



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

ChristianChurchesNZ – Methodist – Presbyterian
10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach, Paraparaumu 5032

Raumati combined congregations 10am, 6 July

Worship Leader: Rev Anna Gilkison

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Reader: Susan Copping

Notices: John Lawton



15th Century woodcut: Naaman is healed,

Welcome and notices

Fijian Congregation Singers

Call to worship

God of the past, who has fathered and mothered us

We are here to thank you

God of the future, who is always ahead of us

We are here to trust you

God of the present, here in the midst of us

We are here to praise you

God of life, beyond us, within us

We rejoice in your unfailing love.

Hymn ‘I the Lord of Sea and Sky’ CH4 251

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin,

My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord,

if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord...

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord...

Daniel L Schutte

Prayer ‘God of the coming age’

God of the coming age

**Men: With eager longing, all creation waits for transformation;
Women: In ardent hope, we yearn for our redemption:**

Powerful presence of God, we ask for hope
For ability to believe beyond the evidence, to wait with patience
When the cause seems lost, to hold with steady
Confidence the dream of a world made healthy and whole.

God of the coming age

Men: With eager longing, all creation waits for transformation;

Women: In ardent hope, we yearn for our redemption:

Merciful presence of God, we ask forgiveness.

Too much we have given our allegiance to governments

And corporations. Too often we have trusted

Commentators and journalists.

God of the coming age

Men: With eager longing, all creation waits for transformation;

Women: In ardent hope, we yearn for our redemption:

Too often we have served the interests of worldly administrations.

Too little have we given ourselves to the causes

that promise a world of equity and peace.

God of the coming age

Men: With eager longing, all creation waits for transformation;

Women: In ardent hope, we yearn for our redemption:

Life-giving Presence of God, we ask for signs

of the age to come: a new generation of leaders in the

struggle for peace; a way of balancing the earth's food

and it's people's longing for daily bread.

God of the coming age

Men: With eager longing, all creation waits for transformation;
Women: In ardent hope, we yearn for our redemption:

We ask for a cleansing of humanity's patterns
so that rivers are clean again and the air made fit
to breathe again, the breaking of the power of sickness
and calamity, of oppression and cruelty,
so that all may come to fullness of life.

God of the coming age

Men: With eager longing, all creation waits for transformation;
Women: In ardent hope, we yearn for our redemption:

Gospel reading Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Psalm: The Call *Joy Cowley*

Jesus says, 'Come follow me.'

I say,
'Lord, you're calling the wrong person.
I'm not the following type.
It takes me all my time to stand on my own two feet'
And he says, 'I love you'

I say,
'Now don't get me wrong, Lord
I do all I can, within reason,
but I can't afford to go overboard.
I mean, I have to live in this world.'
And he says, 'I love you'

I say,
‘It’s all very well to talk about love,
but love is dangerous.
It can get people crucified.
At the best, it can be misunderstood.
If I go round telling people I love them
someone’s going to lock me up.
And he says, ‘I love you’

I say,
‘The trouble is, I’m not ready.
Come back in a few years
when I’ve got my life sorted out.
By then I should have something to offer you.’
And he says, ‘I love you’

I say,
‘Lord, don’t look at me like that.
You’re making it very difficult.
All right, I’ll spell it out.
I’m a sinner. I’ll let you down.
I’d give my life to you
and then try to take it back again.
I’m weak, Lord.’
And he says, ‘I love you’

I say,
‘You don’t understand what I’m telling you.
I’d deny you and betray you.
There’s be times when I’s crucify you.
And what would you think of me then.
And he says, ‘I love you’

Presentation of Certificates of Authorisation to Administer the Sacraments

Hymn ‘God is the one whom we seek together’ AA 47

*God is the One whom we seek together,
God is the Life which is part of us all;
God is the Truth and the mark of mystery,
God is the Love and the Joy that makes us whole.*

No one is a stranger
Who seeks Eternity;
All are my companions,
Who walk that road with me.
God is the One whom we seek together,...

Freedom is the pathway,
For each and all to see;
You are my companions,
Who walk the Way with me.
God is the One whom we seek together,...

Colin Gibson

First Testament reading

2 Kings 5:1-14

Reflection

As a Fire is Meant for Burning CH4 252

As a fire is meant for burning
With a bright and warming flame
So the church is meant for mission

Giving glory to God's name
Not to preach our creeds or customs
But to build a bridge of care
We join hands across the nations
Finding neighbours everywhere

We are learners; we are teachers
We are pilgrims on the way
We are seekers; we are givers
We are vessels made of clay
By our gentle loving actions
We would show that Christ is light
In a humble, listening Spirit
We would live to God's delight

As a bud in the springtime
Is a sign of life renewed
So may we be signs of one-ness
Mid earth's peoples, many hued
As a rainbow lights the heavens
When a storm is past and gone
May our lives reflect the radiance
Of God's new and glorious dawn.

Ruth Duck

Prayer of dedication for our offerings

Prayers for ourselves and prayers for the world

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Communion Liturgy

Call to Communion

Let us give thanks!

God has come to feed us

Like a mother, God has held us;

God has calmed and quieted our fear.

Like a father, God has forgiven us;

And removed our sins from us.

Bless God's holy name!

And forget not all God's benefits.

We thank you for the promise of this meal:

Your presence to break the bonds of isolation,

Your power to overcome our powerlessness.

We thank you for the promise of this day:

New life for tired spirits, accomplishment for the faithful.

Help us to reach out to each other in community

And be agents of renewal.

May your coming happen in and through us.

God in Christ breaks down the walls

That make us strangers to ourselves

And divide us from one another.

We are the body of Christ.

As we enact our faith

The body broken is restored to wholeness;

Life poured out brings healing to our world.

At this table we receive God's love made flesh.

What we receive, we now share.

The Eucharistic Prayer

We dream, O God, of community,
But in our daily lives we forget such hopes.
Our dreams recede,
Sister and brother we call “stranger.”
**Yet we remember with thanksgiving
Your promise of new life in Christ.**
We thank you that you have given us to one another
**Be born again in us, O God,
That we may receive this mystery
Of Christ, the Living Bread.**

The Words of Institution

We remember all the meals we have taken with Jesus,
And we recall the last meal he shared in Jerusalem,
*“This is my body, broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”*

In the same way, we remember that Jesus took the cup, saying
*“This is the cup of the new covenant.
Do this as often as you drink it
In remembrance of me.”*

Eternal God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that Christ may be within us as we share this meal, that our eyes may be opened and that we may recognize him.
Bless this bread and cup and bless your church that in the fullness of time every cup will be filled to overflowing, every table will be one of welcome, and every life will be filled with abundant love.

Blessed are you, God of all creation,
You are the bread of life.
Blessed are you, God of all creation,
You are the cup of blessing.

Prayer after Receiving

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in the simplicity and peace of this holy meal. In this season of Pentecost, fill us with the Holy Spirit, that we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray.

Hymn 'We sing a love that sets all people free' CH4 622

We sing a love that sets all people free
that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear:
come, living love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that seeks another's good,
that longs to serve and not to count the cost,
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed:
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that, wandering, will not rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,

through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed:
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love,
who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness,
brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ:
come, radiant love, live in our hearts today.

Walter Greatorex

Closing responses

For all that God can do within us,
For all that God can do without us
Thanks be to God

For all in whom Christ lived before us
For all in whom Christ lives beside us
Thanks be to God

For all the Spirit wants to bring us
For where the Spirit wants to send us
Thanks be to God

Listen
Christ has promised to be with us in the world
as in our worship
Amen. We go to meet him.

We say the Grace together