

commoners

A **wesleyan** METHODIST COMMUNITY



O God, come to our assistance.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Āmine.✠

(Psalm 70:1)

[sentence of the day]

CALL TO WORSHIP



Almighty God; Matua, Tamaiti, Wairua Tapu

[seasonal opening]

We pause in this moment to worship you, our life giver,
for you are the breath that fills the lungs of creation;
of all that is seen and unseen.

We give thanks for the sacred maunga and awa
that declare your majesty, and that we draw life from.

You speak through cultures and people,
Therefore we give thanks for the tangata whenua of Kirikiriroa
and we acknowledge their manaakitanga
as the reason we who gather from many parts of the world
can call this place, home.

We give thanks for our ancestors;
those who have gone before us in family and faith.

May our lives honour both them and you.

We take our place in this moment in your unfolding story.

In our union with you and one another
may we be filled and renewed with your breath.

Āmine.✠

As we acknowledge Karaiti
who was, who is, and who is to come,
let us pause, breathe,
and worship God together as one body.

Raised to life with him,
and united with each other in his mystical body,
we gather together in worship and ask,

Almighty Father, meet with us.

Loving Son, speak to us.

Gracious Spirit, dwell in us.

[Light the Christ candle]

OLD TESTAMENT



LAMENT/CONFESSION



You may kneel if you choose

O God, you search us out and know us,
and all that we are is open to you.
We confess that we have sinned.

**In your mercy, Lord
forgive us and heal us.**

When we use our power to dominate
and our weaknesses to manipulate:

**In your mercy, Lord
forgive us and heal us.**

When we evade responsibility
and fail to confront evil:

**In your mercy, Lord
forgive us and heal us.**

When we are seduced by fashionable dreams
and pursue our desires at the expense of others:

**In your mercy, Lord
forgive us and heal us.**

When we despair of changing the world
and neglect to change even ourselves:

**In your mercy, Lord
forgive us and heal us.**

When we fail to integrate spirit and flesh
and forfeit our wholeness and dignity:

**In your mercy, Lord
forgive us and heal us.**

We turn to you,
O God of infinite mercy;

**We renounce evil;
We claim your love;
We choose to be made whole.**

Christ Jesus, the Son of the Father, loves us
and gave himself for us.

We are put right with God and made new by the Spirit
through our faith in Christ.

Therefore Jesus says to you:

Sisters and Brothers,
we have been adopted as children of God
and the Holy Spirit lives with us and in us.

Our sins are forgiven;
be at peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Glory to God.

Āmine.✠

If you are kneeling you may resume your seat

DOXOLOGY (SUNG)

Standing

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Amen

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY



*Feel free to request prayer at the end of the service.
Pastoral visits for prayer can also be arranged.*

**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 forever.
Āmine.✠**

Kororia ki te ✠Matua, ki te Tamaiti,
ki te Wairua Tapu;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be;**

Ake ake ake.

Āmine.

LINGERING IN SCRIPTURE



This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ, the Word

DECLARATION OF FAITH:
THE APOSTLES CREED
(OUR STORY)



**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead;
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
And life everlasting.**

Āmine.✠

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY COMMUNION



You may kneel if you choose

**We do not presume to come to your table Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great mercy.**

**We are not worthy even to gather the crumbs
from under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat this bread and drink this cup
that Christ may evermore dwell in us
and we in him.**

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Jesus, lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.

If you are kneeling you may resume your seat

INVITATION/RESPONSE



Communion | Candles | Draw | Prayer | Silence

BEING GIVEN TO THE WORLD



BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Go now in the joy of knowing that you
are a recipient of God's manaakitanga.
Therefore you are included at God's table.

Included in our common life.

In the Life shared by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Go in the joy of knowing that you have been included
in the inner life of the God who is aroha.

Go, find joy in extending God's manaakitanga to others!

Go, find joy in participating in the work of the Spirit everywhere,
bringing all to God's table!

Do not be afraid, for God has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

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