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Gathering God's People

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Introit

Lighting the Christ Candle:

If you have a candle in your room, one of the children might light it
and someone in your home read these words

Christ Jesus is the light of the world.

Greeting:

To the community of Christ
Scattered through the city:

Grace and peace to you.
And also to you.

Call to worship:

Psalm 23: 1-3

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;^[a]

³ he restores my soul.^[b]

He leads me in right paths^[c]
for his name's sake.

²⁰ Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. (Revelation)

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Sere:

A Prayer of Approach:

..... **Amen.**

God is Good
All the time. (everyone)
All the time
God is good

God is Good
All the time. (children)
All the time
God is good

Mungu ni mwema / Know that God is good (Congo)

F C7
| * - Know that - - | God is good -
Mun – gu — ni mwe- ma —

C7 F
| * - Know that - - | God is good -
Mun – gu — ni mwe- ma —

F7	Bb
* - Know that - -	God is good -
Mun – gu ———	ni mwe- ma ———

F / C	C7	F
God is good - -	God is good - -	
ni mwe- ma ———	ni mwe- ma ———	

An Act of Confession and Trust in God

Reading from Psalm 23:

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^[d]
 I fear no evil;
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff—
 they comfort me.

Sometimes, faithful and loving God,
We are full of doubts:
We are unsure:
We become uncertain:
We are afraid.

Comfort us, comfort us,
 God of hope, God of care,
 In those times.

Sometimes, faithful and loving God,
We become impatient:
We become stressed and
We say things and do things
We wished we had not.

Comfort us, comfort us,
God of hope, God of care,
In those times.

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)

Read: 1 Peter 2: 21-23

²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,^[a] so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds^[b] you have been healed.

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!

Song: **Halle, halle, hallelujah**

The Peace **In English or Fijian**

May the peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Learning Together: 'The faces of Jesus' **(Amelia)**

(youth).

Sharing:

The Service of the Word

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:42-47 (Ilaisa Saukuru)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds^[a] to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home^[b] and ate their food with glad and generous^[c] hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10 (Melaia Dreke)

10 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Ini Foiakau reflects on Acts 2:42-47

Sermon: 'Gatekeeping'.

The Offering and Prayer:

Prayers for Others:

Led by Emosi Rogoimuri

Lord, in your mercy
HEAR OUR PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

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...

Communion Service

(led by Keith, Clive and Anare)

Invitation:

(K). 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:

(K). The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

(A).

Vei Kemuni Talega

(K) Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

(A)

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.

(A).

E dodonu mo ni rokovi ka kilikili mo ni

Dokai

(C) 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, **I taukei**,
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.

(A) (in Fijian: 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:

**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:

(K). 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 Iesu 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:

(C). Jesus, lamb of God.
Have mercy on us.

(A). Jisu, Lami ni Kalou
Ni lomani keimami

(C). Jesus, bearer of our sins.
Have mercy on us.

(A) Jisu, ko ni colata na neimami valavala ca
Ni lomani keimami

(C). Jesus, redeemer of the world.
Grant us your peace.

(A). Jisu nai Vakabula
Me sobuti keimami na nomuni vakacegu

Distribution:

We serve one another in our own homes.

We dip the bread into the cup:

Hold it and wait for the talatala to say

(K) “The Body of Christ, broken for you”.

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

Post-Communion Prayer:

From Psalm 23:

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely ^[e] goodness and mercy ^[f] shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long. ^[g]

(K). 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.