

Welcome to Worship

Sunday October 4, 2020

Celebrating a Season of Creation



Parramatta Mission Online Services

Leigh, Westmead and Leigh Fijian Communities

HOLY COMMUNION

During March-December 2020, Parramatta Mission is conducting 'live' worship services via Zoom. While we look forward to the day we can be joyfully present together physically, we are mindful of the many people we can best care for by worshipping online and at a 'safe' distance.

9.30am (Leigh Congregation)

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5450786355>

9.45am (Westmead Congregation)

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/947638892534>

11.15am (Leigh Fijian Congregation)

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5450786355>



Preparation and Acknowledgement Vakavinavinakataki na Veiciqomi

<https://youtu.be/Nu9A-I-XG38>

Eda rokova ka vakananumi ira na wekada nai Taukei ni qele ena vanua eda sa mai tiko kina, kei ira na wekada na Torres Strait Islanders, ko ira era sa liu, era bula tiko ena gauna oqo kei ira era na muri mai.

Eda vakananuma na nodrai talanoa, nai i tovo kei na nodra i vakarau ni bula ko i ira nai taukei ni uma qele eda sa tiko kina oqo.

Eda vakananuma na veika rarawa era lako curuma ena gauna sa oti, ka so se lako curumi tiko ga ena oqo, ka da tu vata kei ira ena vakanuini ni na ia na veisereki kei na veivakasaututaki.

Me da vakadeitaki keda ena cakacaka vata, me da veivueti cake, ka vakanuini ena veisiga vinaka ni mataka.

Call to Worship NA SOQONI NI VAVKOSO

Leader: You are invited to respond with actions
Creator God, out of the darkness, life emerged
A candle is lit
In light and breath you gave birth to the world
Jesus is the light of the world. In him all things are made whole
Cup your hands together and then make them into a ball.
Hold them together for a few moments.

Opening Prayer NA MASU
God is Good **ALL THE TIME**
All the Time **GOD IS GOOD**

Leader: O God who gives birth
to all that we see, all that we know, all that we dream,
All: and all that is unseen, unknown and unimagined,
We celebrate your life that holds and nurtures the universe,
we celebrate your love which joins creation as one
and unites all things with you;
We give thanks for your life which is made real in Christ
and which is revealed in every created being;
We savour your presence which is limitless and welcoming,
and your Spirit which fills every moment of time
and every fragment of matter. Amen

Dou vakavinavinaka vei Jiova ni sa yalo vinaka;
ka sa sega ni mudu na nona loloma.

Words from Scripture Genesis 2:1-4a

Hymn

ME DUA NA SERE Let all creation dance
https://youtu.be/7GybOFak_a8 (or Smule link)

Let all creation dance in energies sublime,
as order turns with chance, unfolding space and time
for nature's art
in glory grows, and newly shows
God's mind and heart.

God's breath each force unfurls, igniting from a spark
expanding starry swirls, with whirlpools dense and dark.
Though moon and sun
seem mindless things, each orbit sings:
"Your will be done."

Our own amazing earth, with sunlight, cloud and storms
and life's abundant growth in lovely shapes and forms,
is made for praise,
a fragile whole, and from its soul
heav'n's music plays.

Lift heart and soul and voice: in Christ all praises meet
and nature shall rejoice as all is made complete.
In hope be strong.
All life befriend and kindly tend
creation's song.

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Prayer of Confession **NA MASU**

Leader: **Me da sa masu mada:**

God, you created our planet, the birds, fish, and other animals
and you saw all that you had created and called it good.
God of life, you also formed us humans
to act compassionately and gently to all forms of life.

All: Remind us, O God, and help us to change.

We confess we often forget we depend on you
and the rest of your creation.
We confess we have instead over-used and abused creation,
forgetting that our lifestyles impact others around the globe.

Forgive us, O God, and help us to change.

We confess we have not cared your blue planet.
We have failed to act to repair the climate.
We confess that we are involved in the cycle of pollution
and carbon consumption.

Forgive us, O God, and help us to change.

God of wisdom, help us understand whatever we do
to the web of life we do to ourselves.
God of power, help us see we must act now
and wake up to our obligation to the future of the planet,
which you have entrusted to our hands.

All: Forgive us O God, and help us to change.

