

Lent 4 – 10 March 2024**Celebrant:** Rev Derek Keatley**Preacher:** Rev Derek Keatley**Liturgical Assistant:** Brodie Blackman

Derek	Welcome and opening prayer
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1 – THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE

<p>v.1 Lord I come to you Let my heart be changed, renewed Flowing from the grace That I found, in you And Lord I've come to know The weaknesses I see, in me Will be stripped away By the power of your love</p>	<p><u>Chorus:</u> <i>Hold me close let your love surround me Bring me near draw me to your side And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle And I will soar with you Your spirit leads me on In the power of your love</i></p>
<p>v.2 Lord unveil my eyes Let me see you face, to face The knowledge of your love As you live, in me Lord renew my mind As your will unfolds in my life In living every day In the power of your love</p>	<p><u>Chorus:</u> <i>Hold me close let your love surround me Bring me near draw me to your side And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle And I will soar with you Your spirit leads me on In the power of your love</i></p>

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2 – BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

<p>V.1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.</p>	<p>V.2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.</p>
<p>V.3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace. No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.</p>	<p>V.4 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.</p>

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Brodie	<p>In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life. Amen.</p> <p>Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.</p> <p>God is with us, here we find new life.</p> <p>Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.</p> <p>Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.</p>
Brodie	<p>We recite together, by half-alternate verse, (Benny-die-city) Benedicite Aotearoa</p> <p>O give thanks to our God who is good: whose love endures for ever.</p> <p>You sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky: give to our God your thanks and praise.</p> <p>Sunrise and sunset, night and day: give to our God your thanks and praise.</p> <p>All mountains and valleys, grassland and scree, glacier, avalanche, mist and snow: give to our God your thanks and praise.</p> <p>Benedicite Aotearoa</p> <p>You kauri and pine, rata and kōwhai, mosses and ferns: give to our God your thanks and praise.</p> <p>Dolphins and kahawai, sealion and crab, coral, anemone, pipi and shrimp: give to our God your thanks and praise.</p> <p>Rabbits and cattle, moths and dogs kiwi and sparrow and tūi and hawk: give to our God your thanks and praise.</p> <p>Benedicite Aotearoa</p>

	<p>You Māori and Pākehā, women and men, all who inhabit the long white cloud: give to our God your thanks and praise.</p> <p>All you saints and martyrs of the South Pacific: give to our God your thanks and praise.</p>
Brodie	<p>Please sit Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings. Silence God forgives and heals us. We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.</p>
Derek	<p><i>The minister says:</i> Hear the word of God to all. God shows love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Amen.</p>

Brodie	<p>The sentence of the day is taken from Psalm 107</p> <p>Then they cried to you O Lord in their trouble: and you rescued them from their distress. Let them thank you O Lord for your steadfast love; for the wonders that you do for us. Let them offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Psalm 107:19, 21,22</i></p>
Brodie	<p>We pray together the Collect</p> <p>Most merciful God, by the passion of your Son Jesus Christ you delivered us from the power of darkness; grant that through faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may be found acceptable in your sight, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.</p>

READINGS

Julie-ann	Hebrew Scriptures <i>Numbers 21:4-9</i>
Keith	The Epistle <i>Ephesians 2:1-10</i>

GRADUAL HYMN – NOW UNTO HIM

V.1

Now unto him who is able to keep
 Able to keep you from falling
 And present you faultless
 before the presence of his glory
 With exceeding joy
 To the only wise God and Saviour
 Be glory and majesty
 Dominion and power both now and forever
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James	The Holy Gospel St John, Chapter 3, verses 14-21
Derek	Sermon
Brodie	<p>We stand and affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed <i>(stand facing the high altar during the Creed)</i></p> <p>I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. Affirmation of Faith On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</p>

Brodie	Let us pray for the church and the world, giving thanks for God's goodness
Hazel	The Prayers of the People are offered

