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Kaurihohore / Kamo Co-operating Parish

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The service this morning is led by Richard Smith,
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Welcome to Kaurihohore Historic Church

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

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

Humility: we recognise we do not have all the answers but are prayerfully journeying together as we seek them.

Welcome

Welcome to worship at Kauri this morning on the second Sunday in the season of Easter. In this morning's service we will begin with a memorial to Pat Watson who was a member in this faith community for years, served on Parish Council as the link person with the Pastoral Care team and with our Girls' Brigade Company and was one of the volunteer Chaplains at the local hospital. In the second part of our service, we will focus on the story of the resurrection as given by John in which he tells us Jesus said, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' We will conclude with singing the priestly blessing of Aaron to each other.

Introduction to Memorial for Pat (Doris Beatrix) Watson

While many of you know Pat well, some may not. As we begin this congregational memorial, I want to share an excerpt of something Pat wrote about training and then working as a volunteer chaplain especially on the children's ward where I also used to work.

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

“Then my brain was busy, busy and I felt I was giving as much as I could – listening rather than always talking – and I learned when to listen and gained glimpses of dear ones to grow stronger, and be able to go home. What a privilege.”

For me, as for many of us, it was a privilege to work alongside Pat as she lived her faith day by day in loving and caring for others.

So, as we prepare to remember Pat’s life and to celebrate her impact on us and on the lives of many in our community, I invite Pat’s husband Noel to light this memorial candle as a reminder of the spark of the divine light Pat carried within her and brought into the lives of so many.

Lighting of Memorial Candle

Eulogy

Pat’s Favourite Things

Invitation to Share Anecdotes

PowerPoint Reflection

Prayers from Funeral Service

God of all comfort, we pray to you for those we love but see no longer.

Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them;
And in your loving wisdom and almighty power
work in them the good purpose of your perfect will,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Support us, Lord, all the day long of this troubled life,
Until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,
The busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in your mercy, give us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

You have ordered this wonderous world, O God,
and you know all things in earth and in heaven:
so fill our hearts with trust in you that by day and by night,
at all times and in all seasons,
we may without fear commit those who are dear to us to your never
failing love,
for this life and the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer - sung AA112 [Our Father in Heaven](#)

(please remain seated)

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day 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 forever.
Amen, Amen, Amen Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen Amen

Call to Worship

The psalm for today proclaims:

“It is truly wonderful when the people of God live together in peace. It is as beautiful as olive oil poured on Aaron’s head and running down his beard and the collar of his robe. It is like the dew from Mount Hermon, falling on Zion’s mountains, where God has promised to bless the people with life forevermore. “(Psalm 133:1–3).

We come together to give thanks for the peace we enjoy in this community and to learn to be channels through which the peace of the Holy Spirit is shared with all those she loves.

Hymn HFTC 364: [Jesus Stand Among Us](#)

Prayer for Centring and Renewal

Loving God, as we share in worship this morning, help us to let go of our anxieties and fears, our hurts and disappointments, our regrets for the things we shouldn't have done and for the things we have left undone. Be with us, Loving God, reminding us of your forgiving presence shown in the life of Jesus who forgave those who nailed him to the cross, and give us your peace.

Gracious God, spiritual parent of all humanity may your vision of peace be realised, both in the Holy Lands where Jesus lived and died, and across all the lands and oceans of the earth. Inspire all human beings to share in a spirit of love and togetherness. May we share our blessings and carry each other's burdens so the world can see your love in action. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

John 20:19-22 *(NRSVA New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised and adapted)*

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'.

Acts 4:32–35 *(Contemporary English Version)*

The Believers Share Their Possessions

³² The group of followers all felt the same way about everything. None of them claimed that their possessions were their own, and they shared everything they had with each other.

33 In a powerful way the apostles told everyone that the Lord Jesus was now alive. God greatly blessed his followers, 34 and no one went in need of anything. Everyone who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money 35 to the apostles. Then they would give the money to anyone in need.

