



SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY
TUVATUVA NI LOTU E NA SIGA TABU
CHRISTMAS 1 - 27 December 2020

Combined Service

Westmead Congregation 9:45 am

Join zoom meeting:

Leigh Memorial Congregation, Leigh Fijian Congregation - 10 am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3602745736>



Join Zoom Meeting

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

NA NODA SOQONI VATA NA TAMATA NI KALOU

The playing of the lali calls us to worship.

Introit: Sere ni Curu Mai

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMcFb2P3kow> (if required)

1. Mai reki e daidai
Yalo vata kece
Gu me da lako kina koro Koya
Me da mai raici
Koya sa qai sucu

Chorus:

Mai vakarokoroko
Mai vakarokoroko
Mai vakarokoroko
Vei Karisito

2. Kalou dina sara
Vu ni lagilagi
Yaco me vakataki keda oqo
Luvei i tamana
Sega ni ka buli

Chorus:

Mai vakarokoroko
Mai vakarokoroko
Mai vakarokoroko
Vei Karisito

3. Ni sere mai cake
Sere e na reki
Kai lomalagi mo ni sere e dai
Ni dokai Koya
Sa cecere sara

Chorus:

Mai vakarokoroko
Mai vakarokoroko
Mai vakarokoroko
Vei Karisito

All stand

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father
now in flesh appearing:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord

Call to worship: Domo ni Kacikaci (from Psalm 148)

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
 praise him in the heights!
- ² Praise him, all his angels;
 praise him, all his host!
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon;
 praise him, all you shining stars!
- ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
- ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
 you sea monsters and all deeps,
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills,
 fruit trees and all cedars!
- ¹² Young men and women alike,
 old and young together!
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
 for his name alone is exalted;

Praise the Lord!

Greetings

Veikidavaki

Christ is born

Sa sucu na Karisito **Alleluia**

God is with us.

Na Karisito sa tiko vata kei keda **Alleluia**.

Christ comes to us,

Emmanuel, God with us.

Karisito sa lakovi keda mai,

Imanueli, Kalou sa tiko kei keda. **Alleluia**

Hymn

Matai ni Sere

Away in a manger

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-bqr2ca3jE> (Phil Wickham)

Away in a manger
No crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus
Lay down His sweet head

The stars in the sky
Look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The poor Baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
'Til morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me, I pray

Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And take us to Heaven
To live with Thee there

Prayer of Adoration Masu ni Vakacaucau

In the wake of storms, in the aftermath of cyclones, we gather to
celebrate the birth of the Christ child

Bidding: O come, let us adore him,
Response: **O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord**

In the midst of lockdowns, journeys disrupted, families separated,
we gather to celebrate the birth of the Christ child long ago.

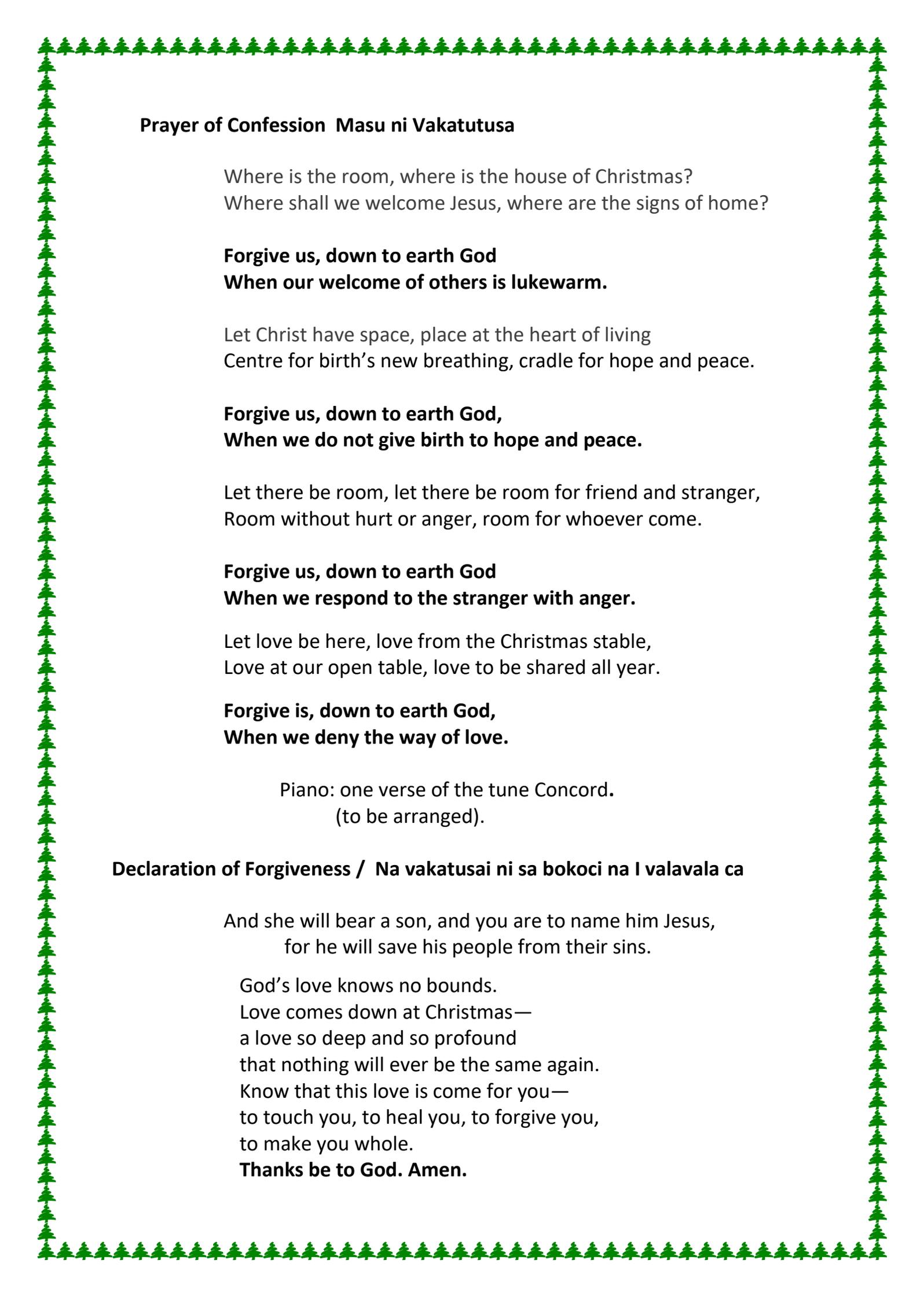
Bidding: Mai vakorokoroko,
Response: **Mai vakorokoroko,
Vei Karisito.**

