

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
The Diocese of Christchurch

And

The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand
Presbytery of South Canterbury



A Celebration of Ministry
within the
Waihao Cooperating Parish
Local Shared Ministry

Commissionings & Ordinations

by

the Bishop of Christchurch
The Right Reverend Dr David Coles

and by

The Presbytery of South Canterbury
Acting Moderator Reverend Peter Wishart

in the Morven Hall
Date June 17 2007 at 4.00pm

The Ministry Support Team

Bill Penno	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Jan Penno	Pastoral Care
Helen Scott	Pastoral Care
Janet Williams	Priest
Alistair Young	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Frances Young	Christian Education

The Gathering of the Community

Call to worship *led by the Bishop and the Moderator*

O come let us bow down and worship:
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
For the Lord is our God: we are the Lord's people,
the flock that God shepherds. (Psalm 95: 6-7)

Opening Songs

**Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by His power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!**

***Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs, for Jesus is Lord!***

**Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
in flesh He came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
yet gave His life a ransom thus setting us free.**

***Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs, for Jesus is Lord!***

**Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death He rose and all His foes shall own His name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends His Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.**

***Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs, for Jesus is Lord!***

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**Lord, I lift Your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing Your praises;
I'm so glad You're in my life,
I'm so glad You came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

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Congregation please be seated

The Moderator greets and welcomes the people, and then the Bishop says

Glory to God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life,
who is, who was, and is to come.

Grace and peace to you from God
Kia tau ki a koutou, te atawhai me te rangimarie o te Atua.

**God fill you with truth and joy.
Ma te Atua koe e whakau, ki te pono me te hari.**

E te whanau a te Karaiti / Sisters and brothers in Christ,
the good news of God's purposes has been proclaimed here
by those who have gone before us,
and faithful witness has been offered within this community.
We celebrate the ministry that has been done
and will continue to be offered in this parish in Christ's name.
A new chapter in that on-going story begins here
as we affirm the ministry of all the baptised
and commission and ordain members
of the Ministry Support Team of this parish.

In silence let us pray together that God will strengthen our love
for one another and encourage and enliven our witness to Christ.

Silence

We pray together,
Faithful God,
in every age you call us to yourself
that we may become your people;
we thank you for all who have served you here.
Send your Holy Spirit to give us
understanding of the past,
vision for the future and
courage to undertake it;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

All sit as the Moderator continues

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent,
turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

Merciful God,
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Absolution is declared by the Bishop.

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you,
pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The Proclamation

The Readings

The first reader says

A reading from the First Letter of Peter, chapter 4
beginning at verse 4 (4-10)

At the end, the reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

The second reader says

A reading from the Gospel of Mark, chapter 8 beginning
at verse 28 (28-31)

At the end, the reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Break thou the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves
beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page
I seek thee, Lord,
my spirit longs for thee,
O living Word.**

**Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
to me, to me,
as thou didst bless the bread
by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace,
my all in all.**

Words: Mary Lathbury Music: WF Sherwin

The Sermon The Reverend Dr Paul Trebilco

Department of Theology and Religious Studies University of Otago

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Bishop and the Moderator move near the font and the people stand

The Bishop says

At this new beginning in ministry here,
we celebrate the new life which is ours in Christ Jesus,
who has made us one in his body
and called us to share in the ministries of reconciliation,
obedience and apostolic witness that enable this.
Let those of us who are baptised
renew the vows of our baptism,
by which we renounced all the evil
that perverts the purposes of God,
and promised to serve God faithfully in the church.

Let those of us who are baptised,
affirm that we renounce evil and commit our lives to Christ.
Blessed be God, JESUS IS LORD!

The moderator continues

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God.
From the beginning, believers have continued
in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of the bread and in the prayers.
Will you commit yourself to this life together?
I will, with God's help.

Will you forgive others as you have been forgiven?
I will, with God's help.

The Bishop continues

Will you seek to love your neighbour as yourself,
and strive for peace and justice?
I will, with God's help.

Will you accept the cost of following Jesus Christ
in your daily life and work?

I will, with God's help.

The moderator continues

With the whole Church, will you proclaim by word and action
the good news of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

May God keep you in the way you have chosen.

