



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRAYER AT HOME RESOURCE



He mihi Aranga kia whakapaingia ki ā koutou, Arerua!

A blessed Eastertide to you all ALLELUIA!

Our liturgy begins with a blessing of Light – if you have a special home candle for Easter please use it or use a new candle. This is followed by two readings from scripture, a reflection, a Seder Table Ritual, Intercessions and the Our Father.

Hymn options are in **blue** with a YouTube link beside. To access, hover over the link, right click and choose 'Open link in a new tab'. In this way you will still be able to see the main text page whilst listening to the hymn.

The text in **red** are instruction not to be read out loud.

Reflection Song

'In Every Age' (Whitaker)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BxarTJavmY>

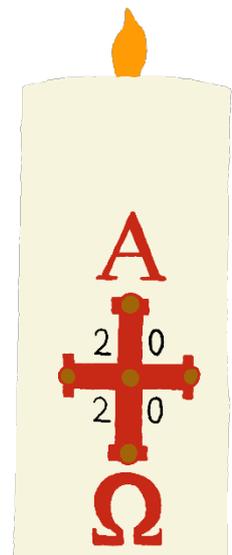
Long before the mountains came to be
and the land and seas and stars of the night,
through the endless seasons of all time,
you have always been, you will always be.

In every age, O God, you have been our refuge.
In every age, O God, you have been our hope.

Destiny is cast, and at your silent word
We return to dust and scatter to the wind.
A thousand years are like a single moment gone,
as the light that fades at the end of day

Teach us to make use of the time we have.
Teach us to be patient even as we wait.
Teach us to embrace our every joy and pain.
To sleep peacefully, and to rise up strong.

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A Blessing of Light

The Leader lights the candle and says this prayer.

Leader

Let us pray
Blessed are you, Lord, God of light, Creator of the Universe.
Gather us near to you on this holy day.
May the warmth and light of this flame remind us of your love and presence,
God with us, through the Risen Christ.
Amen.

He Whakapaingia o te Rama

Kaiārahi

Me inoi tatou
Whakapaingia i ā koe, e te Atua, Matua o te rama,
te Kaihanga o te Ao.
Whakahuihui i a tātou tatangia ki a koe ki runga i tēnei rā tapu.
Me kore te mahanatanga me te rama o tēnei mura,
me whakamahara i a tātou te aroha me te aroaro.
Ko te Matua ki ā mātou mā te Aranga ake o te Karaiti.
Amine

Glory to God (Tony Alonso)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnmNz-gsFsM&list=RDvnmNz-gsFsM&start_radio=1&t=26

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, and earth peace to people,
people of good will.

The Leader passes the candle to the Reader.

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed:
“Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart,
and they asked Peter and the other apostles, “What are we to do, my brothers?”
Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you,
in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off,
whomever the Lord our God will call.”

He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them,
“Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”
Those who accepted his message were baptized,
and about three thousand persons were added that day.



Psalm 23

'Shepherd me O God' (Haugen)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jruM_bSvJSg

Refrain: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and
truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of
hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the
days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

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Haami 118

Ko Hēhu tōku hēpara, ekore au e hapa.

Ko te Ariki tōku hēpara; ekore ahau e hapa.
Ko ia hei mea kia takoto ahau ki ngā wāhi tarutaru
hōu;

e ārahi ana ia i ahau ki te taha o ngā wai āta rere.
Ko ia hei whakahoki ake i tōku wairua.

Ko Hēhu tōku hēpara, ekore au e hapa.

E ārahi ana ia i ahau i ngā ara o te tika, he
whakaaro ki tōna ingoa.
Āe, ahakoa haere ahau i te awaawa o te ātārangi o
te mate,

kāhore he kino e wehi ai ahau. nō te mea kei tōku
taha koe,

ko tāu rākau, ko tāu tokotoko, ko ēnā hei oranga
ngākau mōku.

Ko Hēhu tōku hēpara, ekore au e hapa.

E taka ana e koe he tēpu ki tōku aroaro i te
tirohanga a ōku hoariri, e whakawahia ana e koe
tōku mātenga ki te hinu, pūrena tonu taku kapu.

Ko Hēhu tōku hēpara, ekore au e hapa.

He pono e aru i ahau te pai me te atawhai i ngā rā
katoa e ora ai ahau,

ā, ka noho ahau ki te whare o te Ariki āke tonu atu.

Ko Hēhu tōku hēpara, ekore au e hapa.



John 10.1-10

Jesus said: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.” Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

Hoane 10.1-10

Ka mea a Hēhu ki āna pononga, “He pono, he pono tāku ka mea atu nei ki a koutou,— Ko te tangata ekore e tomo rā te kūwaha ki te taiepa hipi, ā, ka piki rā tētahi wāhi kē, he tāhae ia, he kaimuru. Tēnā ko te tangata e tomo ana rā te kūwaha ko te hēpara ia o ngā hipi. Ka uaki te kaitiaki kūwaha ki ā ia; ā, ka rongo ngā hipi ki tōna reo, na, ka karangatia e ia āna hipi ake ki ō rātou ingoa, ā, ka arahina ki waho.

