

200th Anniversary – Combined Service

Tuvatuva ni Lotu e na Siga Tabu

10.00am, Sunday, 20th June, 2021

Leigh Memorial Uniting Church, Parramatta Mission



Organ prelude:

Alan O'Reilly

Lali

Isaia Vakabua

Acknowledgement of country/

Vakavinavinakataki na Veiciqom

Nathan Tyson

Introit:

Ni voleka mada (Jesus stand among us)

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| 1. Ni voleka mada Na Karisito Nomuni Kaukauwa Me kilai oqo. | Jesus, stand among us in your risen pow'r. Let this time of worship Be a hallowed hour. |
| 2. Ni ceguva tiko Nomuni talai Nona cakacaka Me sa yaga mai. | Breathe the Holy Spirit Into ev'ry heart Bid the fears and sorrows From each soul depart. |
| 3. Me sa rogo tale Na domomuni, Me macala kina Na Lomamuni. | Thus, with quickened footsteps we'll pursue our way watching for the dawning Of eternal day. |

Song leader: Mele Dovibua

Call to worship

Rev. Vladimir Korotkov

Isaiah 51:1:

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Consider well the rock from which you were hewn.

Robert Key

From Walter Lawry's diary, 21 April, 1821:

"Yesterday our new Chapel in Parramatta was opened to our very great mutual joy. The Reverend Ralph Mansfield preached in the morning at half past nine, from Proverbs 4.2, myself in the afternoon from Isaiah 53.11, and the Reverend Benjamin Carvosso in the evening from Psalm 118.25. Collections at night were 9 pounds, 2 shillings and 7 pence. A day of great good."

Thomas Morgan

Welcome /Veikidavaki

Rev. Vladimir Korotkov

The Christ candle is lit.

Christine Dovibua

Christ Jesus is the light of the world.

Hymn / Sere: 'As we meet in celebration'

(Tune: Regent Square; Lyrics: Mary Pearson).

- 1. As we meet in celebration,
In this place of faith and prayer,
We remember those before us
Whose inheritance we share;
And, with joy, we join together
Praising God who calls us here.**
- 2. As each age brings new horizons,
To the challenge of our faith,
We give thanks for those whose vision
Built of wood and stone this place,
And, for those who coming after,**

Varied causes did embrace.

**3. Many were the time and talents
Given here in Jesus' name,
As the people sought for truth
In war and peacetime, joy and pain.
We now stand in that tradition
For our world, to do the same.**

**4. Now we gather here together,
Looking forward from our past,
In this fragile world, to follow
With God's grace, the truth that lasts,
That, with those who follow after,
We may worship with full hearts.**

From Walter Lawry's diary, 12 June 1821:

"I have laid out 300 pounds in building a new Chapel at this place. My affairs were much embarrassed through it, but the work of the Lord prospered. A few days ago, His Excellency Governor Macquarie, gave me 600 acres of land, which I can sell for 300 pounds. This came in the way of Providence without the least expectation on my part."

Thomas Morgan

Prayer of Approach / Masu ni Vakacaucau

Rev. Vladimir Korotkov

For many thousands of years
Indigenous peoples gathered in this place
For food, for stories, in friendship.

A thousand years are like an evening gone,
God of time, God of space, Creator God:

Over the course of time others have come,
Lived and worship here:

In this moment in time we reach back
And stretch out our hands and hearts
To those who have dwelt here in the past:
We cast our eyes and ears towards
Those who will follow us and look back on us.

On this day we assemble on land, on country

That has seen much, much that was good,
And much that was not good.
We gather to worship you, creator God,
In whose image all people are made:
We come to worship you in spirit and in truth,
In the name of Christ Jesus,
The one in whom, through whom, and for whom
All things were made, Amen.

An Act of Confession and Trust in God / Masu ni Vakatumusa.
Rev. Clive Pearson

The apostle Paul wrote:
Only let your manner of life
Be worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ:

Forgive us, compassionate and merciful God,
For those times
Our faith has not been good news
For those in whose midst we dwell.

The apostle Paul wrote:
Do good to all.

Forgive us, compassionate and merciful God,
For those times
We have failed to speak out for what is right
And do what is good,
And others have suffered.

Jesus said:
Love God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind:

Forgive us, compassionate and merciful God,
For those times
We have not loved you
And we have followed the idols of our day.

Jesus said:
Love your neighbour as yourself.

Forgive us, compassionate and merciful God,

**For those times
We have pushed others to the margins:
For those times
We have forgotten to love ourselves**

What does the Lord require of you,
But to act justly, to love mercy,
To walk humbly with God.

