



SAINTS A & A

A New Church Emerging

Worship Service @ St Aidans



Sunday 23rd May 2021 10am

“Wisdom is not just special knowledge about something. Wisdom is a way of being, a way of inhabiting the world. The beauty of wisdom is harmony, belonging and illumination of thought, action, heart and mind.” (John O’Donohue)



Our celebration of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season. The Holy Spirit revealed, appearing to those gathered as tongues of fire. Perhaps the Holy Spirit shows up for all of us, in much more subtle forms: a line of poetry that flashes into your mind, a rose flaming brightly, stars gleaming in the night sky.

How does the Holy Spirit reveal/ visit you?

Gathering songs:

- The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
- Spirit Spirit of Gentleness

Prayer:

Gathering our thoughts;

We pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, come,

Breathe into our hearts this day.

Bless and inspire this time of celebration and fellowship,

in our Spirit-filled lives we may live

filled with love, compassion and mercy for all. **Haere Mai, Aere mai, Hwan-Yeong, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Afio mai, Ulu tonu mai, Talofa Lava, Foon Ying, Selamat Datang, Vitajte, Bula, Welkom, Welcome**



Lighting of the Community Candle

Let us take a moment to settle into the silence.
 Hear and feel your quiet breathing.
 Hear and feel the quiet of this place
 and this community of people.
 In this quiet hour may our spirits be renewed.
 In this gathering of old and new friends
 may we be ready to extend ourselves to those in need,
 and with trust to receive the hand that is offered.

In this time of celebration,
 may our minds be open to new truth,
 and our hearts be receptive to love,
 as we give thanks for this life we are blessed to share.
(Silence)

How do we teach our children about the Gods presence in the Spirit?

Readings: Ezekiel 37 (Selected verses) (NRSV)

“The Wind” By John O’Donohue. Divine Beauty

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Meditative Singing: Holy Spirit come to us – lighting of candles

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Our Prayers for others:

Singing - Spirit of the living God

NOTICES –

Birthdays and anniversaries
Significant events
Greetings to one another

Let the party begin

Flame of purity:

Light us up.

Flame of beauty:

Light us up.

Flame of wisdom:

Light us up.

Flame of friendship:

Light us up.

Flame of true speech:

Light us up.

Flame of true seeing:

Light us up.

Breath of God, blow away all that is unclean:

Rain of God, revive our withered lives.

Wind of God, blow us to wild places as you will:

Breeze of God, refresh us as you desire.

River of God, flow through us and heal our land:

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Singing: Holy Wondrous Mystery Birthing all Creation

New Emerging Church

- Mission Vision

We aspire to be an active and innovative Christian community that provides leadership and builds partnerships in our fast-changing world.

- Values

We will:

- **be innovative in our approach to life and worship**
 - **demonstrate our willingness to share life experiences and spiritual awareness, promoting the teaching and practice of Jesus**
 - **seek out opportunities to promote inclusiveness, interfaith awareness and collaboration, especially through partnerships with local community organisations**
 - **be visible in the community as we live our values**
- Naming – **Onewa Christian Community**
 - Future Church Worship Location and Facilities:

What is NEXT

- We Need to ask Presbytery to approve these changes
 - to do this we need a Congregational meeting where Presbytery will be present and enquiring.

Then we can celebrate