The Bishop continues

God of mercy and love,
new birth by water and the Spirit is your gift,
a gift none can take away;
grant that your servants
may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ.
Fill them with the joy of your presence.
Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of love, patience and gentleness,
the spirit of wonder and true holiness. **Amen.**

Hymn

**I will offer up my life in spirit and truth
pouring out the oil of love as my worship to You.
In surrender I must give my every part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.**

***Jesus, what can I give,
what can I bring to so faithful a friend,
to so loving a king?
Saviour, what can be said?
What can be sung as a praise of your name
for the things you have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,
of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.***

**You deserve my every breath,
for you've paid the great cost;
giving up Your life to death, even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin,
opened up the gates of heaven
and have beckoned me in.**

***Jesus, what can I give,
what can I bring to so faithful a friend,
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The Presentation

The Narrative is read by the Ministry Enabler

All those who are to be commissioned or ordained as members of the Ministry Support Team come forward and stand before the Bishop and the Moderator

The Bishop says:

Christ is head of the Church;
he alone is the source of all Christian ministry.
Through the ages it is Christ
who has called men and women to serve.
By the Holy Spirit all who believe and are baptised
receive a ministry to proclaim Jesus as Saviour and Lord,
and to love and serve the people with whom they live and work.
In Christ they are to bring redemption,
to reconcile and to make whole.
They are to be salt for the earth;
they are to be light to the world.

After his resurrection and ascension
Christ gave gifts abundantly to the Church.
Some he made apostles, some prophets,
some evangelists, some pastors and teachers;
to equip God's people for their work of ministry
and to build up the body of Christ.

The moderator continues

The people in the Co-operating Parish
look to two parent Churches.
One has a tradition
in which there are Deacons, Priests and Bishops.
The other has a tradition of rule by Elders and Ministers
together in Session Presbytery and General Assembly.
They are all called and empowered to fulfil a ministry
to enable the whole mission of the Church.

The Bishop continues

In Local Shared Ministry
we affirm that all baptised members of the community
have a ministry in their daily lives.
In order to support and sustain these various ministries
you have called a Ministry Support Team.
I now ask that the members of this team be presented
so that they can be commissioned and ordained.

*The Members of the Waihao Cooperating Parish congregations stand and
address the Bishop and the Moderator*

**Bishop and Moderator,
we present these Ministry Support Team members to you.
We, their community, have chosen them.
We have trained with them
and believe they will serve Christ well in their ministries.**

The Ministry Enabler then says

We believe that Helen Scott is ready to be licensed
to the ministry of Pastoral Care,
Jan Penno is ready to be commissioned
to the ministry of Pastoral Care,

Frances Young is ready to be commissioned
to the ministry of Christian Education;
that Janet Williams is ready to be ordained priest;
Bill Penno and Alistair Young are ready to be ordained
Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Parish representatives then say

We believe that they will serve Christ well
in these ministries.

The Bishop and the Moderator address the whole congregation:

Is it your will that these persons be commissioned
and ordained for the ministries
for which they have been presented?

The people respond

Yes, it is.

Will you uphold them in these ministries?

We will.

The Bishop and the Moderator then address those who have been presented

My sisters and brothers,
do you believe that you are truly called
by God and the Church to the ministry
to which you are to be commissioned or ordained this day?

The candidates reply

Yes, I do.

The Bishop and the Moderator pray together

Holy and living God,
you call men and women
to bring us your creative and redeeming Word.
Equip your people for their work of ministry
and give to these your servants,
now to be commissioned and ordained,
the gifts of grace they need. **Amen.**

The Commitment

All stand for the Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

All are seated except Helen Scott and Janet Williams who stand before the Bishop

Bishop

Helen and Janet, you have declared your faith in God.
We believe God is calling you to serve in the Church.
We now ask you to declare your commitment
to Christ in his Church.

Do you believe that the Bible contains all that is essential
for our salvation, and reveals God's living word in Jesus Christ?

Candidates

Yes, I do.
God give me understanding in studying the Scriptures.
May they reveal to me the mind and heart of Christ,
and shape my ministry.

Bishop

Do you hold to the doctrines of the faith
as this Church understands them?

Candidates

Yes, I do.
My duty and joy will be to witness to Christ
crucified and risen.

Bishop

Will you accept the order and discipline of this Church
and the guidance and leadership of your Bishop?

Candidates

Yes, I will.
And God give me grace to work in partnership
with my sisters and brothers in Christ's service.

Bishop

Will you seek the lost and lonely,
caring for all God's people whatever their need?

Candidates

Yes, I will.
My concern will be to show love, care, and compassion.
God give me courage to strive for justice and peace
among all people.

