

**Welcome to Worship**

**TUVATUVA NI LOTU E NA SIGA TABU**

**Sunday 2 May, 2021**

**EASTER 5**



**Abiding in Christ**

Lali

Isaia

**Introit: FHB 270: Mo ni totaka na Kalou**

**Vakavinavinakataki na Veiciqomi:**

**Acknowledgement of Country: Ken**

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 vakanuini 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 vakanuini ena veisiga vinaka ni mataka.

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

**Call to worship / Greetings      Veikidavaki**

*(from Psalm 22: 25-27)*

From you, O God,  
comes the theme of my praise  
in the great assembly;  
before those who fear you  
I will fulfil my vows.

**The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
Those who seek the Lord will praise  
May your hearts live forever.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember  
And turn to the Lord;  
All the families of the nations  
Shall worship God.

To the Fijian community,  
The church of Parramatta,  
On-line and on-site,  
Grace and peace to you  
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
**And also to you.**

### **Lighting the Christ candle.**

Christ Jesus is the Light of the world.

### **Welcome back**

God is good,  
**All the time**  
All the time,  
**God is good.**

**Sere: FHB 9: Kalou Cecere Duabau**

### **A Litany for an Easter People**

(including Prayers of Adoration and Masu ni Vakacaucau;  
Prayer of Confession: / Masu ni Vakaturusa )

We have heard the call  
To follow the way of Christ:

We have surveyed his cross,  
Marked by betrayal, false witness,  
A crown of thorns and  
Wounds that lead to death:

**The word of the cross  
Is a folly, a scandal,  
A nonsense, a stumbling block.**

We have heard the call  
To follow the way of Christ:

We have seen where they laid  
The cross-bound Christ, alone,  
Locked down in a guarded,  
Sealed and borrowed tomb.

We have sung 'my song is love unknown',  
'O sacred head sore wounded',  
'Here hangs a man discarded',  
'Were you there when they laid  
His body in the tomb'.

**The word of the cross  
Is a folly, a scandal,  
A nonsense, a stumbling block.**

We have heard the call  
To follow the way of Christ.

We have heard the women say  
The stone is rolled away,  
The body is gone.

For some 'an idle tale', (Luke)  
For others a moment of doubt, (John)  
And for others again, fear (Mark).

**Christ is risen,  
He is risen indeed.**

We have heard the call  
To follow the way of Christ.

We have marked  
The sign of the cross upon our foreheads;  
We have renewed our baptismal vows.

**Through Christ's death  
We die to our old selves:  
Through his being raised from the dead  
We seek to rise to new life.**

We are a new people in Christ.

inSpire us God of new beginnings

**When we feel trapped  
By the past and the present:**

inSpire us God of a new creation

**When we feel hemmed in  
Rumour, gossip, complaint  
And waves of tiredness.**

inSpire us lifegiving God  
Who raised Christ from the dead:

**When we feel cold and alone  
In tombs of buried hopes.**

**Na vakatusai ni sa bokoci na I valavala ca / Words of Assurance:**

Just as Jesus came to his disciples after he had risen and  
spoke to them of peace,  
hear again his words as they come to us:

Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sere: 'Halle, Halle, hallelujah'". (2 times)**

Halle, halle, hallelujah  
Halle, halle, hallelujah  
Halle, halle, hallelujah  
Halle, halle, hallelujah

**Na Vakacegu / Sharing the Peace:**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Be with you all:  
**And also with you.**

**Service of the Word**

**Nodra Gauna na Gone / Learning Together**

Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch  
[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=TGEqn7\\_teFo](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=TGEqn7_teFo)

Philip and the Ethiopian song  
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v+17EEg8o69Fg>

## **Gauna ni Veiwasei / Sharing:**

### **Lisoni / Readings:**

**Pita and William Satala**

Your word O God is a lamp to our feet  
**and a light to our path.**

#### **Lisoni (1)**

Let us listen for the word of God in the Epistles:  
1 John 4: 7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent us his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.

Those who say “I love God and hate their brothers and sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sister also.

### **Lisoni (2).**

Let us listen for the word of God in the Gospel:

John 15: 1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

May your word live in us  
**and bear much fruit in our lives.**

**Reflection:**

**Seru**

**Vunau / Sermon**    On ‘abiding’ and living “in Christ”

Sere: FHB 65: Loloma i Jisu

Soli kei na masulaki ni Soli.  
The Offering and Prayer:

Veimasulaki kei na Masu ni Turaga /The Prayer for Others  
Rogoimuri family

The Lord's Prayer.

## COMMUNION

Invitation:

Come now to this table  
where the living Christ  
offers us bread broken for our journey  
and wine poured out  
for our life in this world.

Sere: FHB 291 Au sa qai matalau

Thanksgiving:

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**

Good and gracious God,  
You are the one in whom  
we live and move and have our being:  
we are restless until we find our life in you.



