

Whare Karakia

Home prayers

21 November 2021
John – Chapters 1:1-14; 3:16;
and 17:3.

Amazing Grace

Opening Prayer

Living God, we come to worship you,
praising you for the past
and trusting you for the future.
We come to join our will to your will,

to make your purpose our purpose,
and your love our love.
We come in the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen

Confession

Merciful God, we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:

we have sinned through our own deliberate
fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to
you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name.
Amen

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

Amazing grace! How
sweet the sound that
saved a wretch like
me. I once was lost, but
now am found; was
blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my
heart to fear and grace my fears
relieved. How precious did that
grace appear the hour I first
believed.

Through many dangers, toils and
snares I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe
thus far and grace will lead me
home.

When we've been there ten
thousand years, bright shining as
the sun, we've no less days to sing
God's praise than when we first
began.

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Scriptures

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Reflection: From Learne

As you read our passages for today you will see they are some of the gutsiest and profound scriptures for our Christian faith. They speak of our God coming and dwelling among us. They speak of God's abounding never-ending love for the world and its people. They speak of eternal life being about knowing the true God and Jesus Christ who was sent. The words of the hymn Amazing Grace sum up the transformation that comes about as a person acknowledges their need for the God who loves them and has done everything for them. Isaac Newton wrote it in 1779. Newton pledged his life to God after surviving a maritime disaster in 1749 and his later diaries speak of his constant frailty and failure to be what God wanted him to be. He hated that he had been part of slave trading and there is a certainty that he had those times in his mind when he wrote the hymn. In our current season with covid still swirling let's remember that if we know Jesus, we have the greatest gift we can offer to others. The gift of God as Emmanuel, God dwelling with us in the person of Jesus Christ. We can offer the gift of eternal life – life forever with no pain or sorrow or sickness in a world that is completely transformed and put right. If you don't know this truth and life then please talk to someone who does. If you do know this truth please pray about who you could share it with this coming season of advent and Christmas.

Questions

1. Read the passages and write down every word that speaks of who Jesus is.
2. If you can play the song Amazing Grace and allow yourself to worship the Lord. If you can't play the song read it slowly out loud like a poem and allow it to be your song of praise and thanks today.

Intercessions

As you pray today, write down all the people you know who don't yet know the love of Jesus. Pray for each of them that they might know and have eternal life. Pray also for courage to share this good news.



Pray for NZ in this tumultuous time. Many are concerned about the vaccination certificates and many are stirring up trouble. Please pray for our nation and its leaders.



Pray for health workers, teachers and schools. Pray for our children as they return to school. Some will be excited and some will be anxious.



Pray for the sick. For those enduring Covid and are therefore not able to have loved ones by their side. Pray for those you know who are sick and place them before the Lord.



Closing Prayer

God of ages, as we leave this prayer time help us remember that in Jesus Christ you set a corner stone and a strong foundation; you are the true and living way. May we stand firm in the face of all that shakes our foundations, certain in the knowledge of your love and abiding presence. Through Jesus Christ our King and Liberator, Amen

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