Ā, ka oti āna hipi ake te tuku ki waho, ka haere ia ki mua i a rātou, ā, ka aru ngā hipi i ā ia, nō te mea hoki e mōhio ana rātou ki tōna reo. Ekore ia rātou e aru i te tauhou, ēngari ka oma i ā ia. Nō te mea hoki ekore rātou e mōhio ki te reo o te tauhou. I kōrerotia tēnei kupu whakarite e Hēhu ki a rātou; otirā, kihai rātou i mātau ki te mea i kōrerotia e ia ki a rātou.

Heoi, ka mea a Hēhu ki a rātou, “He pono, he pono tāku e hoatu nei ki a koutou, ko ahau te kūwaha o ngā hipi. He tāhae, he kaimuru te hunga katoa i haere mai i mua, kihai hoki ngā hipi i whakarongo ki a rātou. Ko ahau te kūwaha. Ki te mea ko ahau hei huarahi e tomo atu ai tētahi, e ora ia. Ā, ka haere ki roto, ka haere ki waho, ka kitea hoki e ia ngā wāhi whai kai. Heoi anō tā te tāhae e haere mai ai, he tāhae, he patu, he whakangaro hoki. I haere mai ahau kia whai oranga ai rātou, kia rahi rawa.



Thoughts

“I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep.”



Jesus draws his metaphor from the imagery of a sheep pen, which was an enclosure usually made of stone walls. At night, the shepherds would bring the sheep in there to allow them to rest securely.

Historians have found evidence that when shepherds put their sheep in the pen at night, they would lie across the front of the pen, acting as a guard. They were effectively a door or gate for the sheep pen. This was not only to prevent predators getting in but to prevent sheep getting out. The shepherds would lay across and fall asleep there or stay watch. Hence the sheep would go in or out only with the shepherd's care.

Prayers

Pray together or take a prayer each

For the Church – that we find new ways and new energy to preach the gospel and share the good news of Jesus' life and resurrection.

Mo te Hāhi – ā ka kimihia e mātau ki ngā ara me te ihi hou ki te kauwhautia e te Rongopai me whakaratongia e te pānui hou o te oranga me te aranga ake o Hehu Karaiti.

E te Ariki whakarongo mai rā ki ā mātou.

For mothers who do not have bread for their children – that this suffering be ended, that people's generosity will flow and political structures be renewed so that all mothers will have sufficient food for their children.

Mo ngā māmā kāhore ano he paraoa mo a rātou tamariki – whakaotingia te mamaetanga, ā ka rere te ātawhai me te hānganga tōrangapū o ngā tāngata kia whakahōu na te mea kua makona ngā kai mo ngā tamariki, mokopuna.

E te Ariki whakarongo mai rā ki ā mātou.

For all, who through the Covid-19 pandemic, have lost their livelihood, job or business – that they not lose hope, but find encouragement and practical help, in the support of government, community, neighbours, friends and family.

Mo tātou katoa i waenga i tēnei mate Karauna-19, kua ngaro to rātou koiora, mahi me ngā ūmanga – ā kare ano to rātou tūmanakotanga, ēngari ka kimihia e te whakatenatena me te āwhina whai hua, ki roto i te tautoko o te kawanatanga, te hāpori, ngā tāngata noho tata, ngā hoa me te whānau.

E te Ariki whakarongo mai rā ki ā mātou.



For the leaders of nations – that they may show integrity in the way they live, be wise in their decision making, and act in the best interests of the people, always having appropriate concern for the poor and vulnerable.

Mo ngā kaiārahi o ngā whenua katoa – ā ka taea e rātou ki te whakaatūria te tapatahi i te āhua o ngā tāngata i ngā wā katoa e ngā āwangawanga e tika ana mo te hunga rawa kore me te hunga whakaraerae.

E te Ariki whakarongo mai rā ki ā mātou.

For vocations – that all the baptized have a deepened sense of their priestly vocation, and that this bears the fruit of more people hearing and responding to the call to ordained priesthood and religious life.

Mo ngā pūoro – ā ko te hunga iriiringa i hōhonutia e te tikanga i roto i to rātou pirihitanga, ā ka mau e ngā hua o ngā tāngata ki te whakarongo ki te whakautu i te reo karanga ki te pirihitanga te oranga whakapono.

E te Ariki whakarongo mai rā ki ā mātou.

For all who died from coronavirus; that they rest in eternal peace in the promise of the Christ's resurrection.

Mo ngā mate katoa i hinga mā te mate Karauna-19; ā ka moe mai i roto i te moenga roa i roto i te oati o te Aranga o Hehu Karaiti.

E te Ariki whakarongo mai rā ki ā mātou.

Please add your own prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Everyone prays this together

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka inoi tatou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine.

