

# ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CAMPBELLS BAY

## CHURCHILL JULIUS FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF NEW ZEALAND 1938



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Welcome

### GATHERING

The presence of God is minds that pray about the world;  
**Yes, God is found in minds seeking the way of truth.**

The presence of God is eyes that see life's joy and pain;  
**Yes, God is found in eyes finding God's value in all.**

The presence of God is words of tender eyes and hands;  
**Yes, God is found in words, silent but understood.**

The presence of God is hands that touch our deepest needs;  
**Yes, God is found in hands giving both warmth and peace.**

W.L Wallace 1990

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.

Love one another,  
for love is of God,

And whosoever loves is born of God and knows God

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

### **Sentence and collect**

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

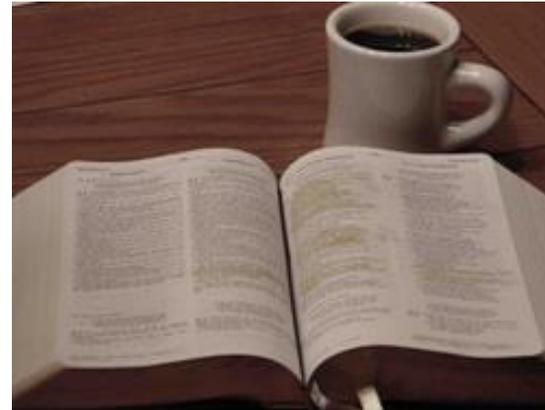
May those who think that they are immune  
from the unravelling of the intricate webs of life on this planet mother  
Earth, have their eyes opened to the truth  
In the silence, may we hear you.  
With our eyes closed, may we see you.

*Silence*

May God our Creator forgive our failings  
in living up to our reciprocal responsibilities to other creatures.  
May God reconcile us with creation  
so that we may be at one with God and God's creation.  
May God bless the path on which we go.

Priest: God forgives us  
God empowers us to make wise choices  
God helps us to live in peace with creation. **Amen**

### **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.**

**MICAH 6:6-8**  
**MATTHEW 10:32-42**

### **Reflection**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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.***

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Peace**

**The Blessing:**

May the Spirit of God, who renews all creation,  
fill you with a sense of God's presence in Earth  
and the pulsing of Christ within you.

Go in peace, serving Christ!

**Dismissal**

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

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

