



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

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

United @9 and Raumati 10am HC 2 March Transfiguration

Worship Leader: Rev Anna Gilkison

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Reader and musician: Kevin Boyce

Welcome and notices

Opening responses

Ever-present God, around us, within us,

We come to praise and worship you

God of eternity, god of the here and now,

We come seeking to serve you.

God of the big picture whose loving purpose embraces the whole world,

We come to strengthen our commitment

God of the smallest detail, closer to us than breathing,

We come to increase our discernment

God of the rhinoceros and the midge,

God of the large Hadron Collider and the iphone,

Help us to sense your presence in and through all things.

God whose grace is sufficient for all our needs

Help us to be people of compassion, justice and peace

Hymn 'Look upon us Blessed Lord CH4 601

Look upon us, blessed Lord,

Take our wandering thoughts and guide us:

We have come to hear your word:

With your teaching now provide us,

that, from earth's distractions turning

we your message may be learning.

For your Spirit's radiance bright
we, assembled here, are hoping:
When we live without your light,
in the dark our souls are groping:
In word, deed, and thought direct us:
Only you, Lord, can correct us.

Brightness of the Father's face,
Light of Light, from God proceeding;
Make us ready in this place:
Ear and heart await your leading.
In our study, prayers, and praising
may our souls find their upraising.

Robert Macalister, Tobias Clausnitzer

Reading one

Exodus 34: 29-35

A New Earth

May the light of your countenance shine on...

Hymn AA31 E te Atua

E te Atua aroha mai, [God Love Us]
E te Atua aroha mai,
E te Atua aroha mai,
ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.

E te Atua manaaki mai, [God Bless Us]
E te Atua manaaki mai,
E te Atua manaaki mai,
ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.

E te Atua awhina mai, { God Help Us}
E te Atua awhina mai,
E te Atua awhina mai,
ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.

Kumbaya My Lord Kumbaya [Come By Here Lord]
Kumbaya My Lord Kumbaya

Kumbaya My Lord Kumbaya
Oh Lord Kumbaya.

Transfiguration Prayer

Hymn CH4 600 Spirit of God Unseen as the Wind

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.*

You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word:
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.
Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,.....

Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day.
Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,.....

Margaret V Old

Reading two

Luke 9: 28-36

Reflection

Prayer of dedication for our offerings

Hymn ‘Lord, the Light of your Love is Shining’ CH4 448

Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, Shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze Spirit, blaze*

*Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
from the shadows into your radiance,
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine, ...

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine, ...

Graham Kendrick

Prayers for ourselves and others

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.

Invitation:

This table is open to any whom Jesus would welcome.
It is spread for you,
and for all who would wish to know God more deeply,
to share in the community of Jesus' disciples,
and to be strengthened for God's work in the world.

Communion prayer:

God is with you!

And also with you!

Open wide your hearts!

They are open to God's presence in this place.

Let us give thanks to the living God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray,

Eternal God, as we come to this table,
We remember your loving acts down through the ages:
How you brought forth the universe from yourself,
Formed humans from the dust of the earth,
And brought into covenant with you Abraham and Sarah,
Jacob and Rachel, Moses, Miriam and the people of Israel.

**We remember how you led the house of Israel out of slavery, and into freedom,
How you sustained them with food and water in the wilderness,
how you ate and drank with them on the mountain top,
And how you brought them to a land flowing with milk and honey.**

God of new life, we thank you that you are always with us, that you love and care for all things, all people, and that your grace is stronger than our power to fail.

With the followers of Jesus of all ages and all places we joyfully proclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of love and justice,
The universe is overflowing with your glory!
Blessed is the one who comes in your name!
Hosanna in the highest!**

We remember, Gracious God, that Jesus ate and drank with the poor and the wealthy, with sinful and righteous alike.

When he saw the multitude that followed him with nothing to eat, he took some loaves of bread and a few fish, and, after giving thanks to you, all were fed.

At the time of the Passover Jesus shared a meal in an upper room. He took the bread and after giving thanks to you he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, ‘Do this in remembrance of me.’

Likewise, after the meal, he took a cup and after giving thanks he gave it to them saying, ‘Truly I tell you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until I drink it new with you in the coming Kingdom.’

As we eat this bread and drink this cup we say, ‘Come, Jesus, make the world anew.’

Bless these gifts of the earth and of human hands, that this bread may be for us bread of life, manna from heaven and the bread of your presence; that this cup may be the cup of salvation, water from the rock, and the wine of promise.

For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ who returns at our calling bringing blessing upon blessing from one generation to the next.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

The distribution:

Prayer after communion:

May we be as living loaves, kneaded and shaped by the hands of God. May we be as a cup overflowing with the Spirit, poured out that others might know joy. Love be the leaven within. Love be the food of thought, word and deed. Peace be among us, Amen.

Hymn: You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd CH4 355

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and swordbringer
Of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory,
Beggar'd by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,
Sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
You, who are our death and our life.

Sylvia Dunstan

Blessing:

In days to come may our lives bear witness

**That goodness is stronger than evil,
Life is stronger than Death.**

**As God requires of us,
May we do justice
Love kindness
And practise humility.**

Through the ups and downs of our lives,
On the mountaintop, in the depths, day by day,
May God's spirit help us to stand firm
And walk in God's way

Amen