

# SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY TUVATUVA NI LOTU E NA SIGA TABU

**31 January 2021**

**Combined service**

On site: Leigh Memorial

On line: For this service all congregations

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**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**NA NODA SOQONI VATA NA TAMATA NI KALOU**

**Prelude to worship:** Alan

**Playing the Lali:** Siaki

**Introit:** Sere ni Curu Mai Fijian choir led by Mele

**Ni voleki mada**

1. Ni voleka mada  
Na Karisito  
Nomuni Kaukauwa  
Me kilai oqo.
2. Ni ceguva tiko  
Nomuni talai  
Nona cakacaka  
Me sa yaga mai.
3. Me sa rogo tale  
Na domomuni,  
Me macala kina  
Na Lomamuni.

## **The Lighting of the Christ candle**

Christine ?

**Call to worship:**                    **Domo ni Kacikaci**                    (from Psalm 111) **Vladimir**

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.

## **Acknowledgement of Country:** **Tupou plus LM / Westmead young person**

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.

We respect, honour and remember our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters past, present and future.

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.

We acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's on the lands in which we live on.

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 vakanuinui ni na ia na veisereki kei na veivakasaututaki.

We acknowledge the pain and suffering they still face to this day and stand in solidarity with them in hopes of justice.

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

May we commit to building a better and brighter future together.

Greetings

Veikidavaki

Vladimir

Hymn

Matai ni Sere

Stuart / Alan

**The Great South Lands of the holy Spirit version III**  
(Geoff Bullock)

These are Your nations, these are Your lands,  
our common future, and our shared hope.  
These lands of reaping, these lands of harvest,  
these are Your lands, these lands our home.

Chorus

These are the Great South Lands of the Holy Spirit,  
From lands of red dust plains to island rains;  
and in these sun-drenched lands we have seen Your love,  
and to these Great South Lands Your Spirit's come.

These are Your nations, these are Your lands,  
These lands of plenty, these lands of hope.  
The richest harvests are in their peoples,  
from age to age, Your Spirit's come.

Chorus

These are Your nations, these are Your lands,  
these blessed countries of dreams revived.  
And to Your people, we see a harvest  
and to these lands, Your spirit's come.

Chorus

Your Spirit's come,  
Your Spirit's come.

**Prayers of Adoration and Confession:           Masu ni Vakacaucau /Masu ni  
Vakatutusa**

(Casting our demons)

O Jesus Christ, Holy One of God,  
We give thanks that you move among humanity,

**In ancient days, in the synagogue in Capernaum,  
In this place, with us in Parramatta Mission.**

O Holy One of God, Jesus Christ,  
We give thanks for your life, teaching, compassionate ministry;

**That shows us what you want from us!  
That has authority to free us and changes our life and cultures!**

O Holy God, we thank you that you fill our world  
With grace, hope and life even as humanity  
faces the demons of brokenness;

**For your Spirit is like the grass shoots  
springing up between the concrete,  
Like the sun breaking through dark storm clouds.**

Let us pause now  
And add our confessions to our thanks and gratitude!

Forgive us, Holy God,  
when we avoid dealing with the power of oppression  
and evil in our world;

Evil in its quiet, hidden forms;  
all forms of inequality that hurt people,  
that make them feel small, invisible, unwanted,  
whether is it racism, gender or sexual inequality,  
age or ability discrimination!

Cast out our demons of avoidance and silence, Holy God:

**Release us, heals us so we can release new life in the world!**

Forgive us when we avoid the lives of people  
and the brokenness of the world  
Choosing to live safely in our own comfortable,  
isolated lives and communities,  
And not seeing that we separate ourselves from you, Holy God!

In the silence we name the things we have done  
that separate us from you and from others.  
Cast out our demons of avoidance and silence, Holy God:

**Release us, heals us so we can release new life in the world!**

Forgive us when we trust darkness more than we trust your light.  
Cast out our demons of avoidance and silence, Holy God:

**Release us, heals us so we can release new life in the world!**

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

Scripture says that those who are in Christ are a new creation;  
everything old has passed away; see, the new has come!  
Hear then Christ's word of grace to us:  
'Your sins are forgiven'  
**Thanks be to God.**

*(Source: ADAPTED: Cheryl Lawrie, [holdthisspace.org.au](http://holdthisspace.org.au))*

**The Peace**

**Na Vakacegu**

**Vladimir / Anare**

The peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

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

**Doxology**

**Sere ni Tacake**

**Fijian choir led by Mele**

**FHB 69: Au vakacaucau VAKACAUCAUTAKA GA**

1. Au vakacaucautaka ga  
Loloma I Jisu  
Ni dau loloma tikoga.  
Vei au na cala tu.

**Chrs:**

**Loloma levu dina ga,  
Loloma I Jisu  
Tawa tukuni rawa ga  
Ni levu sara tu.**

2. Ko Jisu au sa rai vua  
Na dau lomani au.  
Ka vu ni bula talega  
Ko koya kivei au.
3. I Jisu, luve ni Kalou  
Au kerei kemuni  
Mo ni vakavulici au.  
Me'u sa qai nomuni.
4. Me'u dau nanumi kemumi.  
Me'u dina tikoga  
Ka dau totaki kemuni  
Ni levu tu na ca.

