



# SAINTS A & A

## A New Church Emerging

### Worship Service @ St Andrews



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 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)*



Listening to or playing music can lift us out of our world that restricts us and into a place where we are more free, more open to possibility, less attached to the problems of life that weigh us down.

***How do you hear the music you listen to, to change how you are experiencing your world?***

***The gong is sounded  
Call into Worship:***

It is good to gather here and hear the word of God.

**It is good that we can worship with one another.**

It is good that we can bring the concerns of our lives and our world to God in the prayerful support of this community.

**It is good to celebrate with one another.**

God rejoices and is with us. We pray:

**Opening prayer**

Still speaking God, we are listening because we want to hear you.

Guide us in this time of worship as we listen to your voice.

Speak to us in music and song,

in the Word and in silence,

in the chatter of children, and the voice of new friends.

Speak to us, God, we, your children are listening. Amen.



**Let us light our community candle – the community of God.**

**Gathering songs:**

- I will enter his Gates with Thanksgiving in My Heart
- All Over the World the Spirit is Moving

**Prayer:** With the Young'uns before they move on into their time in the hall.

**Readings:**

- 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20
- Mark 3:20-35

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

**Sermon: “What we hear”.** Haere mai Rev. Lorraine Francis

**Singing/offering – The Servant Song**

**Offering prayer:** (based on Psalm 138)

**Prayers for the world and others:**

**Singing:** Now to your table spread

**Communion:<sup>i</sup>**

**Communion Invitation / Preparation:**

Come, household of God:

Alien and well-known,  
stranger and familiar.

Know that God has called you to this place  
and said all are welcome.

We are all a part of this community.

let us all share in this sacrament together.

**Prayer of Confession: *We Are The Church***

We are the Church, Jesus,

but sometimes we fail to believe it,

and so we focus more on what divides us

than on your call and the unconditional welcome that joins us.

**May your Spirit flow through us**

**to bind and connect us in ways that neither our diversity**

**nor our self-righteousness, nor our sin can separate.**

We are your Body, Jesus  
 but sometimes we fail to act like it,  
 and so we grow more concerned with ourselves  
 than the others you call us to serve  
**May your grace and compassion flow through us  
 to heal and embrace all who are broken and wounded**

We are your Messengers, Jesus,  
 but sometimes it's easier to carry bad news, or no news  
 than to challenge the powers that be, or to oppose injustice  
 with the message of the Gospel.  
**May your prophetic voice be proclaimed in us  
 in ways that encourage the despairing,  
 liberate the oppressed  
 and hold the powerful accountable.**

Forgive us when we fail to be who we are – who you have called us to be  
 and teach us to live and to love as your presence in this world. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:** (inspired by John 3:16-17)  
 How much does God love us?  
 Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us,  
 not to condemn us, but to save us.  
 Not by our speaking or doing,  
 but by God's good and precious grace are we saved.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**The Peace:**  
 The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**The Great Thanksgiving Prayer**  
 The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One God, holy and good,  
 we have been united with you  
 through the life and ministry,  
 death and resurrection,  
 of Jesus the Christ.

**We come from different places and bring our different ideas and stories to this place.**

**You welcome us, and proclaim to the world that we all are connected, that we all belong.**

**Now, may we who are united by your Spirit experience your presence in a bold and new way.**

Here we bask a while in your loving friendship  
 and recall the sacrifice made  
 so that we might be whole people of God.

And so here with all the people who have left us behind and joined you we proclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

At his last meal with his friends  
 Jesus called them and us to remember,  
 and so, we do that now.

We remember how Jesus took bread,  
 gave thanks to you,  
 broke it and shared it among them.

**One loaf, broken for all.**

Later Jesus took a cup,  
 and again, gave you thanks,  
 and shared that with them.

**One cup, shared for all.**

"These are my body and blood," he said.

"Whenever you share in this meal remember me."

**One God, remembered by all.**

Bless us who have gathered here  
 out of love for you,  
 and strengthen us by these gifts  
 to serve you in the world  
 and share your love  
 with everyone we meet.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ:  
 your death we proclaim;  
 your resurrection we celebrate;  
 your coming we await. Amen.**

Here the Spirit of God  
 dwells in these elements of communion  
 and we are fed with good things:  
 things that produce a flourishing life –  
 kindness, compassion, joy, and love,  
 and we are grateful. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer:** As Christ teaches us we pray:

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread:**

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.



**Distribution of the Elements**

**Closing Prayer:**<sup>ii</sup>

Creator God,

**we give you thanks for the grain farmers, the bread bakers, the grape growers, and the juice makers.**

Redeemer God,

**we give you thanks for all that we remember as we have shared this meal: your birth, your life, your death and resurrection.**

Sustaining God,

**we give you thanks for the eternal presence of your Spirit with us, surrounding us and filling us with Divine life.**

**May this meal we have shared renew us and inspire us to join more joyfully with you as you work for peace and justice in the world.  
Amen.**

**Notices:**

**Birthdays and anniversaries**

**Significant events**

**Singing:** 'I the Lord of Sea and Sky'

**Blessing:**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 10am @ St Aidans for Saint Andrews & Saint Aidans congregations. Motions for decision will follow in the next week.

**Nominations for Church Council of Onewa Christian Community**

*Nominations from each Congregation of St Andrews and St Aidans for Onewa Christian Community Church Council are to be given to the respective CC Secretaries by 16<sup>th</sup> June Nan and Rosemary. The permission of the person being nominated must be gotten and the forms for these nominations are in the foyer of each Church. Nominees do not have to be Elders.*

# Matariki Craft Afternoon



Bring the family to a free craft afternoon for children preschool to intermediate age.

**Friday 18 June 2021**

3.30 – 5.30pm

Citizens' Centre Hall

Cnr Ernie Mays St and College Road NORTHCOTE

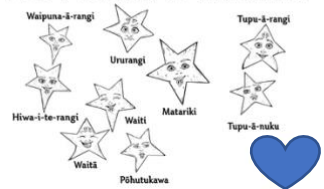
Afternoon tea will be served.

**A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT – ALL WELCOME**

*Supported by PressGo and Onewa Christian Community*

*Reminder from Cathy!*

**TE IWĪ O MATARIKI**  
THE 9 STARS of MATARIKI



*Please Please pretty  
please, return any  
completed cutting-out  
back to Cathy, Please!*

## Hi everyone

We have an Explorers' Group at Takapuna Methodist discussing current issues and how they relate to our faith.

The next meeting is on **Monday 14 June at 3.00pm** in the TMC lounge, 427 Lake Road, Takapuna.

The focus issue is **Homelessness** and the Rev Kyle Proven, Chaplain at Large for Lifewise, Methodist Mission Northern, who works with Merge café, the inner city community and street dwellers, will lead the discussion.

**Many thanks Cathy**

**PS. If you haven't been to merge Cafē, you MUST!!**

## **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**

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<sup>i</sup> written by Thom Shuman, posted on [Lectionary Liturgies](#) blog

<sup>ii</sup> by Joanna Harader, posted on **Spacious Faith** blog <http://spaciousfaith.com/>