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Derek	<p>The Peace (<i>all standing</i>)</p> <p>The peace of God be with you all. In God's justice is our peace.</p> <p>E te whānau / Brothers and sisters, Christ calls us to live in unity. We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.</p>
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OFFERTORY HYMN - COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

<p>V.1 Come down, O Love divine Seek thou this soul of mine and visit it with Thine own ardour glowing: O comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.</p>	<p>V.2 O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming; and let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.</p>
<p>V.3 Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing; true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.</p>	<p>V.4 And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.</p>

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Derek	<p>God of all creation, you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine will be for us the body and blood of Christ. All you have made is good. Your love endures for ever.</p>
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Derek	<p>The Spirit of God be with you. And also with you. Lift your hearts to heaven where Christ in glory reigns.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to God. It is right to offer thanks and praise.</p> <p>It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin. God's love is shown to us: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.</p> <p>In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God. By Christ's journey into darkness are we all brought home; by his agony and bloody sweat are we come finally to life; the tree of shame is now the tree of glory. In your mercy you are now our God. Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed. Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.</p> <p>Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets,</p>
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with all the redeemed,
joyfully we praise you and say:
Holy, holy, holy:
God of mercy, giver of life;
earth and sea and sky
and all that lives,
declare your presence and your glory.

All glory to you, Giver of life
sufficient and full for all creation.
Accept our praises,
living God, for Jesus Christ,
the one perfect offering for the world,
who in the night that he was betrayed,
took bread,
and when he had given thanks,
broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.
After supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you, and for many,
to forgive sin.
Do this as often as you drink it
to remember me.
Therefore, God of all creation,
in the suffering and death
of Jesus our redeemer,
we meet you in your glory.
We lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name.
Here and now, with this bread and wine,
we celebrate your great acts of liberation,
ever present and living in Jesus Christ,
crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come.
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty
be our new and living way,
our access to you, Father,
and source of all new life.
In Christ we offer ourselves
to do your will.
Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,
feed us with your life,
fire us with your love,

	<p>confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.</p> <p>Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.</p>
Derek	<p>As Christ teaches us, we sing and pray: The Lord's Prayer</p>
	<p>The Communion 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.</p> <p><i>The priest may lift the cup.</i> <i>The priest says</i> The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.</p> <p>The Invitation <i>Lifting the bread and cup, the priest invites the people, saying</i> Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God. May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.</p>

COMMUNION SONG 1 – BLESS THE LORD MY SOULD (Taize Chant)

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

COMMUNION SONG 2 – FATHER, WE ADORE YOU

Father we adore you.
Lay my life before you, How we love you.

Jesus we adore you.
Lay my life before you, How we love you.

Spirit we adore you.
Lay my life before you, How we love you.

COMMUNION SONG 3 – ALL TO JESUS, I SURRENDER

v.1
All to Jesus, I surrender
All to Thee I freely give
I will ever love and trust You
In Your presence daily live
I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour
I surrender all

v.2
All to Jesus, I surrender
Lord, I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Your love and power
Let Your blessing fall on me
I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour
I surrender all

v.3
All to Jesus I surrender
Now I feel the sacred flame
O the joy of full salvation
Glory, glory, to Your name

v.4
I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour
I surrender all (I surrender all)
I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour
I surrender all (all to Thee, my blessed)
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour
I surrender all

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Brodie	Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.
Derek	Blessing <i>Words not on Powerpoint</i>
Derek	Notices

RECESSIONAL HYMN - LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING

<p>V.1 Lord, the light of your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.</p>	<p><i>CHORUS</i> Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.</p>
<p>V.2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence, From the shadows into your radiance; By the blood I may enter your brightness, Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me.</p>	<p><i>CHORUS:</i> Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.</p>
<p>V.3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness, So our faces display your likeness, Ever changing from glory to glory; Mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me.</p>	<p><i>CHORUS:</i> Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.</p>

THE DISMISSAL OF THE COMMUNITY

Brodie	<p>Grace be with you. Thanks be to God.</p> <p>Go in peace. Amen. We go in the name of Christ.</p>
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