



Celebrating Matariki
The Maori New Year
Sunday 22nd June 2025

Eucharistic Liturgy - Thanksgiving and Praise

ORDER OF SERVICE

Presider: Good morning / Ata mārie - Welcome / Haere mai.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Ko te rā tēnei i hangā e Ihowā.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Kia hari, kia koa tātou.

We stand

Opening Hymn: God of wonder, God of thunder

Words: Shirley Murray - Alt. tune: AUSTRIA

- God of wonder, God of thunder,
 God who heaved our land to birth,
 thrust us up from fire and water,
 favoured islands of the earth –
 You it is we praise and honour,
 our Creator, Spirit, Sun:
 Alleluia, Aotearoa!
 Sing it out, and sing as one!
- 2 God of glacier and mountain, we are silent at your power, moved to marvel at your making bush and river, bird and flower; God forever new-creating, through your people you are known – love that answers to your Spirit, faith that rolls away the stone.
- Jace of peace and awesome beauty, blood has flowed here, from our hand: not by law alone, or treaty spring the freedoms once declared but as partners in a promise, aroha alive and shared.

4 God of Jesus, God of justice,
take our past, forgive the pain!
Let compassion fill our country,
in our giving, find our gain –
many faces, many races
knit a nation finely spun,
Alleluia, Aotearoa!
Sing it out and sing as one!

The Gathering of the Community

The presiding priest may greet the people informally, then continues

E te whānau a te Karaiti, welcome to this holy table; welcome to you, for we are Christ's body, Christ's work in the world. Welcome to you whose baptism makes you salt of the earth and light to the world. Rejoice and be glad. Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

Amen.

Christ is our light, the joy of our salvation.

Praise and glory to Christ, God's new beginning for humanity making ritual water gospel wine, cleansing all our worship.

Love and loyalty to Christ, who gives us the gospel. Praise to Christ who calls us to holiness.

Song of Praise

Christ is the living water cleansing, refreshing, making all things new.

Christ is the living bread; food for the hungry, strength for the pilgrim and the labourer.

So now we offer our thanks for the beauty of these islands; for the wild places and the bush, for the mountains, the coast and the sea. We offer thanks and praise to God for this good land; for its trees and pastures, for its plentiful crops and the skills we have learned to grow them. Our thanks for marae and the cities we have built; for science and discoveries, for our life together, for Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Forgiveness We sit or kneel

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another and to be what we claim to be. Forgive us where we have failed to serve you; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours we ask your pardon.

The presiding priest says

Mā te Atua e muru ō koutou hara; kia mau te rongo. God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection, reconciliation for all the human race.

We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together. Praise to God who has created us, praise to God who has accepted us, praise to God who sends us into the world.

Sentence:

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Acts 10:38

Collect:

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you; so lead us by your Spirit, that in this life we may live to your glory, and in the life to come, enjoy you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19: 1-4 (5-7) 8-15a

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

Psalm 43 (ANZPB)

- Give judgment for me O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly people: save me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- You are my stronghold, why have you rejected me: why do I go mourning oppressed by the enemy?
- O send out your light and your truth to lead me: and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
- Then I will go to the altar of God, the God of my joy and gladness: and praise you with the harp O God my God.

- Why are you cast down my soul: and why are you so troubled within me?
- Wait in hope for God: for I will yet praise the one who is my saviour and my God.

Second Reading: Galatians 3: 23-29

After the reading: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Praise the One who breaks the darkness

Words: Rusty Edwards © Hope Publishing

Tune: **NETTLETON**

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel healing every dread disease.
Calming the storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

- Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word. Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.
- Praise the one true love incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness seeing what our God has done. Praise the One redeeming glory Praise the One who makes us one.

We remain standing

Gospel Reading: Luke 8: 26-39

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter eight,

beginning at the twenty-sixth verse.

Praise and glory to God.

After the Gospel: This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Nine candles represent the nine stars of the Matariki cluster.