*Time of silence.
We stand to sing in alternate verses.*

TiS 209 / FHB (Charles Wesley): *And can it be that I should gain*

- 1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

Refrain:
**Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

- 2. Sa boko li na noqu ca
E Vuku I Karisito
Sa Dave li na noa dra
Me'u bula mai, koi au oqo
Loloma levu dina ga
Vei au nai valavala ca**

Refrain:
**Loloma levu dina ga
Vei au nai valavala ca**

- 3. 'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies:
Who can explore this strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.**

'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

Refrain

'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

4. Sa buta mada ko Jisu
Na I tikotiko VaKalou
Ni a lomani keda tu
Me noda ga na bula vou
Au sa qoroya, ka'u doka
Loloma Vakalou ko ya

Refrain:

Au sa qoroya, ka'u doka
Loloma Vakalou ko ya

5. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Refrain

My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

6. Au a sa tiko mai na ca
Ka a vauci au makawa tu
E daidai au serkei ga,
Ni ka'u sa qai kilai Jisu
Au sa lalalaga mai na ca,
Me'u muri koya sara ga.

Refrain

Au sa lalalaga mai na ca,
Me'u muri koya sara ga.

**Declaration of Forgiveness /
Na vakatusai ni sa bokoci na I valavala ca
Rev. Clive Pearson**

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
Rev. Clive Pearson**

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

Me nomuni na vakacegu ni noda Turaga
Vei kemuni talega

**Learning Together: Nodra Gauna na Gone
The Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian Sunday Schools**

Going to Sunday School 200 years ago

Proverbs 4:2

Listen, children, to a parent's instruction,
and be attentive, that you may gain^[a] insight;
² for I give you good precepts:
do not forsake my teaching.

(from the first service of Good Friday, 1821).

Sunday School time, 1821: our characters –

*Rev. Walter Lawry - Thomas Morgan
Mrs. Mary Lawry - Shaalane Srambikal
Superintendent Bradley (pardoned convict) - Ken Morgan
and Milese Ofa Foiakau and the teachers
and children of the Leigh Fijian Sunday School
& the Leigh Memorial Sunday School.*

Readings / Lisoni

Isaiah 53:1-12 (Lawry preached on 53:11).

Beverly Beaman

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering^[a] and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces^[b]
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹ They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb^[c] with the rich,^[d]
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.^[e]
When you make his life an offering for sin,^[f]
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;

through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see light;^[g]

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one,^[h] my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors.

Lisoni Matthew 7:26-29

Henry Seru

²⁴ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

²⁸ Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹ for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Photo montage – *Through the years...*

Henry Seru

Hymn / Sere: *For all Christ's friends.*

(Tune: Sine Nomine; Lyrics: Bill Wallace).

For all Christ's friends

whose lives this world have blessed

Why by their faith and actions Christ confessed.

We praise you Lord, their source of graciousness

Alleluia, Alleluia.

You were their hope,

their comfort, their delight

You helped them grow in wisdom and might:

**In joy and pain you were there one true light.
*Alleluia, alleluia.***

**Like them may we
have Christ-like caring ways,
Lived with wonder, tenderness and praise,
That we may live for others all our days,
*Alleluia, alleluia.***

**Sermon / Vunau: *Rev. Simon Hansford*
(Moderator, Synod of NSW/ACT).**

Hymn / Sere:FHB 61 Au sa ravi dina Jisu

- 1. Au sa ravi dina Jisu,
Kivei kemuni
Ko cei tale me veivuke?
Ko cei li?**
- 2. Mo ni kua ga Ni cudru,
Ni'u sa cuva no
Kivei kemuni oqori
Au sa dro.**
- 3. Na yaloqu me sa vui
Mai na I tovo ca,
Au sa mani savai sara
Tikoga.**
- 4. Sala ga ni veituberi
Dusivaka mai,
E veisiga, e veigauna.
Ni'u talai.**
- 5. Au sa ravi sara yano
Ni keveti au,
E na veiveigauna Jisu,
Me'u marau.**

(English translation below)

1. *I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.*
2. *I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.*
3. *I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.*
4. *I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.*
5. *I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.*

'Beyond Parramatta' – by August 1822, the Lawrys had arrived in Tonga via New Zealand. The first steps had been made in the connection between Parramatta and the islands, firstly Tonga and then Fiji.

Rev. Clive Pearson

The offering.

(Organ solo)

Alan O'Reilly

Prayer for the offering/ Soli kei na masulaki ni Soli

(The offering will be dedicated to a baptismal font to celebrate 200 years).

Rev. Clive Pearson

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Johana Vulawalu

Prayer for the world/ Veimasulaki kei na Masu ni Turaga

Maca Toa

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Vladimir Korotkov

Words of mission / 'inSpire a new day.'

Rev. Clive Pearson

Hymn / Sere:TiS 217 *Love divine, all loves excelling*

(Tune: Hyfrydol; Lyrics: Charles Wesley)

**Love divine, all loves excelling
Joy of Heaven to Earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus, Thou art all compassion
Pure, unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart**

**Come almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy life receive
Suddenly return and never
Never more Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love**

**Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be,
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory
Till in Heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder, love and praise**

Benediction Masu kei na Masu ni Veivakalougatataki

Rev. Vladimir Korotkov