



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

ChristianChurchesNZ – Methodist – Presbyterian
10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach, Paraparaumu 5032

Epiphany 2 Raumati Combined Service 10am 19 January 2025

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Reader: James Barton

Notices: John Lawton



Invocation and Greeting

♪ WOV 42 From all who dwell below the skies

From all who dwell below the skies,
let the Creator's praise arise:

Hallelujah!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
through every land, by every tongue.

Hallelujah!

Eternal are your mercies, Lord,
eternal truth attends your word:

Hallelujah!

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.

Hallelujah!

Isaac Watts, Robert Spence

Lord, your faithful love reaches to the sky.

Your faithfulness is as high as the clouds.

Your goodness is higher than the highest mountains.

Your fairness is deeper than the deepest ocean.

Lord, you protect people and animals.

Nothing is more precious than your loving kindness.

All people can find protection close to you.

They get strength from all the good things in your house.

You let them drink from your wonderful river.

The fountain of life flows from you.

Your light lets us see light.

**Continue to love those who really know you,
and do good to those who are true to you. Amen.**

(Psalm 36⁵⁻¹⁰; the Psalm for today)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Some trees are more community-spirited than others

Collect for the day

God, you have called us to love you.

Not with our strongest feelings

but with all that we are;

and you have called us to love each other

as members of the same family,

without fear or favour or prejudice.

We have to tell you God; if it wasn't for Jesus

we couldn't do it.

Thanks to you Jesus, thanks to you Holy Spirit,

together we can "be trees of righteousness,

a planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified."* Amen.

***(from Isaiah 61³)**

Readings:

1st Corinthians 12: 1-11

John 2: 1-11

♪ Faith Forever Singing 32 God who sets us on a journey

God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love, for God and self and neighbour,
marks the way that Christ defined.

Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.

End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.

When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,

you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent-pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side,
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

Joy Dine

How to behave at a wedding.

Prayers of Intercession

♪ WOV 73 I thank you, Lord, that you have made the earth

I thank you Lord, that you have made the earth so bright,
So full of splendour and of joy, beauty and light:
So many glorious things are here both pure and right

I thank you, too, that you have made love so to abound,
So many kindly thoughts and deeds circle us round;
And in the darkest spot of earth some love is found

I thank you, Lord, that often joy is touched with pain,
That shadows fall on brightest hours, that thorns remain,
So that earth's joys may be our guide, and not our chain.

I thank you that our restless souls, though richly blest,
Can not attain the peace they seek in an anxious quest,
Nor ever shall, until they find in Jesus rest.

Adelaide Anne Procter

Offering Received and Dedicated

**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 forever. Amen.**

♪ WOV 480 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

Forth in Thy name, O Lord I go,
My daily labour to pursue,
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
in all I think, or speak or do.

The task Thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil,
In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
And labour on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.

Give me to bear Thy easy yoke
and every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to Thy glorious day.

For Thee delightfully employ
whate'er Thy bounteous grace hath given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to heaven.

Charles Wesley

Benediction