

# Whare Karakia

## Home prayers

26 April 2020  
Acts 2:14a and 36-41  
Luke 24:28-29  
or the whole story 24:13-35

We realize life is a bit different for all of us right now but nonetheless we worship a God who stays the same through every age and season, and is our constant guide. So, like the first disciples we are imagining church in a new way and invite you to 'worship through' the following liturgy on your own or with your family this Sunday 26 April at 10am, from your home. Get yourself a cup of tea and join the community in spirit as we worship from our homes, but with one voice and with one heart!



### Opening Prayer

God of Good Friday and Resurrection Day, as again we gather and take up that joyous cry "Christ is Risen" may we take into our hearts together with all your people the truth that our faith calls us to be immersed in your world.

**Christ is Risen - Allelujah**

We remember those who fought to bring our nations freedom and peace. We remember that alongside Jesus, and in his power, you have called us to bring good news to the poor, to heal the sick and to share your love and peace and light in all ways we can.

**Living Lord Jesus meet with us here. Christ is Risen - Allelujah**

### Confession

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Absolution

God forgives us.  
Forgive others;  
Forgive yourself.

### Song

*"Here & Now" by Souvenirs Worship. This is a new song we have been singing, reflect on the words and consider what words resonate with you.*

We need revival in this land  
Pour out your Spirit once again  
We're crying out from on our knees  
Lord send revival start with me

Push back the darkness in this land  
Move through your people once again  
We're moving out beyond these walls  
To see all people know you Lord

*He Atua atawhai koe  
Wairua Tapu  
Nau mai rā  
Let it be here  
Let it be now  
Spirit of God  
We need your power*

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## Bible Story

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## Reflection: From Learne

As we gather today we continue to remember the resurrection of our Lord Jesus but we are also aware that Anzac day is in our hearts and minds. Sadly because of the health crisis our world is facing, people cannot meet together in the traditional ways to remember the men and women who fought for our peace and freedom but we can pray for all who still serve to keep our country safe and free. Sadly also we still cannot gather together to worship in our church buildings and actually for centuries this has been the truth for many of our brothers and sisters around the world. Persecution has forced Christians to stay home and to be safe but the proclamation of "Christ is Risen" has always been heard. This is the truth that led Peter to proclaim this one is Lord and Saviour and the church throughout Acts went forward in proclamation in word and deed despite the persecution that came their way. They knew, as did the disciples on the road to Emmaus that Jesus was with them. Thomas declared "my Lord and my God"; the disciples said "stay with us"; they later cried "It is true, the Lord has risen". The death of Jesus on the cross was a momentous event that is crucial for our Christian faith. However without the resurrection it is just another moment in history. It is the fact that he defeated death and was raised to life that puts the seal on who he was and what he did. That is why today we can still cry My Saviour and Lord. That is why we can offer hope to our world in crisis. Be encouraged the risen Lord Jesus Christ is with you right now to strengthen, empower, and to help us be God's people bringing light and love to the world. Speak out your words of declaration and prayer to Jesus, the Lord and Messiah.

## Intercessions

In our prayers today, we put all our thoughts and worries and hopes into the hands of God. You may like to hold your own hands in front of you as you pray. Create your own prayers for each of the headings below:



The World



The Church



Communities



Sickness



Sorry God

## ANZAC Day Prayer

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving, those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in times of war. We pray that their offering of their lives may not have been in vain. May your grace enable us this day to dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world. Amen.

## Questions to ponder

- Reflect on the week that has been: where has God met with you and stilled your fears or worries?
- What of this lockdown season has been a gift to you? Give thanks to God for it.

## Closing Prayer

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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