




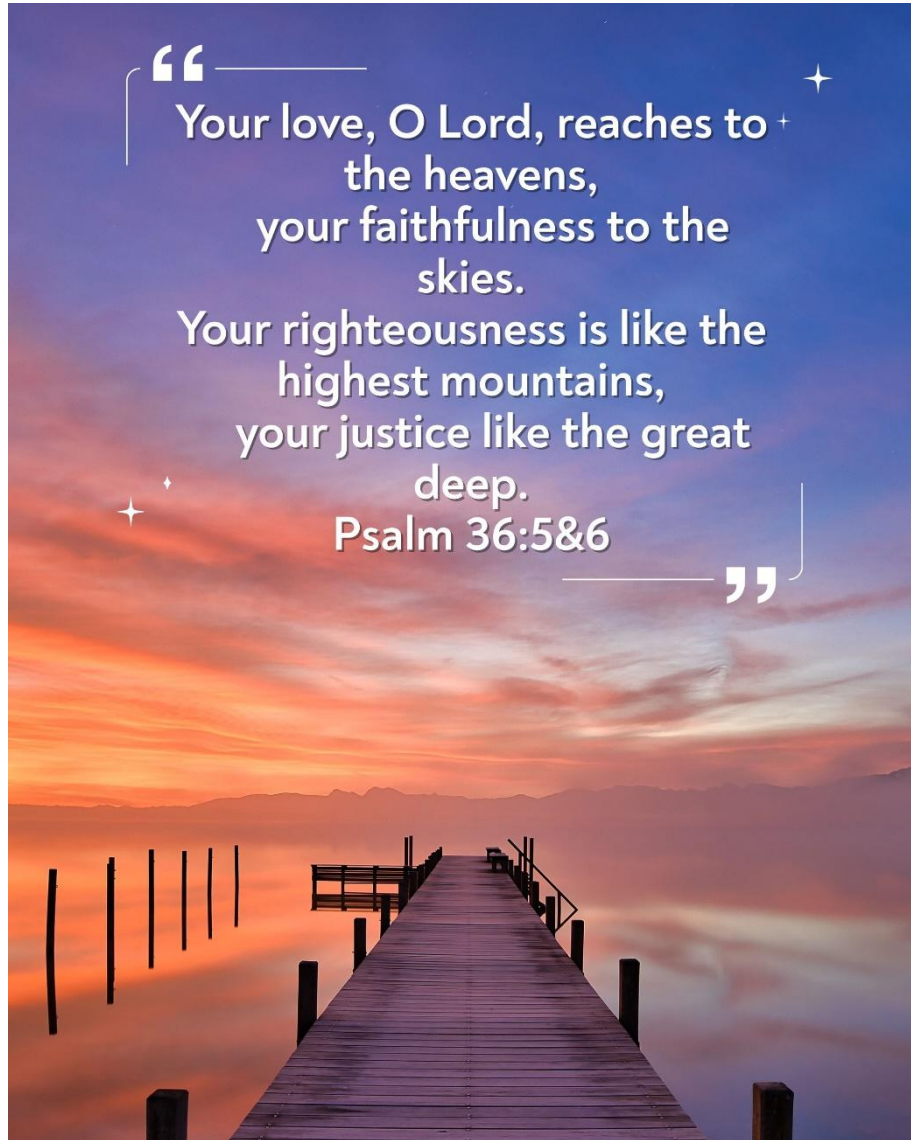
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Today's service has been prepared by
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Welcome to our service this morning.

In working together on our shared mission, we commit to seven core values:

Togetherness, Humility, Curiosity, Love, Inclusiveness, Justice, Sustainability.

Curiosity: we are committed to a life of learning, questioning, and exploring the mystery of God, Jesus, and the Bible.

Mission Statement: Sharing God's love, creating hope, working for justice.

Community time during the service is a good opportunity to ask for prayers for yourself or others.

**After the service you are invited to share in morning tea,
either in the kitchen or on the deck.**

If you, or someone you know, would appreciate a visit from one of our **Pastoral Network Team**, please speak to the service leader.

*You are invited to stand if you are able,
for the hymns and the offering prayer*

Welcome and Introduction

Kia ora, and welcome to our service this morning. My name is Kimberley, and I am one of the lay preachers here at Kaurihohore. Our service this morning is a sharing service themed around the Psalms. This means that during the service you are welcome to come forward and share something with the entire congregation. There will also be an opportunity later in the service for you to share your favourite Psalm, and why it is special to you, with people sitting near you.

So why Psalms? I want to begin by reading to you the introduction to Ellen Davis' book 'Getting involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament'. She says:

The Psalms model ways of talking to God that are honest, yet not obvious – at least, they are not obvious to modern Christians. They may guide our first steps toward deeper involvement with God, because the Psalms give us a new possibility for prayer; they invite full disclosure. They enable us to bring into our conversation with God feelings and thoughts that most of us think we need to get rid of before God will be interested in hearing from us. The point of the shocking psalms is not to sanctify what is shameful (for example, the desire for sweet revenge) or to make us feel better about parts of ourselves that stand in need of change. Rather, the Psalms teach us that profound change happens always in the presence of God. Over and over they attest to the reality that when we open our minds and hearts fully to the God who made them, then we open ourselves, whether we know it or not, to the possibility of being transformed beyond our imagining.