**Learning Together**

**Nodra Gauna na Gone**

God is good,  
**ALL THE TIME**

All the time,  
**GOD IS GOOD.**

The time when the gospel came

**Suguta**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD / WILIKI NI VOSA NI KALOU**

**A New Prophet Like Moses**

<sup>15</sup> The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet<sup>[a]</sup> like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>16</sup> This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup> Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet<sup>[c]</sup> like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet,<sup>[d]</sup> who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup> Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet<sup>[e]</sup> shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup> But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> The 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.

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**The Man with an Unclean Spirit**

<sup>21</sup>They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He<sup>[a]</sup> commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**'What do you think?**

3 one-minute impressions of the gospel from the congregations

Anare Samantha Karen to determine who.

**Hymn**

Sere ni Vakavinavinaka

**"Christ be our light"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJq3bhdgQoc>

Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to You.  
Make us Your own, Your holy people  
Light for the world to see.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled  
Longing for hope, many despair  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.



Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us Your bread, broken for others  
Shared until all are fed.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us Your building, sheltering others  
Walls made of living stone.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Many the gift, many the people  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another  
Making Your kingdom come.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Sermon

Vunau

Clive

Jesus the stranger

Hymn:

Sere:

“Who is this man?”

(Lyrics: Mary Pearson, Tune: Londonderry Air)

(Stuart playing piano, no one singing in church unless regs have changed)

Who is this man who gave to women dignity  
in partnership of worth and equal grace?  
Who listened to the stories that they told him,  
and honoured each, whatever was their place:  
who let them choose to come and join his company  
and learned with them God’s love of every race,  
who showed to each the courage of their nature  
to care and tend each lonely and each suffering face.

Who is this man, who spoke to men of gentleness  
and showed them all the children at his side:  
who taught of love and justice for all people,  
and took a towel and washed away their pride?  
In him they saw the strength of truth and mercy,  
and how he trusted God to be his guide,  
knew how he led them through misunderstanding,  
and then forgave them when they ran away to hide.

Who is this man who gathered people to him  
and touched their lives along each dusty way,  
who spoke to all with passion and with peacefulness  
and valued all their ordinary days.

Who is this man, who at the day’s long ending,  
would draw apart to wait on God and pray?  
Who in the mystery that knows no ending,  
would find God’s wisdom  
and would know God’s words to say?

Who is this man who calls us now to follow,  
a shadow presence asking us to be  
companions on the way through this life journey,  
to live in truth, to set our tired world free?  
So, let us find each other now in partnership,  
with ears to hear and eyes awake to see,  
that we might grow in grace and understanding,  
and walk beside that man who comes from Galilee.

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

**Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer /**

**Veimasulaki kei na Masu ni Turaga.**

Prayers of the people

Westmead

Lord's Prayer

Anare in Fijian

**SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD /**

**NA NODRA TALAI YANI NATAMATA NI KALOU**

**Hymn: FHB 139: I Jisu na Karisto**

**Fijian choir led by Mele**

1. I Jisu na Karisito  
Na I Vakabula Vakalou  
Au leqa sara tu oqo  
Ni tauri au e dai.

**Chorus:**

**Ni tauri au e dai  
Ni tauri au e dai  
Nai Vakabula Vakalou  
Ni tauri au e dai.**

2. E dina, au tamata ca  
Au lako sese tikoga  
Ka'u nuitaka tu na dra  
Ni tauri au e dai.
3. E sega ni'u dodonu tu  
Sa tawa yaga noqui gu.  
Ko ni dodonu ga Jisu.  
Ni tauri au e dai.
4. Au cuva no vei Kemuni  
Gadreva meu sa nomuni  
Me yaco na Lomamuni.  
Ni tauri au e dai.

**Dismissal & Blessing / Masu kei na Masu ni Veivakalougatataki**

**Vladimir**

May Jesus who is the living Bread  
feed you, and give you strength to do his work.  
The Light of the World  
shine on you and  
shine through you.

The Good Shepherd  
guide you safely  
through the green pastures  
and through the dark valleys.

The Resurrection and the Life  
raise you up to  
newness of life.

The Way, Truth and the Life  
be with you, now and forever,

**Amen.**

*(Source: ADAPTED: Ian Cowie, from 'A Book of Blessings' by Ruth Burgess)*

**Vladimir**

**Sharing**

**Gauna ni Veiwasei**