**God of grace and salvation,
today we open our eyes, ears, and hearts to the pain
of creation seen in the changing climate.
We open our hearts to your truth,
to see in you the way of healing and hope for all your creation.
We are beloved children of God, forgiven, renewed,
and sent out into the world to work for healing and justice,
in faithfulness to God. Amen.**

Sung Response <https://youtu.be/o34zio-m0R8>

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon CAVUTI NI VEIVOSOTI

Leader: Receive this, the good news:
"For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103: 11-12)

**Me vaka sa rui cecere o lomalagi mai ki vuravura,
sa vaka kina na Nona yalololoma vei ira sa rerevaki Koya;
Me vaka mai nai cabecabe ki nai dromudromu sa vaka kina,
na Nona vakayawataka na noda caka cala mai vei keda.**

In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.
(Adapted from UCC Litany of Environmental Confession)

Hymn

God of Creation (Morning has broken)

SERE [Alt]

<https://vimeo.com/461406456>

God of Creation, Gentle life-giver
Present at birth, and all through our days
Author of sunrise, Song in the night sky
Here in this place, we - offer our praise

Jesus, Companion, teacher and healer
friend of the grieving, suffering, the poor
Stand with your people, whisper among us
promise of mercy - goodness for all

Spirit of Comfort, blow through Creation
stir up new life, breathe - peace through our world
Healer of hearts, and hope for tomorrow
weave all our sorrows - into new dawn

Here we give thanks for life in its fullness
blessings received your gifts to us all
Make us a people filled with compassion
selflessly giving serving your world
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GAUNA NI VEIWASEI [Sharing]

Bible Readings

NA WILIKI NI LESONI MAI NA I VOLA TABU

Colossians 1: 15-23

Matthew 6:9-13

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Oqori na vosa ni Turaga.

Me vakavinavinakataki na Kalou.

Sermon

SOLI VUNAU

Rev Dr Clive Pearson

'Worship, witness and service of the cosmic Christ
... in a groaning creation'

A New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.
(from the United Church of Canada)

Passing of the Peace NA VAKACEGU

Peace of the Creator be with you!
And also with you!

Prayers of the People

Leader: Spirit of life,
We pray for all people living with the effects of climate change now:
For the sake of those facing rising temperatures, drought and water shortages,

All: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Leader: For the sake of those facing unpredictable weather,
disrupted seasons and failed crops,

All: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Leader: For the sake of those facing flooding, land loss
and salination of vital water supplies,

All: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Leader: For the sake of all those who fear the changing climate,

All: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Leader: For the sake of the poor, the vulnerable, and the refugee

All: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Leader: For the sake of us all,

**All: Creator God, in your mercy, recreate our hearts
that we might partner with you to renew this damaged world.**

(Based on: <http://www.thesanctuarycentre.org/resources/written-prayers-prayers-in-response-to-climate-change.pdf>)

Offering **SOLI KEI NA MASULAKI NI SOLI**

An offering of our lives and the gifts of creation

Song **Creation song (Glory to the Lamb) - Ortega**

SERE [Alt]

<https://youtu.be/9gaFm-MpxBw>

He wraps Himself in light
As with a garment
He spreads out the heavens
And walks on the wings of the wind

He sends forth the springs
From the valleys
The flow between mountains
The birds of the air dwell
By the waters lifting their voices in song-

Singing glory, glory! Glory to the Lamb!
All praises and honour forever

He made the moon for its season
The sun knows it setting
He looks at the Earth and it trembles
He touches the mountains
And they smoke

I will sing to the Lord all my life
I will sing praises to my God -
As long as I live
Praises to the Lord, oh my soul

Singing glory, hallelujah! Glory to our God!
All praises and honour forever

Prayer NA MASU 'For The Sake Of The Planet'

Creator God, breath and source of life,
in love you called the world into being
and in grace you made us and call us your children. We stand in awe of the wonder
of your creation: its beauty and wildness;
complexity and power; resilience and fragility.

God of life, you call us to be participants in the web and wellspring of life:
to be nurtured by the planet; to be nurturing of the planet;
to cherish the world and all that lives.
But we have failed and creation groans under our weight.

God of grace, forgive us in our brokenness:
when we have taken too much from the earth;
when we have not spoken out against greed and destruction;
when we have allowed our most vulnerable neighbours to be harmed.
We seek courage and forgiveness to be made whole.

