

# Whare Karakia

## Home prayers

12 September 2021

Mark 8:27-38



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### Opening Prayer

E te atua  
Homai ki a matou  
Tou maramatanga  
Tou rangimarie  
Tou kaha  
Me tou aroha  
Mo tenei ra  
Ake, ake, ake, amine

Oh Lord  
Give to us  
Your wisdom  
Your peace  
Your strength  
And your love  
For this day  
Forever, amen.

### Confession

God of all power and healing,  
God of strength and wholeness,  
We offer to you this day, our sins, our failings, our brokenness and the times we forget that you are Almighty God.

*Let us take a moment to bring to mind those things that we have said and done that have saddened us and God.*

### Absolution

The God of love brings us back to himself,  
Forgives us our sins,  
And assures us of his eternal love  
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Song

For Thou, O Lord, art high above all  
the earth  
Thou art exalted far above all gods  
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the earth  
Thou art exalted far above all gods

I exalt Thee, I exalt  
Thee  
I exalt Thee, O Lord  
I exalt Thee, I exalt  
Thee  
I exalt Thee, O Lord

We exalt Thee, We  
exalt Thee  
We exalt Thee, O Lord  
We exalt Thee, We  
exalt Thee  
We exalt Thee, O Lord

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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Here is a section of the message Bishop Ross is bringing us on Sunday.

## Reflection: From Bishop Ross

‘Who do people say that I am?’ Jesus asked the disciples. The obvious answer was Jesus of Nazareth, because that is who Jesus was. But of course the question was being asked to see what perceptions people have begun to make about the identity of Jesus.

Jesus’ constant focus was on the kingdom of God coming into the world, rather than on himself. Jesus acts as the agent for that coming kingdom. All that he did and taught are signs of the kingdom, clues to its presence. Jesus allowed his life and ministry to act as a parable, that those who had eyes to see and ears to hear could discern how the kingdom was coming into effect through him. He then asks Peter to say who he thinks Jesus is and Peter answers “the Messiah”. This is a watershed moment in the gospel, a turning point in its focus. While still having a public profile to his ministry, Jesus increasingly works with the disciples to help them understand what kind of Messiah he is, explaining to them that suffering, death and resurrection lie ahead. And for a wider audience, teaching begins to include a call to self-denial and cross-carrying as what it means to become a follower of such a Messiah. Christian faith then seeks from us more than just that we can name Jesus as Saviour, but to understand what is the nature of this salvation, and what does it mean to be the follower of such a Saviour. For it is easy to misunderstand who someone is, and to set wrong expectations about them, and so to fail to relate and respond well to them. And we heard in the gospel how Peter immediately did that. The “Who do you say that I am?” question is one that needs our ongoing consideration to understand what it means for developing discipleship.

## Questions

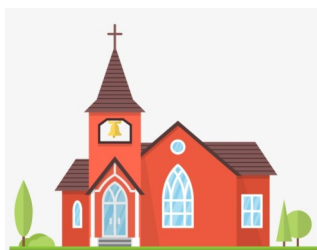
- How are we following Jesus through a pandemic?
- What does self-denying, cross-carrying discipleship look like in such a time?
- Who do I say that Jesus is? And what does it mean for me to follow, so that with Jesus I might point to the coming kingdom of God?

## 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

## Closing Prayer

May God our Creator, our Redeemer and Sustainer be the truth on which our life and death are built. May the trinity of love be our hope that cannot be destroyed, our freedom from which love and justice flow, and the joy that has eternity within it. Amen