

Sunday 9 August 2020 - Pentecost 10 – 11:15am



Joseph sold by his Brothers is a painting by Jan Wildens

Theme: 'Family matters'

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- Sa vakadaroi tiko na kena vakayacori na Papitaiso.

Gathering God's People

Lali

Siaki

Introit: FHB 267 Ni Voleka Mada

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Lighting the Christ Candle:

Christine

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.

Acknowledgement of Country:

Greeting:

Jesus said: I have called you friends

Jesus said: you are the salt of the earth:

The apostle Paul wrote:

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 *Paul's first letter in the NT*)

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now

To all God's beloved
the body of Christ
scattered like seeds
dispersed on the wind:
online, on phones,
in homes, at work, in the car,
But one in Christ.

Grace and peace to you.
And also to you.

Call to worship:

Psalm 105:1-4.

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

² Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God;
tell of all his wonderful works.

³ Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

Sere: FHB 164 Sa Qai Vakurabui Ka Dina Ka Dei

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A Prayer of Approach:

To whom shall we go, Lord,
But to you?
To whom shall we turn, Lord,
But to you?
To whom shall we return, Lord
But to you?

For you, O God, are the one
In whose image we are made:
For you, O Christ, are the one
Who humbled himself
And was obedient unto death
For our sake.
For you, O Spirit of God,
Are the source of life
And the one who leads us
To confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

To whom shall we go,
three-in-one God,
But to you?

For steadfast love lasts forever;
You seek us out
Even when we are distracted,
Even when we have so many other things to do;
You seek us out

And now we turn back to you.
To worship you, three-in-one God,
To praise you,
To wait upon the words
That you whisper to our hearts.

We praise you, 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

Jesus said: Who do people say that I am?

Sometimes Christ Jesus,
People take your name in vain:

Sometimes Christ Jesus
People swear by your name:

Forgive us, Christ Jesus
**For those times
we fall in with the crowd:
we forget you;
we deny you.**

Jesus said: Who do you say that I am?

Sometimes Christ Jesus
We say you lived a long time ago
And our world, our culture
Is not the same as yours.

Sometimes Christ Jesus
We close our eyes and ears
To what you would have us hear and see.

Forgive us Christ Jesus
For those times

**We forget who we are:
We forget that
we are the body of Christ;
We forget that
we live 'in Christ'.**

Jesus said: Follow me.

[Silence]

Romans 10:11-13.

The Scripture says: 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame'. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved'.

[Silence]

Song: 'Spirit of the Living Lord'.

<https://link.smule.com/mTw25tatN6?channel=Copy-Link&lyricStyle=0>

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

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

The Peace Ezra (in English)
 Anare (in Fijian)

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

Learning Together:

Joseph and his coat:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnlqKPIZQzI>

Song / dance: Joseph's amazing coat.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snYP49EAIWg>

Sharing:

The Service of the Word

Reading: Genesis 37:1-4; 12-28 **The Qata household**

37 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.^[a] ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴ So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶ "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷ The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²² Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves^[a] that he wore; ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if

we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33 **The Qata Household**

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,^[a] for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind,^[b] he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

reflection on Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon: 'Family business'.

The Offering and Prayer:

Prayers for Others:

Mele

Lord, in your mercy
HEAR OUR PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Notices

Sere FHB 238 Ni Raici Ira Mada Mai

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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 sustain you.

May the Spirit of God,
The life giver,
Raise you to new hope:
Now and always,

Song: Thuma mina

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eik2HK7u9xA>

