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1700 years since the Council of Nicaea

Waikanae Church



Introduction to the Eucharistic liturgy of Lima *Rev John Roberts*

Call to Worship

E te Ātua e aroha mai ana ki a mātou

God who loves each one of us

Ko ōu iwi katoa hei iwi mō mātou

All your people are our people,

Awhinatia mātou ki te mārama tetahi ki tetahi

Help us to understand each other

Kia whakapaingia tōu Hahi,

Let your Church be blessed,

E mahi tahi ana i roto i te kōmunio tuturu

As we work together in true communion.

Seventeen-hundred years ago, after a long period of persecution and fear, the Church gathered in Nicaea to affirm the Christian faith. This faith, always ancient, always new, is our unending joy.

Blessed be God, now and forever.

Holy God, Holy and Strong, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

Let us celebrate the joy of life in Christ.

Hymn: Your hand, O God, has guided

Your hand, O God, has guided

your church, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
your people owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they summoned all to hasten
and share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
your victory shall be won;
by mortals and by angels
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

Let us pray

Creator God, we bow our heads in reverence before you.

Reflecting your image and likeness, we feel your touch
upon our lives.

**Remembering your faithfulness, we bless you that
you never give up on us.**

**Hearing your call to us, through story, saint and
sage, we bless you for your compelling presence in
our midst.**

We worship and adore you.

Standing at your tomb, with Mary, we weep.

Failing to know you, we hear you call us by name.

Knowing you again, we want to cling to you.

In your gentle love, you restore us

and compel us to call others to life in your name.

We worship and adore you.

Recalling creation's story, we feel your presence.

Travelling from slavery, we follow you into freedom.

Standing before the cross, we seek you in the
darkness.

Burning with your fire, we are compelled to
discipleship.

**Creator God, Spirit of truth,
We come to you in worship ,
Amen.**

Listening to the Word of God

Meditative Reading (for three voices)

John 11:17-27

Reader 1 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

(Silence)

Reader 2 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

(Silence)

Reader 3 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I

believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

(Silence)

Reader 1 Do you believe this?

(Silence)

Reader 2 Do you believe this?

(Silence)

Reader 3 Do you believe this?

We believe, help our unbelief.

Gospel Reading John 20:24-29

Responsory

Great is the Holy One, great is God’s might.

Great is the Holy One, great is God’s might.

God’s wisdom has no bounds.

Great is God’s might.

Glory to the God, Creator, Redeemer and the Holy Spirit.

Great is the Holy One, great is God’s might.

Sermon

Hymn ‘Tama Ngakau Marie’ WOV633

Tama ngakau marie, Tama a t’Atua,
tenei tonu matou, arohaina mai.

**Murua ra nga hara. Wetekina mai
enei here kino, whakararu nei.**

**Takahia ki raro, tau e kino ai;
kei pa kaha tonu, to nga mahi he.**

**Homai he aroha, mou i mate nei.
Tenei ra, e Ihu takina e koe.**

**Tenei arahina, a tutuki noa:
puta i te pouri, whiwhi hari nui.**

**Tama ngakau marie, Tama a t'Atua,
tenei tonu matou, arohaina mai.**

Traditional Maori Hymn

Celebrating our Common Faith

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

In many Christian traditions, at baptism, the baptised (or parents) are handed a lighted candle. Jesus also calls his followers to be the light of the world.

We are each bearers of the light of the risen Christ. We receive this light from Christ through one another.



Through symbolic actions we share the light with one another with the words, 'the light of Christ'.

Let us love one another so that with oneness of mind

we may share the ancient confession of faith, known to us as:

The Nicene Creed. *please stand*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified**

under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father (and the Son),
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: O for a thousand tongues

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of your name.

Charles Wesley

Prayers of intercession

In this time of intercession we join our prayers in the present with the faith of the Church in ancient times. For all things were made out of nothing, and their being would again sink into nothing, if the Author of allthings did not hold it by the hand of governance.

(Gregory the Great [c. 540-604])

Lord of life, we receive all creation from your hand and by your providence. Teach us to live in your world with care and seeking justice for all that you have created.

I call this faith: the intelligible light which by grace dawns in the soul, that supports the heart, and grants the gift of hope.

(Isaac of Nineveh [7th century])

Loving God, grant us the gift of hope in abundance in a world troubled by division and violence. Strengthen your people afflicted by apathy and fear.

What wonder then, if, coming to God, we first of all profess that we believe, seeing that, without this, not even common life can be lived.

(Rufinus of Aquileia [c. 344-411])

Merciful God, forgive us for the times we have failed to live a common life as Christians. Draw us more deeply to one faith in you so that we may witness to the world.

