

Friday Morning Worship:

A Christ-centred, community facing church is one in which we seek to know
who Jesus is

The assembly candle is lit

Call to worship

Sarah: Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. The Lord be with you:

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

Te Ao Biddle:

We are here because we are God's people.

We come, seeking to know Jesus Christ

We regret our arrogance in assuming we have nothing more to learn

**We dream of being a Christ-centred, community facing Church
in which we will know Jesus Christ more fully**

Hymn of Adoration: Let all creation dance

Silence in which we remain standing and continue to offer our adoration to God

5 Pictures of creation / cosmos

Gong

Bible Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11 *read by Te Ao Biddle in Maori – on screen in English*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Contemporary Reading: “Our image of Jesus” *Present on Earth* Wild Goose Worship Group, 2002, p.37-40
Read by two youth commissioners

Introduction to Prayer

Sarah – Assembly papers, Newspaper, our lives, the lives of this meeting, the lives of the church and the lives of the community
individual prayer in which we all speak aloud at once in our own languages: we pray that we and others may know Christ more fully: that in all we do, we may become a Christ-centred, community facing church where we seek to know who Jesus is for us today

Moving in and out of prayer: “E te Atua” (unaccompanied) *O God bless us for ever*
E te Atua manaaki mai (x3) ake ake tonu e (x2)

Prayer:

Conclude with the ringing of the gong and E te Atua

The Peace Sarah

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;
The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
We exchange a sing of peace with each other

Theme Song:

“Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets...”

Responsive Prayer Sarah

“For all that God can do within us, ...”