



14 July 2019

Worship Leader: Rev Dr Robyn McPhail

Musicians: Dave Hallam (KK) Clyde Foster (Kaeo)

Readers: Marie Cannon (KK) tba (Kaeo)

Here each Sunday we pray God's blessing over our buildings: thanks for the good that has happened through the week and cleansing for anything troublesome. May the Spirit touch all who come into our church and into our homes.



Being family, we watch out for, and care for, one another.
Tātou tātou e

Settling in

Gathering with all the Saints

Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

BLESSED IS GOD, WHO CALLS US TO STOP MEASURING OUT OUR LOVE.

Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

BLESSED IS GOD, WHO REVEALS TO US WHO WE ARE
AND WHO WE COULD BE.

Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out
on every single person.

BLESSED IS GOD, WHO GIVES US COMPASSION TO SHARE.

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Hymn [KK] *With a hoot and a toot* AA161

[KAEO] *E te Atua kua ruia nei* tune: Amazing Grace

Settling

Let us wait in silence on God who often speaks in whispers

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We have come together
in response to God's loving call,
to ask for God's strength
and grace in our lives,
to support one another in love,
and to pray for those in need.

We come as people who want
to share their own stories,
to listen to others,
and to be signs to the world
of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Symbol of God's Presence

Hymn *Be still my soul* WOV48 [Marie's choice]

Clarifying our Purpose

Conversation with the Word

Reading Amos 7:7-17

Reflection Plumb Line for Living

Show and tell with a plumb line...

Amos turns down the first suggestion that he is a prophet. He's completely comfortable with the talk about a plumb line. He knows how to use one those, the good farmer that he is. But when it comes to the prophet idea, no, that's not me, he says.

Think of a time when you rejected God's idea, or others' ideas of who you are what you can do or be. Particularly the idea of you as someone who was not just in the background but with something particular to contribute. No, no, not me, we say.

Got a time in mind?

Now, what is a prophet?

What does popular perception say a prophet is?

What do we who read Bible say?

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Someone who "can be trusted to report what they see in an age of mass deception." (Kenyatta R. Gilbert)

Amos' time was like that and ours is too.

We are like Amos. We are able to look and see against God's reference point – the plumb line of ethical, relational, neighbourly living. This being the whole neighbourhood, which is planet wide. We are able and we are to do it.

Now the problem for what is out of line with this reference point is that self-destructing. That's why it is important to see it and do our best to help stop it. It's self-destructing. What's talked about here in Amos 7 is not some external imposed punishment. Given the nature of reality, of the interrelated network of organic and inorganic things, living off-plumb – living unethically, breaking relationships, not being neighbourly is like auto immunity – turns on itself.

Put simply, damage your connections with others and the connections are not there for you.

The President of a certain very poor country wasn't at all concerned about the state of the roads. He had his palace and everything he needed was brought to him by others. Until the day he had a heart attack. The traffic jam prevented him from being got to hospital in time and he died.

Our personal examples won't be as dramatic, but notice how the little things we do or say without care and attention break us off just a little even from being connection to care and attention for ourselves.

Now besides this incentive of what we gain for ourselves when we're in need, there is an even more powerful motivation for staying connected and being neighbourly?

A reminder – [Brené Brown video](#)

It could well have been me. Being connected has us thinking that way. Also being oneself on the underside, the suffering side, an outsider.

Let's hear a retelling of a likely familiar story in Luke 10.

The World: Our Prayers

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Djibouti, Somalia

prayer book prayers...

We are **thankful** for:

- the beauty of Creation and resources from lands and sea
- the many ways churches and humanitarian organizations have prayed for and responded to the needs in these countries and elsewhere
- how the international community has received and provided for many Somali refugees, and for those from other regions

We **pray** for:

- protection of natural resources and coastal land
- an end to hunger, violence, crime and conflict in Somalia and other nations
- effective reconciliation and peace-building

- stable governments that further the common good for all the people
- those who have fled areas of conflict that they may be welcomed in new homelands.

www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle, adapted

Offering Hymn *Come, fill our cup with the water of life* HIOS18

Invitation

Ka haere mai ngā tangata i ngā koko katoa o te ao, ka noho i te tēpu o te Rangatiratanga o te Atua.
*They will come from east and west, and from north and south and sit at the table in the Kingdom of God.
 Hear these gracious words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

Whakarongo ki ngā kupu aroha a te Ariki a Ihu Karaiti: "Haere mai ki ahau, koutou katoa e mauui ana, e taimaha ana, ā māku koutou hei whakaokioki."

"Ka koa te hunga e hiakai ana, e hiainu ana ki te tika, ā mākona rātou.