Bishop

Will you so live the gospel that you challenge us
with the demands of love?

Candidates

Yes, I will.
God give me strength and humility.

Bishop

Will you be constant in prayer and study?

Candidates

Yes, I will.
God give me imagination and perseverance.

Bishop

Will you do all in your power to build up the body of Christ?

Candidates

Yes, I will.

*The Bishop addresses **the candidate to be commissioned***

Bishop

Helen, will you faithfully exercise the ministry of Pastoral Care?

Candidate

I will.
I commit myself fully to this ministry.

Bishop

Helen will you then give glory to God,
the holy and blessed Trinity ?

Candidate

Glory to God on high, God of power and might.
You are my God.
I can neither add to your glory
nor take away from your power.
Yet will I wait upon you daily in prayer and praise.

*The candidate **to be ordained priest** stands before the Bishop and is presented by a lay person and a priest*

Priest presenter

Bishop David, we present Janet Williams
to be ordained a priest in the Church of God.

Lay presenter

We believe that she will serve Christ well as a priest.

*The Bishop addresses **the candidate to be ordained priest**,*

Priests in the Church
are called to build up Christ's congregation,
to strengthen the baptised,
and to lead them as witnesses to Christ in the world.

To do this they are called to be pastors.
They are to share people's joys and sorrows,
encourage the faithful, recall those who fall away,
heal and help the sick.

Above all, they are to proclaim God's word
and take their part in Christ's prophetic work,
to declare forgiveness through Jesus Christ,
to baptise,
to preside at the Eucharist,
to administer Christ's holy sacraments.

Janet, do you believe that you are called
to the office and work of a priest?

The candidate responds

I believe that God and the Church
are calling me to this ministry.
I thank God for this call,
and the Church for its encouragement.

The Bishop says

Janet, will you then give glory to God,
the holy and blessed Trinity?

Candidate

Glory to God on high, God of power and might.
You are my God.
I can neither add to your glory
nor take away from your power.
Yet will I wait upon you daily in prayer and praise.

The Bishop then continues

Janet, we praise God for your commitment
to serve Christ in the order of priests.
Serve patiently and cheerfully,
remembering that the work you are called to do is God's work;
it is in God's hand,
and it is done in God's name to God's glory.
Follow Christ whose servant you are.
Share the burden of those whose cross is heavy.

You are marked as a person who proclaims
that among the truly blessed are the poor, the troubled,
the powerless, the persecuted.
You must be prepared to be what you proclaim.
Serve Christ simply and willingly,
and let your joy in Christ overcome all discouragement.
Have no fear; be humble and full of hope.

The Act of Faith:

All are seated except Bill and Jan Penno and Alistair and Frances Young who stand before the Moderator, who says,

This ordination and commissioning, is an act of Christian Faith.
Our Church believes the supreme rule of faith is the Word of God,
contained in the Old and New Testaments.
We believe that our subordinate standards of faith,
the Westminster Confession, the Longer and Shorter Catechisms,
point towards the faith to which we are called.
We believe that within the Church we have liberty of opinion on
matters not central to the Reformed Faith.
We believe that God's Spirit guides our understanding and leads
us in the ways of service, unity and truth.

The Vows:

The Moderator says and the candidates reply,

Bill and Alistair, in the name of Jesus Christ,
the only Head of the Church,
we are here to ordain you as a Minister of Word and Sacrament
by prayer and the laying on of hands.
In this act, the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand
acts and speaks within the one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church,
which is represented in the Creed we have just recited together.
The Ministry of Word and Sacrament is an apostolic ministry.
Through it the Church is reminded and encouraged
to fulfil its calling in Jesus Christ.
He is the One upon whom you will rely;
He is the One whom you serve;
He is the one whom you will proclaim.
Therefore, that we may know that you desire to receive this
ministry of Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit,
we ask you these questions:

Candidate Do you confess Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord?
I do.

Candidate Do you believe that you are called by God and the Church
to the ministry of Word and Sacrament?
I do

Candidate Do you receive the witness of the holy scriptures of
the Old and New Testaments as the supreme rule
of faith and life, and do you undertake to preach from
them to make Jesus Christ known?
I do

Candidate Do you resolve to celebrate the sacraments of baptism
and communion with the people of God?
I do

The Moderator then addresses all the candidate swho respond

Do you accept the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds
as witnessing to the core faith of the holy catholic Church,
and do you accept the Westminster documents
as a witness to the faith from a Reformed perspective?

