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Sunday July 19th July, 2020 - Pentecost 7 – 11:15am



Theme: Christ-centred, spirit-led ...

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Although the Government has lifted some restrictions, to stop the spread of Corona virus, the Church Council of Parramatta Mission have decided to continue online worship. This decision is made on the recommendation of the wider church and responds to our commitment to be mindful of the most vulnerable in our communities.

Gathering God's People

Lali

Siaki

Introit: FHB 270 Mo ni totaka na Kalou

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Lighting the Christ Candle:

Christine

Christ Jesus is the light of the world.

Acknowledgement of Country:

Tupou



Covenant

Greeting:

Jesus said: You are the light of the world.

Jesus said: I have called you friends

The apostle Paul wrote:

¹¹ For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹² or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. (Romans 1:11-12)

To all God's beloved
the body of Christ
scattered like seeds
dispersed on the wind
of the spirit:

Grace and peace to you.
And also to you.

Call to worship: Psalm 139:1-4.

Meli

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

Sere: FHB 92: Ko Jisu Me Rokovi Ga

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A Prayer of Approach:

You search us out
God of Jesus Christ, Spirit of God
You know us
even before we turn to you:

You search out our paths;
You know us through and through;
You have been with us
In all our years
Even when we have not realized that.

You are with us
In the homelands of our people,
In our villages,
The places where we grew up
Or our parents did.

And you are with us now
As you call to this time together:

With all your people
Who gather today
We worship you:

God the creator,
God the redeemer,
Spirit of God, source of life,
Three in one God,
Donu, donu, donu. 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

Song: Mungu ni mwema

<https://youtu.be/1e0Zd8jXvmk>

Mungu ni mwema [x3]
Ni mwema, Ni mwema

Know that God is good [x3]
God is good! God is good

An Act of Confession and Trust in God

What does the Lord require of you

**To act justly
To show mercy,
To walk humbly with God** (Micah 6:8).

Jesus said: **Take up your cross and follow me**

Jesus said: **Love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all
your soul, with all your strength
and with all your mind**

Jesus said: **Love your neighbour as yourself.**

Jesus said: **Let your light shine before others**

Jesus said: **You are the salt of the earth.**

Silence

Forgive us, God of Jesus Christ

**For those times we have laid
To one side the good news:
You love us.
You care for us.
You call us.**

Silence

Reading from Psalm 139:5-12, 23-24

Meli

- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
- ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
- ²⁴ See if there is any wicked^[c] way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.^[d]

Song: David Haas, 'You are mine'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBPA4mIJ5NY>

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

Jesus said:

Come unto me all who are heavy laden
And I will give you rest.

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: We are marching in the light of God''.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yn16ABWn20c>

The Peace (and in Fijian)

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

Learning Together:

Story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7eQ7D-A00Bw>

Sharing:

- Life and work in a time of Covid 19 **Ofa**
- One great Sunday of sharing

President Deidre Palmer <https://vimeo.com/436650989>

The Service of the Word

Reading: Romans 8:12-25

Sorova household

¹² So then, brothers and sisters,^[a] we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba!^[b] Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness^[c] with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in^[d] hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes^[e] for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30;36-43. **Sorova household**

²⁴ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw

them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears^[a] listen!

Taito Dovibua reflects on Psalm 139

Sermon: 'Christ-centred, spirit-led.'

The Offering and Prayer:

Prayers for Others:

Sam Sadrata

Lord, in your mercy
HEAR OUR PRAYER

Song - May our lives and our prayers be one

<https://youtu.be/2mnPokm2jUE>

**May our lives and our prayers be one
As our hopes shape the roads we walk on,
And when our work and our dreaming'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.**

- * - - **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 long to see.**

Music by Paul Somerville, 2013 (Paddington UC), sung at Parramatta Mission, 2020

The Lord's Prayer

Notices:

Sere: FHB 82: Sa Sega Ga Niu Madua

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Dismissal and Blessing:

May the love of God
The creator in whose image
We are made:

Watch over all your days

May the peace of Christ
The beloved Son:
Be with you and form you.

May the Spirit of God,
The source of life,
Renew you, strengthen you
Bless you.

Now and always,

Song: May the feet of God walk with you

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJ6RaKX4_I4