Communion Prayer

May the God of justice be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

People of God, open your hearts to the One who restores you.

WE BRING OUR HEARTS TO GOD, WHO HAS RESCUED US.

Faithful sisters and brothers, sing songs of praise to God.

OUR VOICES UNITE IN A CHORUS OF THANKSGIVING.

Eternal God,

Rescuer of the weak:

given every reason to judge us,

you seek justice for us.

You stand with the poor

in the ditches

where we have discarded them.

You plant your Word of truth

in the One who gives us

unexpected answers.

JESUS CHRIST,

WORD OF TRUTH:

YOU WILL NOT PASS US BY,

BUT STOOP TO LIFT US UP

AND CARRY US OUT OF OUR PAIN.

YOU LOVE THE FAITHFUL ENOUGH

TO TELL US STORIES

WHICH WILL SHATTER OUR COMPLACENCY

AND SEND US FORTH

TO CARRY MERCY TO OTHERS.

Holy Spirit,

Giver of mercy:

you carry hope in your mouth

and breathe it into our souls.

You take us by the hand,

leading us out of the ditches

we have dug for ourselves,

into the brightly lit streets of the kingdom.

You pray for us in every moment,

especially when we are unable

to pray for ourselves.

GOD IN COMMUNITY, HOLY IN ONE,

HEAR US AS WE PRAY AS JESUS TAUGHT US

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Lord's Prayer

Among friends, gathered round a table,

Jesus took bread, broke it and said,
'This is my body, it is broken for you.'
And later he took the cup of wine and said,
'This is the new relationship with God,
made possible because of my death.
Take this – all of you – to remember me.'

Iona Community *A Wee Worship Book*

Bread is broken, cup is raised....

We come to this Table
looking for answers to our questions
and for healing for our brokenness.
So, pour out your Spirit upon your children,
and upon the gifts of the bread and the cup,
that nourished and fed by you,
we might we strengthened
to serve our sisters and brothers around us.
As we get up from our seats at your Table,
may we stand up for the rights of the lowly.
As you pour out your grace upon us,
may we wrap it around the orphans and weak;
as you whisper your dreams for us,
may we speak out on behalf of the poor;
as you offer us the bread and the cup from your hands,
may we reach down and lift up those
who have fallen through the cracks of our society.

Bread and cup and shared...

Loving the World as God Loves

Serving in the Week Ahead

Hymn *Let our love shine out* HIOS88

Sending and Blessing

Now go, to be God's blessing to others.
WE WILL NOT STOP MEASURING OUT OUR LOVE BY THE SPOONFUL,
BUT SHOWER EVERYONE WITH IT.
Now go, to share the story of Jesus' love and hope for all.
WE WILL GO TO SPEAK OF THE ONE WHO, WITH GRACE AND WONDER,
SHOWS EVERYONE WHO THEY ARE AND WHO THEY MIGHT BE.
Now go, to pour out the Spirit's compassion in every corner of your life.
WE WILL GO TO CARE FOR EVERYONE, EVEN THOSE WE DO NOT KNOW .

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Kia tau/The grace...

Robyn McPhail, 14.07.2019

NOTICES FOR TODAY – 14 July 2019

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NEXT SUNDAY 21 JULY 2019

Worship Leader: Jan Gough

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Readers: Diane or Jenny (KK) tba (Kaeo)

Door and Tea: Bev and Bob

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

BIBLE STUDY: Monday 15 July at 1.15-2.45pm at Cornerstone

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Thursday 18 July at 11am at Kerikeri

SINGING PRACTICE: will resume on Friday 12 July at Neville's home 23 Hall Road 6.30-7.30pm; thereafter on each Friday same time. Those who would like to join the singing group are welcome to come along.

PASTORAL CARE WORKSHOP: Kaurihohore/Kamo Co-operating Parish invites parishes to attend a workshop presented by Rev Dr Mary Caygill.

Date: Saturday 17th August

Time: 9.30am-3pm

Place: St John's Golden Church, 149 Kamo Road, Kensington

Notice on Cornerstone noticeboard gives more information including Mary's background. For more information, and to record your interest, ring Jessica ph. 4075555.

CAR BOOT SALES: next sale on 13 July at 7.30am-12noon at Cornerstone. Contact: Mary 021 722 938 or carboot@kkup.org.nz

STUDY LEAVE: Robyn's study leave continues in the midst of parish work. She is still available most of the time, so don't hesitate to call. You can also contact Bev and Alan (Ministry Leadership Group 4016625, 4050688) if need be.

DO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE www.kkup.org.nz

Play around, clicking on tabs, pictures, and highlighted words and see where it takes you.

Input and feedback to Robyn always welcome.