Hymn HFTC S19: [Make Me a Channel Of Your Peace](#)

Sermon / Reflection

“The group of followers all felt the same way about everything. None of them claimed that their possessions were their own, and they shared everything they had with each other.” They would sell what they owned and give the money to anyone in need.

Who do you feel the same way as, about everything? Anyone?

Who do you share everything you have with? Anyone?

What are you willing to sell and give the money to anyone in need?

There have been wars fought and many lives taken over differences of ideas and understandings about what happened at Easter. But Mark tells us that Jesus’ followers were so frightened in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus was arrested, they all deserted him and fled. In today’s reading from John’s gospel they were so terrified of the Jewish authorities after his crucifixion they only met in a locked house. But something transformed this group of scaredy cats into a community who spoke out publicly about the unjust killing of Jesus and who shared their property and gave money to anyone in need.

What happened overcame the fear that had driven the disciples to desert Jesus and transformed them into a group who cared so much for each other and for those in need around them they gave up whatever they owned to live out the faith they had in Jesus and the kingdom of God he proclaimed. That is resurrection.

What a transformation there would be in this world if we all lived like that, if sharing and caring were more important than owning and possessing. That is the gospel we are sent to proclaim. “Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” The peace of God comes when we love our neighbour as we love ourselves. May we all know and live in that peace, the gift of Easter.

Hymn HIOS 153: [Where the Light of Easter Day](#)

Where the light of Easter Day
shines through our life, then faith can say,
Christ is living,
Christ is moving,
Christ is changing all the world.
Here is God's good kingdom!

Where the yeast of love will rise,
bubbling with God's new enterprise,
Christ is living,
Christ is moving
Christ is working through the world.
Here is God's good kingdom!

Where a child can grow in trust,
where there is joy that powers are just,
Christ is living,
Christ is moving,
Christ will colour all the world.
Here is God's good kingdom!

Where the harvests ripen in peace,
where all the sounds of gunfire cease,
Christ is living,
Christ is moving,
Christ is healing in the world.
Here is God's good kingdom!

Where the Spirit's flame burns bright,
where there is health and truth and light,
Christ is living
Christ is moving,
Christ will resurrect the world.
Here is God's good kingdom!

Community Time: Notices, Celebrations & Concerns.

Prayers of the People

Holy God, source of all that is and that will be, spirit of creation and creativity, we give you thanks for this life with all its ups and downs. We celebrate the life of Pat Watson and all the joy and healing she brought to those whose lives she touched. Help us to treasure and to celebrate the life you give to those who share their lives with us. We celebrate in this Easter season that out of death and destruction comes new life and hope. Help us to live in your creation with care and responsibility, enjoying your good gifts and working to restore the balance and harmony of nature around us. We share in celebrating the love and compassion of chaplains and care-givers, essential workers and volunteers,

Help us to show your presence through our loving care of one another and enable us to be humble enough to ask for and receive help and support when we are in need of it.

We hold before you all those whose lives are blighted by violence and deprivation, sickness and isolation. We pray for those known to us and ask you to open our eyes to see where we can become your agents of forgiveness and compassion. **Amen.**

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We come with all our hopes and gifts, our time and talents, our fears and limitations, seeking the blessing of your presence with us and among us.

We dedicate ourselves, our time and our possessions to build your kingdom in this place. Amen.

Hymn AA 59: [He Came Singing Love](#) by Colin Gibson

He came singing Love
and he lived singing love;
he died, singing love
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith;
he died, singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
he died, singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
he died, singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

Commissioning and Blessing

Go then into the rest of your life singing Love, Faith, Hope and Peace, and the Lord of Life who was present in the life of Jesus of Nazareth will be in you and with you as you journey with him and those he brings to share your path.

(Sung Blessing)

The Lord bless you and keep you:

the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you:

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

*(followed by sung three-fold **Amen**)*

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