Pre service music  "Going Home" Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904) played by Tegen Baldwin; "Andante" Douglas Lilburn (NZ composer, 1915-2001); “Christe Qui Lux Es Et Dies” (Christ Who Art the Light and Day) John Redford (~1486-1547)

Welcome

Introit “Lord God, thou art our salvation evermore” Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Call to Worship
Kia noho a Ihowa kia koutou. May God be with you.
Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

God’s reign extends into every corner of creation
and every realm of humanity; let the earth sing.
In reverent awe, we gather to worship God.
The mighty God loves justice and establishes equity,
overturning unfair systems and relationships.
In reverent awe, we gather to praise God.

God speaks in pillars of cloud and good law
through prophets and leaders, in judgement and forgiveness.
In the light of God’s mercy and love, we gather in reverent awe.
Let us worship God.

Hymn “Immortal, Invisible” (St Denio) CH4 132 – Walter Chalmers Smith

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
not wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.
Prayer of Praise and Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness

E te whanau ... all are God’s beloved people.  **Thanks be to God.**

Passing the Peace, then Anthem “O Nata Lux de lumine”  
Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

Conversation with young members

Hymn “*We have come at Christ’s own bidding*”  
(Hyfrydol CH4 39)  
GtG 191 – Carl Daw, jr.

1 We have come at Christ’s own bidding to this high and holy place,  
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God’s grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,  
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

2 Light breaks through our clouds and shadows; splendour bathes the flesh-joined word;  
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:  
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,  
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,  
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

Readings  
**Exodus 34:29-35**

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

**Gospel**  
**Luke 9: 28-43**

*This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ*  **Praise to Christ the Word**

Sermon  “*Where mountains rise*”

Hymn “*Where mountains rise to open skies*”  
(Dunedin) AA 155 – Shirley Murray

1 Where mountains rise to open skies  
your name, O God, is echoed far,  
from island beach to kauri’s reach,  
in water’s light, in lake and star.

2 Your people’s heart, your people’s part  
be in our caring for this land,  
for faith to flower, for aroha  
to let each other’s mana stand.
3 From broken word, from conflict stirred, from lack of vision, set us free to see the line of your design, to feel creation’s energy.

4 Your love be known, compassion shown, that every child have equal scope: in justice done, in trust begun shall be our heritage and hope.

**Prayer for others, then ...**

Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth, as it is 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 forever: Amen

**Offering and Dedication**

We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table, and those which wing their way electronically from our banks to the Church’s account.

1 For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labour, with these gifts that are your own:

2 Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

**Notices**

**Hymn “How good Lord to be here”**

1 How good, Lord, to be here! your glory fills the night; your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.

2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.

3 Fulfiller of the past promise of things to be: we hail your body glorified, and our redemption see.

4 Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come; we still would hold the vision bright, and make this hill our home.

5 How good, Lord, to be here! yet we may not remain; but since you bid us leave the mount come with us to the plain.

**Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude**

“Tuba Tune”

Craig Sellar Lang (born NZ, 1891-1971)

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