



St Johns Papatoetoe
Connecting with God and Community

St Johns Presbyterian Church

23 January 2022 Epiphany 3

Welcome to our worship service! It is so good to have YOU here. Thank you for worshipping with us today. (congregation's response is **bolded** below).

Call to Worship

We have come to worship God, the living God,
who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

All glory to God!

Opening Prayer

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

**Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Lighting the Candle

We light the Christ Candle

Christ is the Light of the World.

Prayer for Forgiveness

We come to you today convicted of our own sin. When we read your call for the church to be united, we have to admit that we have fallen short. We have gossiped against your body, we have spoken words against you that we are not proud of. We have allowed our emotions to get the best of us, and we have spoken a harsh word about your beloved bride. Lord Jesus, draw us to yourself and keep us from falling back into harmful and unnecessary conflict. Empower us by your Spirit to live a life marked by humility, kindness and gentleness towards your body. In Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

O give thanks to our God who is good

Whose love endures for ever

You sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

All mountains and valleys, grassland and scree, glacier, avalanche, mist and snow:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

You kauri and pine, rata and kowhai, mosses and ferns:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Dolphins and kahawai, sealion and crab, coral, anemone, pipi and shrimp:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Rabbits, and cattle, moths and dogs, kiwi and sparrow and tui and hawk:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

You Maori and Pakeha, women and men, all who inhabit the long white cloud:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

All you saints and martyrs of the South Pacific:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Notices

Children's Talk

Bible Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Sermon – Resurrection Membership by Rev Timothy Rose

In Christ There is no East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.	2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find. His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
3 Join hands, then, people of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.	4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth.

Prayers for Others followed by Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Affirmation of Faith

<p>We are not alone, we live in God’s world.</p> <p>We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,</p>	<p>We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.</p>
<p>to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.</p> <p>We trust in God.</p>	<p>In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.</p> <p>We are not alone.</p> <p>Thanks be to God.</p> <p><i>A New Creed, Uniting Church of Canada</i></p>

As the Deer

**As the deer longs for flowing streams
So longs my soul for thee, O God.
My soul does thirst for the living God
When shall I come to see thy face.**

**My tears have fed me day and night,
While some have said, “Where is your God?”
But I recall as my soul pours dry,
The days of praise within thy house.**

**Why do I mourn and toil within,
When it is mine to hope in God?
I shall again sing praise to him,
He is my help, he is my God.**

Charge & Blessing
Benediction

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