- 1 **Pohutukawa -** ancestors
- 2 **Tupuānuku -** food grown in the earth
- 3 **Tupuārangi -** birds, fruit trees
- 4 Waitī fresh water, lakes, rivers
- 5 Waitā salt water, oceans

- 6 Waipuna-ā-rangi rain, mist
- 7 **Ururangi -** wind
- 8 **Hiwa-i-te-rangi** wishes, dreams, hopes
- 9 **Matariki** environment, well-being, and gathering of people

Our prayers today are based on the themes of Matariki, which are:

- **Remembrance** honouring our ancestors; remembering those who have gone before us, and especially those who have died in the past year; a time of mindfulness and reflection.
- **Celebrating the present** gathering together with friends and family to celebrate the present, with feasting on the harvested crops, and with games and joyful activities; an opportunity to be guided by and respond to the environment around us.
- Looking to the future planning for the year ahead; reading the signs in the stars to prepare for planting of new crops; our hopes and dreams for the future

E te Atua kaha rawa / Almighty God, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

The Prayers conclude with the following Collect:

God of the southern sea and of these islands, of Maori, Pakeha, and of all who dwell in our land; we give you thanks and praise for our country, and for what we have achieved together. Increase our trust in one another; strengthen our quest for justice, and bring us to unity and a common purpose. You have made us of one blood; make us also of one mind. Hear our prayers for your love's sake. Amen.

The Ministry of the Sacrament The Peace

All standing, the presiding priest says to the people

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace who breaks down the walls that divide.

Kia tau te rangimārie o te Atua ki a koutou. The peace of God be always with you. **Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.**

As we sing the next hymn, the altar is prepared with the bread and wine; our offerings of money to support ministry and mission are also collected and presented.

Offertory Hymn: Dear God, embracing humankind

Jubilate Hymns version of Dear Lord and Father of mankind John Greenleaf Whittier (1807 - 1892) © Jubilate Hymns Ltd

Tune: REPTON

1 Dear God, embracing humankind, forgive our foolish ways: reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives your service find, in deeper reverence praise, in deeper reverence praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord let us, like them, obey his word: 'Rise up and follow me, rise up and follow me!'

- O sabbath rest by Galilee!
 O calm of hills above,
 when Jesus shared on bended knee
 the silence of eternity
 interpreted by love,
 interpreted by love!
- With that deep hush subduing all our words and works that drown the tender whisper of your call, as noiseless let your blessing fall as fell your manna down, as fell your manna down.
- Drop your still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of your peace, the beauty of your peace.
- 6 Breathe through the heats of our desire your coolness and your balm; let sense be numb, let flesh retire, speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm!

The Preparation of the Gifts

God of all creation, you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine will be for us the body and blood of Christ.

All you have made is good.

Your love endures for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

It is recommended that the people stand or kneel throughout the following prayer, however you are welcome to sit

The presiding priest says

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

Lift your hearts to heaven where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Ko te hari mō tō mātou whakaoranga, e te Atua o Tua-whakarere, ki te tuku whakawhetai ki a koe i roto i a Īhu Karaiti.

Pāoho ana tāu kupu,
'Kia tīaho te mārama';
nā, ka mārama.
E tīaho tonu nei tōu māramatanga i roto i tō mātou pōuri.
Nāu i pou te mauri-ora mō ngā mea katoa.

Nāu hoki mātou i waihanga, ki te whakarongo ki tāu kupu, ki te mahi i tāu i pai ai, kia eke ai ki te taumata o tōu aroha. He mea tika kia whakapaingia koe.

Nāu i tono mai tāu Tama hei ara whainga mā mātou, hei pono e manakohia ana e mātou.

I tukua mai e koe tāu Tama kia whakamatea hei toha i te ora, hei wewete i ō mātou hara. Kua unuhia ō mātou hē e tōna rīpeka. It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.

You said,
'Let there be light';
there was light.
Your light shines on
in our darkness.
For you the earth has brought forth
life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin. His cross has taken our guilt away. I tonoa mai tõu Wairua Tapu hei whakakaha, hei arataki, hei whakatūpato, hei whakahou i tāu Hāhi.

Waihoki, i tēnei rōpū whakaatu e karapoti nei i a mātou, ko tōna rite ki ngā whetū, tē taea te tatau, ka whakamoemiti mātou i runga i te ngākau aroha, i te ngākau hari, mōu i waihanga, i karanga i a mātou,

E te Atua tapu rawa, mahi tohu, tino tapu, tino tika, nōu te korōria, nōu te purotu. Korōria ki a koe, e te Atua, te Runga rawa, te Atua māhaki.

E te tino Tapu, ka whakapaingia koe, i roto i tāu Tama i tuohu nei ki te horoi i ngā wae o āna ākonga, te tohu o te kaimahi tūturu.

I te pō i mua i tōna matenga ka tango ia i te taro ka tuku whakawhetai ki a koe. Ka whawhati, ka hoatu ki āna ākonga, ā ka mea:

Tangohia, kainga, ko tōku tinana tēnei ka hoatu nei mō koutou meinga tēnei hei whakamahara ki ahau. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church.

Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars,

we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just, glory and goodness come from you. Glory to you most high and gracious God.

