluted and sour.

**As we give, we know we will be refreshed and cleansed**  
as well as being a blessing to others.

May it be well with you.

**And also with you.**

May we rejoice in the beauty that we are.

**Life is a gift and we its celebration.**

God of the summer's day and this "whirling, expanding, living, dying,  
cosmos",

**Praise and wonder be.**

God of the lingering sunset and early dawn,

**Praise and wonder be.**

God of the hot easterly wind and the refreshing shower,

God of the shady tree and the cool water holes,

God of the ripening harvest and sparkling sea,

**Praise and wonder be.**

All creation blesses this creativity,

the Source of Energy and Life.

For all things bright and beautiful.

For all things dark and mysterious and lovely.

For all things green and growing and strong.  
 For all things weak and struggling to push life up through earth of clay.  
 For all human faces, hearts, minds, and hands which surround us.  
 And for all non-human minds and hearts,  
 paws and claws,  
 fins and wings...

**Praise and wonder be.**

So we join our praise with all your people  
 across the generations, saying

**Holy, holy, holy, Celebrating God,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

In our praise and thanksgiving  
 we also remember the ways of Jesus  
 who walked the dusty roads of Galilee,  
 who taught from seashore and mountainside,  
 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 this evolving miracle of life.

And we remember our tradition...

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his disciples.

Bread taken, blessed, broken in silence

Wine taken, poured out in silence

Be present with us now, Enfolding God, as we share this sacrament.

Let your Spirit brood among us...

as it is through this bread and wine.

**May we be blessed with a desire to praise in song and story and poetry.**

**May we be blessed with a sharpened awareness of the Sacred in all.**

**May we be blessed with deep compassion.**

**May we be blessed with the patience and daring of the mystics.**

**Our Prayers for others:**

**Praying in the Spirit of the Lord's prayer:**

Jesus forgives us,  
 calls us to new relationships,  
 with God,  
 and with each other.

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

Kia tau tonu te Rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou  
 The peace of Christ be always with you

**And also with you**

*You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.*

**Singing:** Toku wairua, oho mai, (My spirit awake)

### **Communion**

This is an open table.

This Bread and Wine is available to all

Bread... the very stuff of life. Broken.

Wine... fruit of the vine. Cup full.

### **Parting Words**

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

After the words, a quiet.

After the songs, a silence.

After the crowd only the memory recalls the gathering.

**Peace and justice have need of us  
 after the words, the music,  
 and the gathering.**

Holy Presence grant us the depth  
 for dedication to justice with compassion.

**Holy Presence grant us the will  
 to be apostles of peace.**

### **NOTICES –**

**Birthdays and anniversaries**

**Significant events**

**Greetings to one another**

**Singing:** E te Atua aroha mai