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 1)

Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**Blessed are those whose delight is in the law of God,
who meditate on the holy council day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

**Blessed are those whose delight is in the law of God,
who meditate on the holy council day and night.**

In all that they do, they prosper.

**So let us meditate on the holy word; let us delight in worshipping
our God.**

Source: <https://spaciousfaith.com/2013/04/04/worship-pieces-thomas-and-psalm-1/>

Opening Prayer (based on Psalm 22)

We, like the Psalmist, cry out in praise and thanksgiving in response to God's eternal loving-kindness, holding us, guiding us, enfolding us with grace. And, as we gather here as people of God, we pray that our worship will reflect that divine love. Let our praise for all that God has done, is doing and will do, truly resound within our hearts and our homes, within these walls and beyond. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Hymn – [Psalm 100: All People that on Earth do Dwell](#) (WOV 10)

1. All people that on earth do dwell.
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make:
We are his folk, he doth us feed.
And for his sheep he doth us take.

3. O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4. For why the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Sharing Time

You are invited to share your own reading and reflect on why this is special to you

Hymn – [Your Love O Lord: Psalm 36](#)

Your Love O Lord
Reaches to the Heavens
Your Faithfulness
Stretches to the Skies
Your righteousness
Is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows
Like the oceans tides

I will lift my voice
To worship you my king
I will find my strength
in the shadow of your wing
Your love O Lord
Reaches to the Heavens
Your Faithfulness
Stretches to the skies

Song for Reflection – [He Himene mai i te Hikoi: Psalm 77](#)

(Luke Kaa Morgan, Eugene Fuimaono, Tanya Lameta, Jonathan Robinson, Emma Stokes, and Michael Rhodes)

E noho ana au	(I am sitting)
I te pō uriuri	(in extreme darkness)
I te pō tangotango	(in the darkness/black)
I te pō tē kitea	(blinding darkness)
ko roimata, ko hūpē	(tears and snot)
ngā kaiutu	(are my repayment)
ki taku hokinga	
maumahara noa e	(for remembering) (x2)

Ake ake amine (forever and ever amen)

Overwhelmed by my distress
I stretch out my hand
I lift up my voice
There's no answer

In this endless night, oh God
You won't let me sleep
Mocked by memory
My heart failing

I remember long ago
Songs of joyful praise
But they have slipped away
Into silence

Will the Lord reject forever?
Mercies at an end?
I cry out to you,
“you have changed”

Ake, ake, ake ake, ake ake (forever and ever)
Amine

Maumahara noa e (remembering)
We will remember you
And your holy ways
Working justice for
The abused, enslaved

Liberating God
You let your power be known
Who compares to you?
You stand alone!

The waters saw you
Shook with holy fear
Heaven thundered
tērā te uira (“there the lightning”)

Your path was through the sea
Your footsteps were not seen
We know who you were
And will always be

Ake, ake, ake ake, ake ake
Amine
Maumahara noa e

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Reading – Are you there God?

As told by Joshua James in, God's Stories as told by God's Children (pg 99-101)

Psalm Sharing Time (small groups)

For this next part of the service, I will invite you to get into small groups with those around you, and share with one another your favourite Psalm (or verse from a Psalm) and why it is special to you. You have about 5 minutes.

Hymn – On the Path of Justice: Psalm 23

(Richard Bruxvoort Colligan)

Green pastures, quiet waters
Lead us and restore us
Death-shadow, fearful valley
Lead us and restore us

Chorus:

On the path of justice x2
Oh, lead us
On the path of justice

Old hatreds reconciling
Bring us to your table
Full blessing overflowing
Bring us to your table

Chorus

Full lifetimes in your presence
Your compassion drives us x2

Chorus

Offering Dedication

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

God of the heartbroken,
Where are you?
Be with the children who cry out.
Be with the mourners and the grievers.
Be with the frightened and the weary.
Be with the thirsty and the hungry.
God, come near.

God of justice,
Where are you?
Obliterate our apathy.
Grow our empathy.
Bolster our solidarity.
Turn us toward goodness.
God, come near.

God of abundant life,
Where are you?
Move us to forsake violence.
Make us people of healing and care.
Lead us out of fear and hatred.
Guide us along the path of peace.
God, come near.

God of steadfast love,
Where are you?
Softens human hearts.
Grant us courage and vision.
Give us spirits of mercy and hope.
Show us the way to mutual flourishing.
God, come near.

Hymn – The King of Love my Shepherd is

(HFTC 44, tune = Dominus Regit Me)

1. The king of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow
A ransomed soul, he leads me;
And where the fertile pastures grow,
With food from heaven feeds me.

3. Perverse and foolish I have strayed,
But in his love he sought me;
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, bought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With you, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still,
Your cross before to guide me.

5. You spread a banquet in my sight
Of love beyond all knowing;
And O the gladness and delight
From your pure chalice flowing!

6. And so through all the length of days
Your goodness fails me never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
Within your house forever!

Blessing (based on Psalm 145)

As you go from here, remember this:
The God we serve is merciful and compassionate,
endlessly patient and full of faithful love.
He is trustworthy in all that he says,
and faithful in all that he does.
So go out in confidence,
knowing that God goes with you.

Sung Amen x3

For more information about ‘How to Read the Psalms’ check out this short video from [**The Bible Project**](#).