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

Ka mutu te hapa, ka mau ia i te kapu, ka tuku whakawhetai ki a koe, ka hoatu ki a rātou, ā, ka mea: Inumia tēnei, ko ōku toto o te Kawenata hou i whakahekea mōu, mō te katoa, hei murunga hara, meinga tēnei hei whakamahara ki ahau.

Nō reira mā tēnei taro me tēnei wāina ka maumahara mātou ki āu painga ki a mātou.

Te Atua o ngā wā katoa,
e maumahara ana mātou ki tāu Tama.
Ka whakawhetai mātou,
mō tōna rīpekatanga,
me tōna aranga mai.
Ka whakamanamana mātou
mō tōna whakareanga.
Ka tūmanako ki tōna haerenga mai
i runga i te korōria,
I roto i a ia, ka mau tonu mātou
ki a koe.

Whakahāngia iho tōu Wairua Tapu, Meatia tēnei taro, ko te tinana tonu, tēnei waina, ko ngā toto tonu o te Karaiti. Kia tūhono ki tōna tinana, Kia ū ai mātou ki roto i te aka pono.

Ka aru mātou i a te Karaiti, Tui, tui, tuituia mātou. Tuia ki te mamae. Tuia ki te tūmanako, Tui, tui, tuia ki te ora. After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son.

We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling. Kei a koe, e te tapu o te rangi, te orokohanga rā anō o te ao, te tīmatanga, te otinga, te ārepa me te ōmeka.

Kei a koe, te whakapai, te korōria, te aroha, I tēnei rā, i tēnā rā, Mai i a mātou, mai i te katoa, I konei, i ngā wāhi katoa. Āmine.

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka īnoi tatou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi Kia tapu tou Ingoa. Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga. Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite ano ki to te rangi. Hōmai ki a mātou ājanei he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā. Murua ō mātou hara, Me mātou hoki e muru nei i ō 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 korōria. Āke ake ake. Āmine.

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.

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 for ever. Amen.

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross. Christ is the bread of life.

His blood was shed for our forgiveness. Christ is risen from the dead.

The Invitation

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua, tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti. Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

Communion will be served at standing stations at the Sanctuary steps.

All are welcome to receive the bread and wine at communion, however please note that Intinction (ie dipping the wafer into the wine chalice) is **NOT** permitted; although you are welcome to receive the bread only if you prefer, or to come forward for a blessing only. If you need communion served to you in your seat, please indicate to the servers.

Prayer After Communion - A Thanksgiving for our Country

Blessed are you, God of the universe. You have created us, and given us life.

Blessed are you, God of the planet earth.

You have set our world like a radiant jewel in the heavens, and filled it with action, beauty, suffering, struggle and hope.

Blessed are you, God of Aotearoa New Zealand; in all the peoples who live here, in all the lessons we have learned, in all that remains for us to do.

Blessed are you because you need us; because you make us worthwhile, because you give us people to love, and work to do, for your universe, for your world, and for ourselves.

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

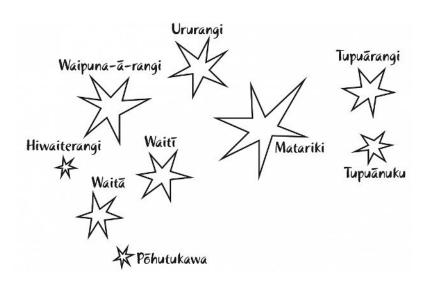
Closing Hymn: Hymn to Celebrate Aotearoa / New Zealand

Words: Bill Wallace - Tune: **ODE TO JOY** [SG95]

- Land of shining primal forests, sculptured ribbon framed by sea; land of mystic snow-clad markers charged with raw vitality; valleys wreathed in mists of mourning, earth caressed by sparkling light, gift of God, our awesome homeland, signed with nature's cross at night.
- Sing two races' different stories, sing their hopes and sing their needs. Let the Treaty write our story, frame our vows and shape our deeds. Bid the people sit at table, share their joy and share their pain; join in covenant and banquet, break the bread and break the chains.
- we have brought our vibrant threads gifts of language, gifts of custom, precious gifts of heart and head.
 Let us name our river, mountain, make this soil our spirits' earth find the Christ in land and people, bring God's tender dream to birth.
- 4 Dream our country's future pathway, shape that journey day by day; use the Treaty's founding wisdom, share the power and share the praise. Then beyond the present struggles, festive joys and lurking fears, nation-building based on justice shall empower the people's prayers.

The Dismissal of the Community

Haere i runga i te aroha. Haere i runga i te rangimārie. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**



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