

Sunday 5 April 2020

Gathering God's People

Lali

Introit

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Light a candle in your home

Greeting:

To the community of Christ
Scattered through the city:

Grace and peace to you.
And also to you.

Call to worship:

- ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.⁸ A very large crowd^[b] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Sere:

A Prayer of Approach:

Children can wave their palm branches

Ride on, ride on,
Ride on, Christ Jesus,
Ride on into our lives

**Let us take delight in the Lord our God.
Let us sing shouts of praise.**

Ride on, ride on,
Ride on, Christ Jesus,
Ride on into our lives
In these strange times.

**Let the children wave palm branches;
Let our voices not fall silent.**

Children only

**Ride on, ride on,
Ride on, Christ Jesus,**

Ride on into our lives
Gathered before you
In the familiar surroundings
Of our homes.

All

**In the midst of our isolation,
Let us make ourselves into a crowd
That welcomes the Christ**

Who rides into our lives.

Children only

Hosanna!

All

Amen.

God is Good

All the time

All the time

God is good

An Act of Confession and Trust in God

Read out loud the words of Jesus in your own home

Read them in English or Fijian

Jesus said: You are the light of the world.

Jesus said: You are the salt of the earth.

Jesus said: You are a city set on a hill.

Jesus said: Come unto me all who labour
And I will give you rest.
As yourself.

(Silence)

Talatala and together

Strengthen and comfort us,
God of grace, God of mercy
**In those times when our light
Does not shine so brightly.**

Strengthen and comfort us,
God of grace, God of mercy
**In those times when our faith
Does not season our lives
As strongly as it once did.**

Strengthen and comfort us,
God of grace, God of mercy
**In those times when our lives
Are crowded out with other concerns
And we cease to be like city
Set on a hill.**

Silence

Read: Psalm 118:1, 21-24

Read at home out loud in English or Fijian

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. [c]

Talatala

Words of Assurance: (Matthew 7:24-27)

Jesus said:

Each of those who hears these my words
And does them is like the wise person
who builds their house on rock.

The rain came down, the rivers rose,
And the winds blew and beat against that house;
But it did not fall, because it was built on rock.

Believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are loved,
Forgiven, and set free!

Behold salvation has come to this house.
Thanks be to God!

The Service of the Word

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11
(read with several voices)

Sermon: 'Hosanna, hey superstar'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXDmfAB42z0>

during this video clip the children can wave their palms

Reflection

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqvXquqTwoU>

Read: Philippians 2:5-11.

The Offering and Prayer:

Prayers for Others: (create your own prayers for others)

In your own homes

- For the world;
- For the church;
- For the local church;
- For our neighbours;
- For our homes / households;
- For those in need
- For ourselves

Song: 'May our lives and prayers be one'.

May our lives and our prayers be one - by Paul Somerville

May our | lives and our prayers be | one — —
As our | hopes shape the roads we walk | on,
And when our | work and our dream-ing's | done.
May our | lives and our prayers be | one.

Within the rhythm of our days
We take the time to muse and pray
The fears we face, the tears we taste
We view in light of holy grace...

May our lives...

We name our deepest hopes and dreams
For those we love and all in need.
We picture how the world could be.
We live the change we want to see.

May our lives...

The Lord's Prayer:

Communion Service

Invitation:

Come now to this table
where the living Christ
offers us bread broken for our journey
and wine poured out

for our life in this world.

Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Vei Kemuni Talega

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Keimami sa laveta cake yani vei kemuni

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

E dodonu mo ni rokovi ka kilikili mo ni Dokai

Good and gracious God,

You are the one in whom

we live and move and have our being:

we are restless until we find our life in you.

We thank you, God,

that from the beginning

You made the world, the seas,

Islands and continents,

and all their creatures.

You made people, male and female,
in your image,
to live for you and each other.

**We praise you, God our creator,
Kalou Dauveibuli**

We thank you, God,
For your coming to us in
Christ Jesus, **Karisito Jisu**,
your beloved Son:

We thank You for his teaching,
his ministry of healing,
the way in which he drew alongside
all sorts of people and
for the way in which he embodied
your will for us.

We are filled with sorrow
that he should have been
despised, rejected, betrayed,
handed over, crucified:

We are filled with hope
because you raised him from the dead;

that he is now ascended,
once more with you in your presence;

and that you now come to us
in and through the Spirit, **yalo tabu**,
who enables us to confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord

We are yours: we belong to Christ.

And so, now, with all those
who have gone before us
and with those who will come after us
with the whole creation
we sing your praises:

Children can wave their palm branches

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Consecration:

Now we gather around your table,
for you are a God of hospitality;
your will is to feed us and nourish us
and keep us company.

We remember the meals Jesus shared with others

We remember especially
the last supper he shared with his disciples

We remember that
On the night he was betrayed
he took the bread, blessed it
broke it and gave thanks and said
Do this in remembrance of me;

and, then, in the same way, after supper,
took the cup, blessed and poured it out
for our sake.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Sa mate na Karisito

Sa tucake na Karisito

Ena lesu tale main a Karisito

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the body and blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the body of Christ
given for the world you have made.

Amen.

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of
Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
For we all share the one bread.**

Eda lewe levu ia da sa dua bau ga

Eda sa vakaivotavota ena madrai oqo

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks
Is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**Bread and wine: the gifts of God
For the people of God.**

**Na madrai kei na waini : nai solisoli ni Kalou
vei keda na tamata ni Kalou**

Lamb of God:

Jesus, lamb of God.

Have mercy on us.

Jisu, Lami ni Kalou

Ni lomani keimami

Jesus, bearer of our sins.

Have mercy on us.

Jisu, ko ni colata na neimami valavala ca

Ni lomani keimami

Jesus, redeemer of the world.

Grant us your peace.

Jisu nai Vakabula

Me sobuti keimami na nomuni vakacegu

Distribution:

We serve one another in our own homes.

Take the bread: hold it and wait for the talatala to say

“The Body of Christ, broken for you”.

Take the wine / juice: wait for the talatala to say,

“The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ shed for you”.

Post-Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
You put your life in our hands,
Now we put our lives in yours.

**Take us, mould us, remake us
For we have broken bread together:
We have drunk the cup of wine.**

We have shared in the mystery
Of your death and rising to life again.

**Our hope is in you,
To the close of the age, Amen.**

Sere:

Dismissal and Blessing:

Children

God is good
All the time.

May the love of God
Who watches over all our days
Come what may
Be with you.

May the peace of Christ
Who rides on into the city
In order to do the will
Of the one he calls 'Abba'
Be with you.

May the Spirit
Who whispers to you
And sows the seeds
of the Spirit in your heart
Be with you.
Now and always,

Sing a 3 fold Amen in your home.