

Service of the Lord's Day Tuatua ni Lotu e na Siga Tabu

'One church, many members
30 May 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:

Introit: Sere ni Curu Mai Fijian choir led by Mele

FHB: 267 Ni Voleka 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

Call to worship: Domo ni Kacikaci

‘There’s a spirit in the air’.

Acknowledgement of Country:

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.

Greetings Veikidavaki

Prayers of Adoration: Masu ni Vakacaucau /

Spirit of God, you blow like the wind,
You tug away at our lives,
Ruffle our habits and conventions
Amen

Hymn: Matai ni Sere

‘Holy Spirit, you are welcome here’ (Fijian youth)

Prayer of Confession:

Masu ni Vakaturusa

Forgive us, good and gracious God,
For those times
We have turned a deaf ear
To your Spirit of Life.

For those times we have allowed
Our hopes to be dashed;
Our hearts have become heavy.
We have forgotten that you call us
To love our neighbour as ourselves.

Forgive us, good and gracious God,
For those times
We have looked away
And denied your Spirit of Truth.

We have allowed ourselves to fall victim
To gossip, alternative 'facts' and half-truths;
We have not always stood up
For what is right and just
And against that which is fake news.
We have denied your call to love justice,
Be merciful and walk humbly with you.

Forgive us, good and gracious God
For those times
We have neglected the way
Your Spirit hovered over the face of creation.

We have not cared for your earth;
We have not come to our senses.
We have felt so small
And the problems
facing the world seem so large
And so we do little.

Forgive us, God of Jesus Christ,
**For those times we take
Your name so lightly
And lose sight of how
it is the Spirit's work
To create within us the confession
That Jesus Christ is Lord.**

A time of silent confession

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Remain seated to sing

Hymn: TiS 398: 'Come down, O Love divine'.

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.

Song: TiS 720 'Halle, halle, hallelujah'.

The Peace Na Vakacegu

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

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

The service of the Word / Wiliki ni vosa ni kalou

Learning Together Nodra Gauna na Gone

God is good,
ALL THE TIME

All the time,
GOD IS GOOD.

Ezekiel 37:1-14: 'Dem bones'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INjE1Se9Y7s>

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

Dramatic reading: youth fellowship

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" **13** But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious
day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall
be saved.’

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate ^[a] will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about ^[b] sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Reading from: 'One body, many members'

1. IN WORSHIP AND RESPONSE TO THE CREATOR GOD: celebrates, confesses and acts out its faith in the one sovereign God who through Jesus Christ binds in covenant faithful people of all races, ethnicities, cultures and languages.

5. WITHIN THE MISSION OF GOD: responds to God's call through the Holy Spirit to participate in God's mission of doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God through Christ in all communities, with all peoples, in all places moving towards the fulfilled reign of God which will be multicultural.

What do you think?

Mario de Reland
Vara Rogoimuri

Hymn

Sere ni Vakavinavinaka

‘Spirit of God, unseen as the wind’
(Skye Boat Song).

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind
Gentle, as is the dove
Teach us the truth and help us believe
Show us the Saviour’s love.*

You spoke to us long, long ago,
Gave us the written word;
We read it still,
Needing its truth,
Through it God’s voice is heard.

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind
Gentle, as is the dove
Teach us the truth and help us believe
Show us the Saviour’s love.*

Without your help we fail our Lord
We cannot live His way;
We need your power,
We need your strength,
Following Christ’s way.

Sermon

Vunau

Clive / Isa

Hymn / Sere: FHB 101 Yalo Tabu Vuni Dina

Offering Prayer Soli kei na masulaki ni Soli

**Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer /
Veimasulaki kei na Masu ni Turaga.**

Prayers of the people
Lord's Prayer

**Sending Forth the People of God /
Na Nodra Talai Yani Natamata Ni Kalou**

Hymn / Sere: TiS 411: 'Filled with the Spirit's
power'

Word of Mission: 'inSpire us, three-in-one God'.

Blessing / Masu kei na Masu ni Veivakalougatataki

'The Blessing' – Elevation Worship. (Fijian youth).