



## ***Morning Worship***

### ***Greeting***

#### **LENT**

Jesus told his disciples, 'If any of you would come after me you must deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me.' *Matthew 16:24 (adapted)*

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *Psalms 51:17*

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

E te whānau a te Karaiti / Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
let us praise and worship God who has called us together.

Let us celebrate God's majesty,  
and delight in the wonder of God's love.

Together we shall confess our sins  
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read,  
we can allow God's word to speak to us,  
and ponder its meaning for our lives.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,  
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,  
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

**All this we do,  
because we believe in the presence among us  
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.**

Hear these words of scripture.

*One of the following sentences is read.*

Love one another,  
for love is of God,

And whosoever loves is born of God and knows God

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

*The minister then says*

Let us pause and, in silence,  
remember our need for God's forgiveness.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins to God  
**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have sinned against you,  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with all our heart.  
We have not loved others  
as our Saviour Christ loves us.  
We are truly sorry.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,  
forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,  
and keep you in life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**men.**

**The Ministry of the Word**

O come, let us sing to the Lord,

**let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation..**

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;

**and tell of your salvation from day to day.**

We proclaim your glory to the nations,

**your praise to the ends of the earth.**

*Psalm At the end of the psalm is said*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,**

**and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Song**

**Reading**

**Sermon**

**Apostles Creed**

**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.**

**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.**

**Thanksgivings and Intercessions.**

Holy and everliving God,  
by your power we are created  
and by your love we are redeemed;  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service,  
and live each day in love to one another and to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen**

**Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

be with us all. Amen

**Song**

*The congregation is sent out with these words.*

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**