

Service of Holy Communion

A Liturgy for Raumati - Summer

SILENCE

During which a candle may be lit

HĪMENE

GREETING

1 Kia noho a Ihowā ki a tātou katoa. The Lord be with us all.

Mā Ihowā tātou e manaaki. The Lord bless us.

2 Jesus said: I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12

***We gather as children of the light,
to keep awake and to watch.***

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6

PRAYER OF APPROACH

- 1 Kia inoi tātou, let us pray.
In the beginning, O God, you declared,
Let there be light! And there was light!
– light that illumines and nurtures life,
turning our attention to what is right in front of us,
awakening us to you, the source of light, with us, around us, beneath us.
revealing your porous love for the world,
a love that comes to its zenith in the coming of *the* light of the world,
Jesus Christ, your Son. In his name we pray, Amen.

CONFESSION

- 1 There is no darkness in God because God is light.
As we walk in the light of God, we have fellowship with one another,
and the life of Jesus among us cleanses us from our sin.
- 1 So in the light of Christ's loving presence with us,
and in mutual care and compassion for one another,
we offer our confession, knowing that we are already in the light,
and trusting that God's Spirit will open the doors of our heart.
- 2 We confess the darkness within us... *a moment of silence*
- 3 the darkness between us... *a moment of silence*
- 4 the darkness around, beneath, and above us... *a moment of silence*
- 1 Hear the good news.
If we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive us. 1 John 1:5-9
E ngā tamariki o te mārama, children of the light, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

DECLARATION OF PEACE

- 1 Kia tau te rangimārie o te Karaiti ki runga i a koutou.
May the peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

- 1 Nau mai, haere mai, e Wairua Tapu. Come, Holy Spirit of God.
Open our lips, that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

SCRIPTURE READING(S)

You may like to follow the reading(s) with a time of reflective silence, a brief homily, or an opportunity for sharing thoughts within the group.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

- 1 On the way, Jesus interpreted to them
the things about himself in all the scriptures.
As they came near to their destination,
he walked ahead as if he were going on.
But they urged him strongly, saying, *stay with us,*
for the day is almost done.
So Jesus went in to stay with them
and when he was at the table with them,
he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened.

Luke 24:27-31

E te whānau a te Karaiti, family of Christ,
in this bread, the risen Christ is present with us.
Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

1 E te atua aroha, loving God,
as we gather around this table,
we thank you for late summer days, full of warmth and light,
and the abundant harvest bursting from the soil.
It is the most *carnate* time, the most bodily time of the year;
a time when your loving and sustaining presence with us
is most immediately before us.
This bread and this wine, taken from the earth, is a reminder
that you are over all things, in all things, through all things,
renewing the souls and bodies of us, children of *Adam*,
as you renew the *adamah*, the soil from which we come.
May our voices and our bodies give you praise,
joining with the body of heaven above and the body of earth below:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Tapu, tapu, tapu, e Ihowā,

God of power and might

e te Atua o ngā mano.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Ki tonu te rangi me te whenua

Hosanna in the highest.

i te nui o tou korōria.

Blessed is the one

Hōhana i runga rawa.

who comes in the name of the Lord

Ka whakapaingia tēnei e haere mai nei

Hosanna in the highest.

i runga i te ingoa o te Ariki.

Hōhana i runga rawa.

In this meal, we find echoes of a wedding feast:
a banquet that celebrates the coming together of God and humanity.
We remember how you wedded yourself to this world
through your covenant relationship with Israel.
In the gift of the law and the prophets, you journeyed with them,
as with a faithful spouse: ever patient, ever ready to forgive.

In the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, your marriage was made complete:
You became *in-carnate*, em-bodied, one with us,
taking on our earthy, decaying flesh,
binding your life to this world,
that it would be ever blessed, ever touched by your life,
destined for renewal and recreation and eternal life with you.

And so may this meal be a sign for us of the wedding banquet to come,
when the whole of humankind will sit at the marriage feast of the lamb,
in the new heaven and earth,
when suffering and death will be no more,
and when we shall enjoy life with you and with one another in fullness.

In anticipation of that future day,
We pray now in the silence of our hearts
All that is yet to be made right...
a time of silence

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

*E to mātou Mātua i te rangi,
kia tapu tōu ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite ano ki to te rangi.
Homai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mo tēnei rā.
Murua o mātou hara,
me mātou hoki e muru nei
i o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea
kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino.
Nou hoki te rangatiratanga,
te kaha, me te kororia,
Āke, āke, āke, Amine.*

COMMUNION

1 Creator God, breathe your breath of life into this bread and wine taken from the soil, that they may be a sign of your life with us. Through sharing this meal, may we become one with you, one with each other, and one with the earth, from which we come and to which we shall one day return. Amen.

And so we remember:

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and giving thanks, he broke it, saying:
this is my body, broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, saying:
this cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood.

Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.
For as often as you eat this bread and drink this wine,
you proclaim the death of the risen Lord until he comes.

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ,
the new *Adam*, son of the new *adamah*, earth.

The cup we take is a sharing in the life of Christ,
given for the renewal of the world.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion is shared, after which a short post-communion prayer may be said.

HĪMENE or HYMN

BENEDICTION