Truth sees God, and wisdom contemplates God, and from these two comes a third, a holy and wonderful delight in God, who is love.

(Julian of Norwich [c.1343- after 1416])

**Heavenly Comforter, we pray that we may trust
more
in the gifts of your truth, wisdom and love than in
the
cleverness of our thinking.**

The light of Christ appeared and made the darkness
of the prison disappear and hallowed our birth and
destroyed death, loosing those same fetters in which
we were enchained.

(Irenaeus of Lyon [c. 135-198])

**Compassionate Lord, lead us to work together so
that
wherever there is darkness and oppression,
suffering and
injustice, we may bring your light and freedom.**

Hymn Holy, most holy lamb of God

**Holy, most holy Lamb of God,
Blessed, most blessed royal Word:
Yours be the Kingdom,
power and the glory,
Jesus our Lord.**

**Saviour, by whom our souls are fed,
Give us today your living bread:
Yours be the Kingdom,**

power and the glory,
Jesus our Head.

Daniel Thambyrajah Niles

Eucharistic liturgy of Lima

Offering please stand

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
through your goodness we have these gifts
of money and food to offer,
the fruit of our daily work.
Blessed be God now and for ever.



Preparation

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe,
you are the giver of this bread,
fruit of the earth and of human labour,
let it become the bread of Life.
Blessed be God, now and for ever!

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe,
you are the giver of this wine,
fruit of the vine and of human labour,

let it become the wine of the eternal Kingdom.
Blessed be God, now and for ever!

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table
in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church
soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your Kingdom
Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

The thanksgiving *please stand*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Truly it is right and good to glorify you,
at all times and in all places,
to offer you our thanksgiving,

Almighty and Everlasting God.

**Through your living Word you created all things,
and pronounced them good.**

You made human beings in your own image,
to share your life and reflect your glory.

**When the time had fully come, you gave Christ to us
as the Way, the Truth and the Life.**

He accepted baptism and consecration as your
Servant to announce the good news to the poor.

At the last supper

**Christ bequeathed to us the eucharist,
that we should celebrate the memorial
of the cross and resurrection,
and receive his presence as food.**

Institution *please sit*

May the Creator Spirit accomplish the words of your
beloved Son,

who, in the night in which he was betrayed, took
bread, and when he had given thanks to you,
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup and when he had given
thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of
you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Your death, Lord Jesus, we proclaim!
Your resurrection we celebrate!
Your coming in glory we await!**

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Behold, Lord, this eucharist
which you yourself gave to the Church
and graciously receive it,
as you accept the offering of your Son
whereby we are reinstated in your Covenant.
As we partake of Christ's body and blood,
fill us with the Holy Spirit
that we may be one single body and one single spirit
in Christ, a living sacrifice to the praise of your glory.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
all honour and glory is yours, Almighty God,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you told your apostles:
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.
In order that your will be done, grant us always this
peace
and guide us towards the perfect unity
of your Kingdom for ever. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you.

The breaking of the bread

The bread which we break is
the communion of the Body
of Christ,



the cup of blessing for which we give thanks
is the communion in the Blood of Christ.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

The communion

The bread and wine is shared

Thanksgiving prayer

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Lord our God, we give you thanks

for uniting us by baptism in the Body of Christ

and for filling us with joy in the eucharist.

Lead us towards the full visible unity of your Church
and help us to treasure all the signs of reconciliation
you have granted us. Amen.

Hymn ‘The Church is wherever God’s people are praising’

The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.

The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying
to live and to share out the good news of God.

The Church is wherever God's people are loving,
where all are forgiven and start once again,
where all are accepted, whatever their background,
whatever their past and whatever their pain.

The Church is wherever God's people are seeking
to reach out and touch folk wherever they are
conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,
to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.

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knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord.
The Church is where we as Christ's followers

are trying
to live and to share out the good news of God.

Carol Rose Ikeler

The Blessing:

Kia tau ki a tātou katoa
Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti
Me te aroha o te Atua
Me te whiwhingatahitanga
Ki te wairua tapu
Ake, ake, ake
Amine

We end with our familiar Grace

Minister: Rev Anna Gilkison

*Participating Ministers: Rev John Roberts
and Rev Marg Schrader*

Musician: Marie Smith

*Readers: Don Smith, Tina and Evan Ireland,
Fiona Duckworth*



Kapiti Uniting Parish
Invites you to attend our
41st Anniversary celebration
with an
All Congregations Service
with the help of:
The Fijian Kapiti Congregation Singers
at
Raumati Church
at 10am on 15th June

There will be a finger food lunch after the service, all are welcome.
Please bring a plate of food to share if you are able.