God of love, we pray for those people, communities and nations
already suffering the devastating effects of climate change; and we pray for the di-
versity of life on earth, so much of it already threatened by our actions.

God of hope, we pray for the world's leaders
Bless them with wisdom and creativity,
and a shared vision of hope for all creation.
May they find the determination to take strong action against climate change,
and the political will to act together for the common good.

[silence]

Creator God, we pray for us all, that we might restore our relationships with each
other and work together to heal the earth.

Renew us in your grace for the sake of your creation. Amen.

Communion

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

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,

And the Lord's glory covers the earth as the waters over the sea.

The trees of the field clap their hands, the birds of the air sing songs of praise

**And if we should fail to express our worship,
even the rocks and stones would cry out!**

And so, we lift up our hearts, and we lift up our voices

**And we offer thanksgiving and adoration
to the Lord the Creator of all.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign of the Universe,
for from seeds sown into the earth
you have given us the gift of bread to feed and nourish us.

With all those who have gone before us and with those who come after
with the whole creation we sing your praises:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

Donu, Donu, Donu,

God of power and might.

oi kemuni na Kalou,

Heaven and earth

Kalou kaukauwa duabau,

are full of your glory.

Sa sinai e lomalagi kei vuravura
ena nomuni serau,

Hosanna in the highest! *Osana ki cake sara!*

Blessed is the One who comes *Sa kalougata ko koya sa lako*

in the name of the Lord! *mai ena yaca ni Turaga!*

Hosanna in the highest! *Osana ki cake sara!*

And at Jesus' last meal with his friends, before facing the cross,

Our Lord took bread, blessed it and broke it.

Then he passed it among them saying:

**This is my body, broken for you.
Take and eat, and do this to remember me.**

The bread is broken in the sight of the people.

Blessed are you, Sovereign of the Universe,
for from grapes which grow ripe and sweet on the vine,

you have given us the gift of wine to refresh and heal us.

And at Jesus' last meal with his friends before facing the cross,

Our Lord took the cup of wine and blessed it.

Then he passed it among them saying:

**This is my blood shed for you.
Take and drink and do this to remember me.**

The cup of wine is held up in the sight of the people.

And now we share from all of our tables, Jesus,

Mindful of how you laid your life down, so that we and creation could be born
anew, not in one place but in many places;

Mindful of how you took your life up again, so that we and creation could be filled
with the life abundant, not in one church, but in many homes;

Mindful that we cannot earn or purchase this privilege, but that it is your grace
which beckons us, and your grace which ensures that all creation may be one and
whole.

May your Spirit work in these fruits of earth,
so that they may become for us a sharing in Christ's body and blood.

May your Spirit work in we, who are children of earth,
so that we may be transformed into Christ's body,
carrying his life, his care, and his salvation to all creation. **Amen.**

The Sacrament is shared

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

Prayer after Communion

In this sharing, we have been reminded of creation dispersed...
We have been nourished, where we are, to be a blessing to all creation...

Kemuni na Kalou, vinaka vakalevu na nomuni vakavou keimami tale e na nomuni i kanakana. E na nomuni loloma soli wale, ko ni sa vakani keimami e nai serau nei Karisito, na madrai ni bula, me rawa kina ni keimami wasea vata na bula.

Sending out MASU KEI NA MASU NI VEIVAKALOU GATATAKI

Creating God, your name is written in every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being.

Thank you for calling us by name. Thank you for your continued creating power in moisture, rivers, forests and oceans.

Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole creation.

Send us out as your hands and feet to care for the earth and take action on climate change so that we and our children can enjoy an abundant nature and live a long life on earth. Amen.

Ni talai keimami yani e na kaukauwa ni nomuni Yalo Tabu me keimami soli keimami e na yalo loloma me yacova ni ra sa soqoni vata kece na nomuni vuvale e na nomuni i kanakana, me keimami vakalagilagi ka vakacerecerei kemuni e na yaca i Jisu Karisito. Emeni.

Blessing For you, seep stillness

SERE [Alt]

<https://youtu.be/f443ueGSzJI>

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland
For you, deep blue of the desert skies
For you, flame red of the rocks and stones
For you, sweet water from hidden springs.
From the edges seek the heartlands
and when you're burnt by the journey
may the cool winds of the hovering
Spirit soothe and replenish you.
In the name of Christ, In the name of Christ

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