E tō mātou Matua (sung Our Father with words)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QlyK7c_Az8g



A Seder Table Blessing

If you wish, follow the ancient Jewish tradition of the Table Seder. Place the lit candle with the bread and cups of wine/juice on the table. Read the Prayer together or read a verse each.

Table Song: 'Ubi Caritas (Taize)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2o27qpvfUc>

*Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
Where charity and love are found, God is there.*

1st Century Prayer for household gatherings of Christians:

We give thanks to you, our Father,
For the life and knowledge which you have made
known to us.
Through Jesus, your servant, to you be glory
forever.

For as this broken loaf was once scattered over the
mountains and then was gathered in and became
one, so may our church be gathered together into
your kingdom from the very ends of the earth.
Yours is the glory and the power through Jesus
Christ forever.

Me whakapaingia e mātou ki a koe e te Matua,
Mo te oranga me te mātauranga mou kia mōhiotia
ai i a mātou.
Mā to mātou Ariki, to pononga, ki a koe te
kōroriatanga mo ake, ake.

Mo tēnei paraoa pakaru i marara ki runga i ngā
maungā ā i kohikohi ana ki roto, kātahi te
kōtahitanga, ka taea to tātou hāhi e whakakōtahi i ā
tātou ki roto i tō rangatiratanga mai i ngā taha
mutunga o te ao.
Nou hoki te kōroriatanga me te kaha mā Hehu
Karaiti to mātou Ariki mo ake, ake, ake.

Break the loaf into pieces and pass so each may take a piece to eat.

Take the cup of wine/juice saying;

We give thanks to you, our Father,
For the holy vine of David, your servant, which you
have made known to us.
Through Jesus, your servant, to you be glory
forever
Amen!

Me whakapaingia i ā mātou ki a koe, to mātou
Matua,
Mo te karepe o Rāwiri, to pononga, i whakamōhiotia
i a ia i ā mātou.
Mā to mātou Ariki, to pononga, ki a koe te
kōroriatanga mo ake, ake. Amene.

Pass the wine/juice so each may drink of the one cup.

Prayer of thanksgiving

We give thanks, O Holy Eternal One,
for your holy name and Spirit which you have made
to dwell in our hearts,
and for the knowledge and faith and life which you
have made known to us.
Through Jesus, your servant, to you be glory
forever.

Me whakapaingia e mātou e te Tapu Kotahi te Tika,
Mo tou ingoa tapu me te wairua i uru atu ki ōu
mātou ngākau,
Me te mātauranga te whakapono me te ora i tae te
mōhiotia i a mātou.
Mā to mātou Ariki, to pononga, ki a koe te
kōroriatanga mo ake, ake.



You are the one who created all beings, you have given food and drink to the human family that there may be joy and thankfulness. But to us, you have given spiritual food and drink, and life eternal through your servant Jesus. Above all things we give thanks to you because you are love: to you be glory forever.

Remember, Lord, your church, deliver her from evil, make her complete in your love and gather her from the four winds into your kingdom which you have prepared for her. For yours is the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Forth

Together we are raised up to be more than we could be alone.
Bless us this holy day, Risen Christ, may we be your light to the world.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Alleluia Love is alive (Angrisano)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQ9oAqFn7l8>

People of God, see the morning is new;
rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb.
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.
God who was with us is here with us still.
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

Alleluia! Love is alive!
Conquered the grave and defeated the night.
Alleluia! Love is alive!
The Son has arisen for all. Your people sing
Alleluia!

Mou i hangaia i a mātou, i hōmai e koe i a mātou to whanau tāngata ngā kai, me ngā inu ā ka harikoa me mauruuru mātou. Ēngari ki ā mātou, nau i hōmaitia e ngā kai, ngā inu wairua, me te oranga tonutanga mā to mātou Ariki mā Hehu Karaiti. Kei runga noa ngā mea katoa ā ka hoatu ki ā koe te whakapaingia natemea ko koe te aroha, ki a koe te kōroriatanga mo ake, ake.

E te Matua maumaharatia e tou hāhi, tukua ia i te kino, whakaotingia ia i roto i tou aroha me kohikohi ia i ngā hau e whā i roto i tou rangatiratanga i whakaritea mōna. Mā tou kaha me te kōroriatanga mo ake, ake.
Amene.

Katoa

Whakapaingia tahi tātou e whakaarahia ana.
Manaakitia i ā tātou i tēnei rā, e te Ariki ka ara ake pērā tātou i te rama o te ao.

Ki te ingoa o te Matua, o te Tamaiti o te Wairua Tapu. Amene.

People of God, let your fear fall away.
Your chains have been broken; we start a new day.
Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive!
Here now is mercy embracing your soul;
here the fulfilment that once was foretold.
It is true! It is true! He is alive!

People of God, now rejoicing in Christ;
Carry your joy to the darkness of night.
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!
Hear the Good News of this glorious day,
every heart singing as heaven proclaims;
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive!