Candidate I do

Relying on the power of the Holy Spirit,
will you commit yourself to the study of the Bible;
will you seek to model your life and ministry on Christ;
will you be faithful in prayer?

Candidate With God's help, I will.

Do you accept your share in the life and work of our Church
by upholding its doctrine, worship, government and discipline,
at all times seeking its unity and peace?

Candidate I do

Jan/Frances, do you accept the call to the ministry of
Pastoral Care/Christian Education?

Candidate I do. With God's help I will take up this ministry.

Bill/Alistair do you accept the call to be a Minister to this
parish and congregation?

Candidate I do; and I intend, with God's help,
to grow into the role of faithful pastor,
servant leader, and minister of the Gospel.

After all have responded the congregation says:

***Faithful is God who has called you,
and who will not fail you.***

All sit.

The Invocation

After a pause, the Bishop continues

Like the first disciples waiting for your coming,
empowering Spirit, we watch and pray.

The congregation prays in silence for the team

A hymn invoking the Holy Spirit is sung.

**Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
Heal our hearts, our lives
Cleanse our thoughts, our minds
Holy Spirit come
Oh come to us.**

**Holy Spirit fall
Holy Spirit fall
Drench us with your love
Fill our lives with peace
Holy Spirit fall
Oh fall on us.**

**Holy Spirit flow
Holy Spirit flow
Lead us in your will
Empowered to proclaim
Holy Spirit flow
Oh flow through us**

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The Moderator continues

Holy Spirit of God, meet us in this moment
as you met the apostles of old.
Be with us, Holy Spirit,
bring faith and hope, we pray.

Come Holy Spirit,
be present in your power.

*After a pause,
the Bishop and the Moderator continue with **The Commissioning.***

The Commissioning

Then the Bishop and the Moderator facing those to be commissioned, says this prayer.

Bishop

Blessed are you, God our creator,
God in history, God in revelation,
throughout all ages your unchanging purpose
has created a people to love and serve you.

Blessed are you in Christ Jesus, your Incarnation,
our Servant Lord, who by death overcame death.

Moderator

Through his resurrection and ascension,
through the gift of the Holy Spirit,
you have given life and order to your Church,
that we may carry out the ministry of love.
We thank you for calling these your servants,
to share this ministry as Commissioned Ministers
supporting the Shared Ministry
of the people of this Parish in their daily lives.

The Bishop or Moderator prays over each candidate using this or another suitable prayer

Holy Spirit,
guide and strengthen Jan/ Helen/ Frances
that in the ministry of Pastoral Care/Pastoral Care/Christian
Education in this parish
she may do your will in the service of Christ.
May every grace of ministry rest on this your servant.
Keep her strong and faithful,
steadfast in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

A licence is given to Helen Scott

The Ordination

*The candidate to be **ordained priest** comes forward.*

Those ministers assisting at the laying on of hands join the Bishop, who, facing the candidate being ordained priest says this prayer of consecration.

All present join with the Bishop in saying the concluding part of the prayer.

Blessed are you,
God our creator, God in history, God in revelation;
throughout the ages your unchanging purpose
has created a people to love and serve you.
Blessed are you in Christ Jesus,
your Incarnation, our Servant Lord,
who by death overcame death.

Through his resurrection and ascension,
through the gift of the Holy Spirit,
you have given life and order to your Church,
that we may carry out the ministry of love.
We thank you for calling this your servant
to share this ministry as priest.

The Bishop, and the assisting ministers, lay hands on the head of the candidate, with the Bishop saying after silence:

God of grace, through your Holy Spirit,
gentle as a dove, living, burning as fire,
empower your servant Janet
for the office and work of a priest in the Church.

At the conclusion of the laying on of hands, the Bishop continues

May every grace of ministry rest on *this your servant*.
Keep her strong and faithful,
steadfast in Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen!

**May she herald the joy of your kingdom,
bring freedom rather than bondage,
serve rather than be served;
through the sacraments she ministers
let your grace abound.**

The new priest stands and is vested and her Letters of Ordination presented.

The Formula is read (by the Clerk of Presbytery) and signed

The Prayer of Ordination and Commissioning:

Those ministers assisting at the laying on of hands join the Moderator, who, facing the candidates being ordained prays this prayer of ordination.