In times of unsettling news, statistics of infection, we gather to
celebrate the birth of Christ anew in our lives

Bidding: O come, let us adore him,
Response: **O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord**

In a season of hope, in a season of joy, we gather to celebrate the
birth of Christ anew in our lives.

Bidding: Mai vakorokoroko,
Response: **Mai vakorokoroko,
Vei Karisito.**



Prayer of Confession Masu ni Vakaturusa

Where is the room, where is the house of Christmas?
Where shall we welcome Jesus, where are the signs of home?

**Forgive us, down to earth God
When our welcome of others is lukewarm.**

Let Christ have space, place at the heart of living
Centre for birth's new breathing, cradle for hope and peace.

**Forgive us, down to earth God,
When we do not give birth to hope and peace.**

Let there be room, let there be room for friend and stranger,
Room without hurt or anger, room for whoever come.

**Forgive us, down to earth God
When we respond to the stranger with anger.**

Let love be here, love from the Christmas stable,
Love at our open table, love to be shared all year.

**Forgive us, down to earth God,
When we deny the way of love.**

Piano: one verse of the tune Concord.
(to be arranged).

Declaration of Forgiveness / Na vakatusai ni sa bokoci na I valavala ca

And she will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.

God's love knows no bounds.
Love comes down at Christmas—
a love so deep and so profound
that nothing will ever be the same again.
Know that this love is come for you—
to touch you, to heal you, to forgive you,
to make you whole.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Peace

Na Vakacegu

The peace of the Christ-child be with you
And also with you

Veiliutaki: Me nomuni na vakacegu ni noda Turaga
Vavakoso: **Vei kemuni talega**

Doxology

Sere ni Tacake

(to be advised)

Learning Together

Nodra Gauna na Gone

Simeon and Anna

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SswGxaRo3dw>

SERVICE OF THE WORD / WILIKI NI VOSA NI KALOU

Bible Reading (1)

Lesoni

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

The Vindication and Salvation of Zion

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Bible Reading (2)

Lesoni

Luke 2:22-40

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon;^[d] this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.^[e]²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon^[f] came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon^[g] took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant^[h] in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon^[i] blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna^[1] the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child^[k] to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Hymn

Sere ni Vakavinavina

Star-child, Earth-child

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVcZBUP63qw>

Star Child, earth Child, go between of God,
love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lighting rod,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Grown child, old child, memory full of years,
sad child, lost child, story told in tears,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Spared child, spoiled child, memory full of years,
wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Hope-for-peace Child, God's stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child, Star of stars that shine,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Sermon **Vunau**

The birth of love in a time of

Song: **What child is this?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjBiWNj81NQ>

Offering Prayer **Soli kei na masulaki ni Soli –**

Notices **Gauna nei Tuirara –**

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer /

Veimasulaki kei na Masu ni Turaga

SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD /

NA NODRA TALAI YANI NATAMATA NI KALOU

Hymn

Sere ni Tini

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpgaWm2pnNs>

Joy to the world, the Lord has come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

(For those who might enjoy a more contemporary rendering:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtrnuG5wZ-Y>

Dismissal & Blessing / Masu kei na Masu ni Veivakalougatataki

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and shepherd
have found their way home,
The work of Christmas has begun

Let love be born anew
Go now to be the salt of earth,
A light to the nations,
Bearing the name of Christ joyfully.

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

May the peace of Christ
Whose birth we celebrate this day
And whose coming again we long for,
Be with you.

May the joy of the Spirit
With whom Mary found herself
To be with child
Be with you.

Now and always,

AMEN. EMENI

Sharing

Gauna ni Veiwasei