

# SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HOPE

Thursday 21st March, 6:00pm  
Latimer Square, Christchurch Central

*All welcome*



## Introduction and welcome to prayer:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

The violent assault last Friday against Muslims praying in their mosques has shocked New Zealanders and people all over the world. Today we gather to remember those who lost their lives, those who were injured, and their families and loved ones. We remember them today before Almighty God.

We give thanks for those who first responded to the call, for the bravery of these people in the face of grave danger, and for the speed of the response that brought this attack to a swift end. We come to give thanks for the vigilance and dedication of the New Zealand Police and Security services. We pray for the health professionals and other agencies who are supporting those affected, and for the work of all those whose vital work is keeping our communities safe from terror and acts of random violence.

We celebrate the strong bonds of community and the outpouring of love, compassion, and kindness over these past few days, and we come to pray that this may be the narrative that will win out over that of hatred and death.

At a time of sorrow, at a time when we can be tempted to despair, we gather to draw close to Almighty God to find hope.

**Song:** Tama ngākau mārie



**Tama ngākau mārie,  
Tama a t'Atua,  
Tēnei tonu mātou,  
Arohaina mai.**

*Son of a peaceful heart,  
Son of God,  
here we are,  
love us.*

**Murua rā ngā hara:  
Wetekina mai  
Ēnei here kino,  
Whakararu nei.**

*Take away  
our sins.  
Undo these evil ties  
which bind us.*

**Takahia ki raro,  
Tāu e kino ai;  
Kei pā kaha tonu  
Ko ngā mahi hē.**

*Trample under foot  
whatever is evil  
lest the power remain  
of the evil deeds.*

**Hōmai he aroha  
Mōu i mate nei.  
Tēnei rā, e Īhu,  
Tākina e koe;**

*Give us love  
for you who died.  
This day, Jesus,  
you lead us.*

**Tēnei arahina  
A tutuki noa:  
Putā i te pōuri,  
Whiwhi hari nui.**

*This is the pathway  
to the end  
through the darkness  
to receive great joy.*

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**First Reading:**

Lamentations 3: 19-33

read by Sarah-Jane Peez

Executive Pastor, Grace Vineyard Church

*The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:*

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'*

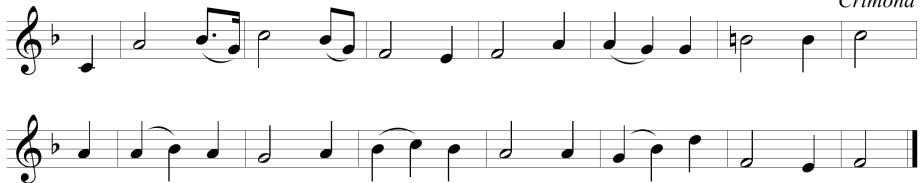
*The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.*

*For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.*

*(NRSV Anglicized)*

**Psalm 23:** The Lord's my shepherd

*Crimond*



**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff my comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnishèd  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.**

*Words: Scottish Psalter 1650, Psalm 23 Music: Crimond*

**Second Reading:** Luke 24: 13-21  
*read by Blair Dravitski  
Principal, Linwood Avenue Primary School*

*Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.*

*(NRSV Anglicized)*

**The Homily:** The Most Rev'd Paul Martin S.M.  
Roman Catholic Bishop of Christchurch

**Act of Repentance:** *You are invited to kneel for a period of silent confession of sins*

*Silence is kept*

**Song:** Make me a channel of your peace

**Make me a channel of your peace;  
where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

**Make me a channel of your peace;  
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**Make me a channel of your peace;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
in giving of ourselves that we receive;  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

*Repeat verse one with no refrain.*

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**Prayers of Intercession:**

*The Right Rev'd Peter Carrell, Anglican Bishop of Christchurch  
The Rev'd Kathryn Walters, Methodist Superintendent  
Imogen McNeill, Alpine Presbytery  
Allen Hou, Christchurch Chinese Church*

*The Prayers of Intercession end with the Lord's Prayer said together in te reo  
Māori and led by Senior Pastor Donald Scott, Northcity Church:*

Kua akona nei tatou e to tatou Ariki, ka inoi tatou,

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi**

*Our Father in heaven,*

**Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.**

*Hallowed be your name,*

**Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.**

*your kingdom come,*

**Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,**

*your will be done,*

**kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.**

*on earth as it is in heaven.*

**Hōmai ki a mātou āiane he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.**

*Give us today our daily bread.*

**Murua ō mātou hara,**

*Forgive us our sins*

**Me mātou hoki e muru nei i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.**

*as we forgive those who sin against us.*

**Aua hoki mātou e kaweā kia whakawaia;**

*Save us from the time of trial*

**Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:**

*and deliver us from evil.*

**Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,**

*For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours*

**Āke ake ake. Āmine.**

*now and for ever. Amen.*

### **Act of Remembrance:**

Let us stand in silence and remember all who have been killed or injured in the attack, and all those who have been traumatised by the events at the Mosque Al Noor and the Linwood Mosque on Friday 15 March 2019.

*Representatives of the churches and other faiths (if present) place fern fronds at the base of a tree.*

*Members of the Muslim community (if present) stand around the tree.*

*A two minute silence is kept.*

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

*John 1.5*

O God, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ has delivered us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the light of your kingdom: grant that as he was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so may we walk in newness of life and seek those things that are set above, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us affirm our shared humanity and our resolve to bring love, compassion, light and life to all:

**We will pursue justice**

**We will show mercy**

**We will seek peace.**

### **The National Anthem of New Zealand:**

**E Ihowā Atua,  
o ngā iwi mātou rā,  
āta whakarongona;  
me aroha noa.  
Kia hua ko te pai:  
kia tau tō atawhai;  
manaakitia mai  
Aotearoa.**

**God of Nations at thy feet,  
in the bonds of love we meet,  
hear our voices we entreat,  
God defend our free-land.  
Guard Pacific's triple star  
from the shafts of strife and war;  
make her praises heard afar,  
God defend New Zealand.**

### **The Blessing**

*As the service concludes, those who have brought one are invited to come and place a palm frond at the base of the tree as an act of remembrance.*



*This service has been organised by Te Raranga, a network of Christchurch Churches across many denominations.*

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