We thank you, God,  
that from the beginning  
You made the world, the seas,  
Islands and continents,  
and all their creatures.

You made people, **I taukei**,  
male and female,  
in your image,  
to live for you and each other.

**We praise you, God our creator,**  
**Kalou Dauveibuli**

We thank you, God,  
For your coming to us in  
Christ Jesus, **Karisito Jisu**,  
your beloved Son:

We thank You for his teaching,  
his ministry of healing,  
the way in which he drew alongside  
all sorts of people and  
for the way in which he embodied  
your will for us.

We are filled with sorrow  
that he should have been  
despised, rejected, betrayed,  
handed over, crucified:

We are filled with hope  
because you raised him from the dead;  
that he is now ascended,  
once more with you in your presence;

and that you now come to us  
in and through the Spirit, **yalo tabu**,  
who enables us to confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord

**We are yours: we belong to Christ.**  
**Keimami sa nomuni, Keimami sa nei Karisito**

And so, now, with all those  
who have gone before us  
and with those who will come after us  
with the whole creation  
we sing your praises:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Donu, Donu, Donu, oi kemuni na Kalou,  
Kalou kaukauwa duabau,  
Sa sinai e lomalagi kei vuravura ena nomuni serau,  
Osana ki cake sara!**

**Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Sa kalougata ko koya sa lako mai ena yaca ni Turaga!  
Osana ki cake sara!**

Come, let us now heed the words of Jesus  
On the night of his betrayal and arrest:

Let us take bread and wine,  
The ordinary things of this world,  
The fruit of the land.

Let us remember the last meal  
The cross-bound Jesus  
Shared with disciples on his way  
To the garden of Gethsemane,  
And beyond to the place of Golgotha;

Let us take the bread and the wine  
As the two who made their way home  
On the road to Emmaus did so long ago  
And came to recognize Jesus,  
The risen Christ in their midst.

We now come to share bread and wine:

Christ Jesus, bound and risen.  
Wounded and ascended,  
You are our host:  
And you are our guest.

**We are yours:  
We belong to Christ**

We cannot share friendship of your table

**And forget those who are in lockdown,  
Those most vulnerable to the virus,  
Our neighbours in distant lands,  
Those who mourn,  
And those who cannot be with loved ones.**

We cannot take the bread

**And forget those who are hungry  
Those whose income has been reduced,  
And those who are homeless**

We cannot take the wine

**And forget those who thirst  
For what is right and just;  
Those whose cries have been ignored;  
Those who have suffered  
Betrayal and abuse.**

### **Prayer of Consecration:**

God of compassion, wounded God,  
God of the cross-bound Christ,  
Send down your Spirit:

May this bread and wine  
Become for us the body of Christ,  
Healing, forgiving, making us whole  
So that we become, for you,  
Loving, caring, bearing witness in hope  
To a world in need of recovery.

Among friends, gathered around a table,

Jesus took the bread and said:  
'This is my body broken for you'.

And later he took the cup and said,  
'This is my blood shed for you'.

'Do this in remembrance of me'.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

**Sa mate na Karisito  
Sa tucake na Karisito  
Ena lesu tale main a Karisito**

The bread we break is a sharing  
in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,  
For we all share the one bread.  
Eda lewe levu ia da sa dua bau ga  
Eda sa vakaivotavota ena madrai oqo**

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks  
Is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**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**

## **Jisu Lami ni Kalou**

Jesus, lamb of God.  
**Have mercy on us.**

**Jisu, Lami ni Kalou  
Ni lomani keimami**

Jesus, bearer of our sins.  
**Have mercy on us.**

**Jisu, ko ni colata na neimami valavala ca  
Ni lomani keimami**

Jesus, redeemer of the world.  
**Grant us your peace.**

Jisu nai Vakabula  
**Me sobuti keimami na nomuni vakacegu**

**The Distribution:**

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You put your life in our hands,  
Now we put our lives in yours.

**Take us, mould us, remake us  
For we have broken bread together:  
We have drunk the cup of wine.**

We have shared in the mystery  
Of your death and rising to life again.  
We are your people.

**Our hope is in you,  
To the close of the age, Amen.**

**Sere:        FHB 216.        Tawa kilai vei au oqo**

**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:  
Abide in you.

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

## **Lamb of God:**

## **Distribution:**

*We will take the bread together*

(AK) "The Body of Christ, broken for you".

*We will take the juice together*

(C). "The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ shed for you".

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Lord Jesus Christ,  
You put your life in our hands,  
Now we put our lives in yours.

**Take us, mould us, remake us  
For we have broken bread together:  
We have drunk the cup of wine.**

We have shared in the mystery  
Of your death and rising to life again.

**Our hope is in you,  
To the close of the age, Amen.**

**Gauna nei Tuirara**

**Notices:**

**Sere ni Tini: FHB**

**Masu kei na Masu ni Veivakalougatataki  
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:  
Embrace you.

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