

## Notices

### Call to Worship

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. May God be with you:

### May God bless you

Holy, holy, holy God,

### God of beauty and vulnerability,

God of gentle raindrop and spectacular sunset

### God of mountain top and of marshland,

God in the silences and in the music of the bellbird at dawn,

### God in the stillness and the sweeping winds of truth,

God who is and ever will be,

**we come to worship you.**

### Hymn *we stand*

Where mountains rise to open skies  
your name, O God, is echoed far,  
from island beach to kauri's reach,  
in water's light, in lake and star.

Your people's heart, your people's part  
be in our caring for this land,  
for faith to flower, for aroha  
to let each other's mana stand.

From broken word, from conflict stirred,  
from lack of vision, set us free  
to see the line of your design,  
to feel creation's energy.

Your love be known, compassion shown,  
that every child have equal scope:  
in justice done, in trust begun  
shall be our heritage and hope.

Where mountains rise to open skies  
your way of peace distil the air,  
your spirit bind all humankind,  
one covenant of life to share!

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### A Prayer for Waitangi

.....We pray together the prayer Jesus taught:

**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.**

### Responsive Hymn *we remain seated to sing*

Arr. Nicola & Guy Jansen, Tune Kum By Ya AA 31

Et te Atua aroha mai,

Et te Atua aroha mai,  
Et te Atua aroha mai,  
*Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.*

E te Atua manaaki mai,  
E te Atua manaaki mai,  
E te Atua manaaki mai,  
*Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.*

E te Atua awhina mai,  
E te Atua awhina mai,  
E te Atua awhina mai,  
*Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.*

O God love us – *forever and ever*  
O God bless us – *forever and ever*  
O God help us – *forever and ever*

### **Is there a faith slot to go in here?**

#### **Bible Readings**

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him’—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:13-16 The Message (MSG)

Salt and Light

Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavours of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the rubbish.

“Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

Reader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

People: **Praise to Christ the Word**

## **A Reflection**

### **Hymn**

WOV 669 I am the light of the world

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

### **Offering**

**Hymn** Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette tune Leoni 6.6.8.4 ("The God of Abraham Praise")

A little bit of salt will quickly show its worth;  
A little bit of faithfulness will change the earth.  
God, make us worth our salt — a church that's glad to be  
The change that you desire in each community.

A lamp that's in a house gives safety, warmth and light;  
It's set upon a table where it shines so bright.  
God, make your church a light that bravely takes a stand  
To bring your love and justice into all the land.

A garden is a place where so much beauty grows,  
Where flowers bloom and food is raised and water flows.  
When worship leads us out to care for the oppressed,  
O God, you say we're like a garden at its best.

When worship leads us out to love and serve the poor,  
To welcome in the refugee at our own door,  
O God, then we'll be called "repairers of the breach,"  
And we your church will be "restorers of the streets."

It's tempting to remain well-hidden, quiet, bland —  
Yet, God, you make us salt and light to change this land.  
You send us out to love, to build and to repair,  
Till peace and justice flourish here and everywhere.

## **Blessing and Benediction**