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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th July 2024

Our service begins on page 456 of A New Zealand Prayer Book - He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa

Opening Hymn:

New every morning is the love our waking and uprising prove; through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day surround your people as they pray, new dangers past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily life our mind be set to honour all we find, new treasures still, of countless price, God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task, will give us all we ought to ask, room to deny ourselves, a road to bring us daily nearer God.

Prepare us, Lord, in your dear love, for perfect rest with you above, and help us, this and every day to grow more like you as we pray.

Words: J. Keble (1972-1866). Tune MELCOMBE

The Collect

Christ of the new covenant, give us the happiness to share, with full measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, all that you give us. Hear this prayer for your name's sake. Amen. The Proclamation (page 460)

The Readings

First reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Ezekiel receives his prophetic commission: he is to speak the words of the Lord fearlessly to the rebellious people of Israel.

After the reading: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes: to you that are enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants are on the hand of their masters: and the eyes of a maid on the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes are on you O Lord our God: as we wait till you show us your favour.

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy: **for we have had more than enough of contempt.**

Too long have we suffered the scorn of the wealthy: **and the contempt of the arrogant.**

A reading from 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Paul tells of both exaltation and infirmity, and the discovery of a strength that comes through weakness.

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Gospel Hymn:

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

God's grace first taught my heart to fear, his grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through every danger, trial and snare I have already come; his grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; my shield and stronghold he shall be as long as life endures.

And when this earthly life is past, and mortal cares shall cease, I shall possess with Christ at last eternal joy and peace.

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We remain standing

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 6:1-13 **Praise and glory to God.**

Jesus finds local resistance to his ministry and sends out the Twelve on a regional mission.

After the reading: This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ the Word.**

The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith (page 461)

Prayers of the People

During the prayers: God of grace, hear our prayer.

The prayers end with the following:

God, you shape our dreams. As we put our trust in you may your hopes and desires be ours, and we your expectant people. Amen.

The Peace (page 466)

Offertory Hymn:

Now to your table spread we come, each one, in faith that you alone provide the words of life or death: in wine and bread, in promised food we find your loving heart, O God.

Hands of the world stretch out your mystery to touch in longing to believe a truth beyond our reach, to sing in joy, to cry in grief, to know your meaning for our life.

Here is our common wealth in sharing what is good, as though all humankind around one table stood, this bread to break, this wine to taste – one people in the name of Christ.

Shirley Erena Murray, Words © 1987 Hope Publishing Company: TUNE: LOVE UNKNOWN

Communion

Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine) though feel free to receive only the bread. **We do not**, for health reasons, dip the bread in the wine.

Final Hymn:

Tell all the world of Jesus , our Saviour, Lord and King; and let the whole creation of his salvation sing: proclaim his glorious greatness, in nature and in grace, creator and redeemer, the Lord of time and space.

Tell all the world of Jesus, that everyone may find the joy of his forgiveness true peace of heart and mind. Proclaim his perfect goodness, his deep, unfailing care, his love so rich in mercy, a love beyond compare.

Tell all the world of Jesus, that everyone may know of his almighty triumph defeating every foe.

Proclaim his coming glory, when sin is overthrown, and he shall reign in splendour the King upon his throne!

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Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

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