Let us pray:

What a wonderful occasion it is that draws us together tonight.
A new ministry, a fresh perspective, a climate of anticipation.
We offer you thanks, indeed, O God,
that in your great wisdom and mercy,
you gather together the likes of us – an ordinary yet
diverse group of people – and call us church, your body,
the branches of your vine, your beloved.
A great mystery is your church, Lord.
An institution with a chequered history;
an organisation internally divided.
Yet a mystery of your making,
a chaos of uncalculating love,
a place where gifts are discovered and released,
a sign of hope and reconciliation.
So we live in this tension.
And ministry is exercised in the tension between calling
and actuality,
between already and not yet,
between obedience and disobedience – a tension where
the energies of grace are relied upon and the lessons of
grace are learnt.

We thank you, Lord,
for the steps that have led to this ordination,
and ask that your Spirit rest upon Bill and Alistair,
blessing them and equipping them for the ministry
of Word and Sacrament to which they have been called.

We thank you for their willingness to exercise ministry in this place,
to keep, through word and sacrament,
the Gospel at the centre of this congregation's life,
to exercise a ministry of care and encouragement
in the faith,

to commit themselves to prayer and study
of the scriptures,
to build up the body of Christ.

We thank you for the living heritage of faith
that resides in this place,
the rich history of prayer and worship,
the variety of gifts and ministries,
and the countless acts of devotion and service.

May this ministry that we recognise and bless this evening,
find strength and inspiration in the life and ministry of Christ,
energy and purpose in the activity of the Spirit.

These things we pray in the name of the One in whose
name all ministries are exercised – Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

The Declaration

The Moderator says.

Bill and Alistair, I declare you to be ordained to the
Ministry of Word and Sacrament and commission you to
this parish in order to centre its life in worship and
encourage it in mission. In acknowledgement of this, I
offer you the right hand of fellowship as we sing God's
blessing upon you.

The Aaronic blessing (sung):

**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.**

*The Moderator and the Bishop present a bible to each member of the Ministry
Support team saying*

Here are the Holy Scriptures;
learn from them and proclaim Christ, the living Word.

The congregation stands and the Ministry Support Team which has been commissioned is presented to the Church by the Bishop and the Moderator.

Congregational Response to the Local Shared Ministry Support Team

The Parish Council Secretary says,

We welcome you. We are all ministers here, sharing in the ministry and mission of Christ, seeking to make Him known in all that we do. We offer you our friendship and support, our love and our prayers, as we join together in this work to which God has called us.

The Bishop and the Moderator say to the congregation,

In the context of the calling that you share together as a congregation, will you take a regular part in the worship of God, and contribute to the work of God as you are able; will you endeavour to make Jesus Christ known in the community by word and action?

We will, the Lord being our helper.

The Bishop says to the Ministry Enabler

Andrew, your relationship with this parish will change now that this Ministry Support Team has been commissioned. They will take on much of the ministry that you have been undertaking.

Will you continue to train, guide and support all the baptised here, sharing with them the ministry in a way that recognises this commissioning?

With God's help, I will.

*A **letter of appointment** prepared by the Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand (UCANZ) is brought forward by the Chairperson of the South Canterbury JRC and a Representative of UCANZ. This is read out and then signed by members of the Ministry Support Team and Partner Representatives.*

Hymn

**God, who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward
stir the spirit, stretch the mind;
love, for God and self and neighbour,
marks the way that Christ defined.**

**Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.**

**End our longings for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.**

**When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side,
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal, and Christ our guide.**

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Prayers of Intercession led by the Ministry Support Team of the
Waihao Cooperating Parish

*Following these prayers a minister will say,
As Christ teaches us we say*

**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.**

Hymn

**The journey of life may be easy, may be hard,
there'll be dangers on the way;
with Christ at my side I'll take courage as I ride
'gainst the foe that would lead me astray.**

***Will you ride, ride, ride with the King of kings,
will you follow my leader true;
will you shout hosanna! to the lowly Son of God,
who died for me and you?***

**My burden is light and a song is in my heart,
as I travel on life's way,
for Christ is my Lord, and he's given me his word
that by my side he'll stay.**

Will you ride...

**I'll follow my leader wherever he may go,
for Jesus is my friend;
he'll lead me on to the place where he has gone,
when I come to my journey's end.**

Will you ride...

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The Benediction is sung

**Now unto Him who is able to keep
able to keep you from falling
and present you faultless before the presence of His glory
with exceeding joy
to the only wise God our Saviour
be glory and majesty, dominion and power
both now and forever. Amen.**

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A minister says

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Everybody is welcome to share a meal in the hall following the service