



# **CrossWay Church** **Ala ile Satauro Ekalesia**

**Methodist ~ Presbyterian**

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**Queen Street, Masterton**

CrossWay Church Vision Statement  
**"To know Christ and make Him known  
in the community  
*la lloa Keriso ma fa'aioa atu o ia ile komuniti*"**

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**PENTECOST 14 53B**



**Pentecost 14B Sunday Service @ CrossWay Church  
25 th August 2024**

**Words of Greeting:**

**Lighting the Candle:**

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which cannot be held back by distance, which shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.

**Call to Worship:** based on Psalm 84:3, 10a (NRSV) Neti.  
Happy are those, God, who live in your house. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young. Come and sing in the courts of the Lord, where a day is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**Opening Prayer:** Neti

Jesus said: I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. You, O God, create our lives. You provide our bread, you quench our thirst.

**Create this day in us to walk in your love.**

O Christ, Join us in our quest, O Christ, we share the bread together,

**O Christ, be food for our minds.**

Eternal God, creator of time, sustainer of soul, liberator of the oppressed, feed us the bread of Christ, bringing true communion with you, making our joy complete.

Amen.

**Hymn:** BB23 Joyful, joyful, we adore you... V1,2, & 4  
Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.  
Scatter clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away,  
Giver of immortal gladness

Fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heav'n  
reflect your ways, Stars and planets, silent, hymn you,  
centre of unbroken praise; field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowering meadow, wind-blown sea, singing bird and flowing  
fountain call us to rejoice in you.

People, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Father-love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us forward in the triumph song of life.

**Psalm Reading:** Psalm 84

**Family Time:**

**Prayer of Confession:** Youth member.

Gracious God, at times, we have great intentions, but following  
Jesus' way can be difficult. When we would prefer an easier  
path and avoid the hard work of loving our neighbours.

**God, forgive us.**

When we would prefer a less demanding teacher and look for  
simple, uncomplicated answers.

**God, forgive us.**

When we would prefer an effortless life and ignore the pain  
and suffering of others,

**God, forgive us.**

When we would prefer a straightforward week and side step  
confronting the injustices in our world.

**God forgive us.**

Meet us in our brokenness and weakness. Strengthen and embolden us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus with courage. Amen.

**Words of Grace:** Youth member to continue

Our God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. Hear then Christ's words of grace: "Your sins are forgiven!"

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** Samoan Hymn.....

**Scriptures for the day:** Joshua 24: 1-2, & 14-18 Shirley Ford  
John 6: 56 – 69 Samoan Reader

**Reflection:**

**Hymn:** BB107 Here we bring....

Here we bring, small or great, gifts to offer on this plate,  
what we've earned what we own, tithe or token,  
bread or stone.

*Jesus said: "Have a care- your heart will always be  
where your riches are, where your riches are."*

Food and drink, things obsess, drug us to false happiness,  
what we keep, what we give tells the truth of how we live.

Moth and rust breed decay, thieves break in and steal away,  
love and trust need no hoard, richest treasure can't be stored.

Wild flowers grow, birds find seed, God attends to each one's  
need as we share, all can live, as we love, we learn to give.

*Shirley Murray*

**Offering:**

Generous God, we give thanks to you for the gift of life each day. You are the bread of life, sustaining and filling with goodness. We bring these, our gifts, and our loves to you. May they be used to feed others, both physically and spiritually that the abundance of your love may be known in our world.

Amen.

**Prayers for Others: (English speaking member)**

Loving and gracious God, we bring before you this day the pain, hurt and need of our world. Often, we are left without words and feel helpless in the face of such great suffering.

As we look around us we hear the groaning of creation. Floods, fires, storms and strange weather patterns tell of the needs of our earth. Lands are cleared and species become extinct.

Help us not to shy away from the difficult parts of life.  
Hear our prayers this day and prompt us where we might act.

As we look around us, we hear the cries of your people. Those who are homeless, oppressed, imprisoned call out the injustices in our communities.

Children grow without love and the elderly die alone.  
Help us not to shy away from the difficult parts of life.  
Hear our prayers this day, and prompt us where might act.

As we look around us, we hear the sighing of our loved ones. Sickness, hopelessness, tensions, and struggles speak of the hunger of your children. We live with grief, helplessness and despair. Help us not to shy away from the difficult parts of life. Hear our prayers this day and prompt us where we might act.

As we look around, we hear the yearning of your church. Policies, projects, procedures and pressures tell of the hopes of your peoples.

Congregations age and growth seems impossible.  
 Help us not to shy away from the difficult parts of life.  
 Hear our prayers this day, and prompt us where we might act.  
 Amen.

**Lords Prayer:** WOV 676 (Sung)

**Notices:**

**Hymn:** BB119 Christ let us come with you.....

Christ, let us come with you to the upper room  
 where the feast is laid, to the bread and wine  
 where our peace is made- Christ, let us come with you.

Teach us your serving love: to become as friends,  
 to become as one that the world believe  
 what your life has done – teach us your serving love.

Jesus, forgive us all that we use your name  
 though we stand apart, we refuse your prayer  
 to be one at heart - Jesus, forgive us all.

Christ of the open hands, you have bought us close  
 to be loved and fed, you have touched our life,  
 now you walk ahead – Christ, let us come with you!

*Shirley Murray*

**Blessing/Benediction:** Maiava Letoi

Bread of life, we have been fed by your word, filled with  
 your Spirit, and encouraged by each other's presence.  
 As we leave this place to return to the world where people  
 hunger, let us take the food of your abundant love to share.  
 Give us eyes to see the hungry, ears to hear their stories,  
 hands to give, receive and hold and hearts to love without  
 judgement

We go with the blessing of our compassionate God,  
 giver and sustainer of life. Amen

**Sung Blessing:**

Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of everyday.  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe,  
Reach out to others so all the world can see  
God will be there, surrounding you with love,  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

**3 – Fold Amen.**

*Peace I leave with  
you, My peace I  
give unto you: not  
as the world giveth,  
give I unto you.  
Let not your heart  
be troubled, neither  
let it be afraid.*

*John 14:27 kjv*

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### **OUR THANKS GO TO**

**Neti Petaia for leading our service**

**Audrey Fleury on the organ**

**Our Sound & Power Point Technicians**

**and all who assisted this morning.**

### **ON DUTY NEXT WEEK 25.08.24**

**Door Duty: Jude Clark & Shirley Graham**

**Morning Tea: Avon & Janet Jolly**

**Reader: Audrey Fleury**

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