**Advent Sunday, 1 December 2019**

**30th Anniversary**

**A New Zealand Prayer Book - He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa**

**On the first day in December 2019, the first Sunday in Advent, the Common Life Liturgical Commission invites you to celebrate with us 30 years of liturgy,** and we offer you this **reflection,** **sentence, collect, and hymn** written for this occasion.

In celebrating 30 years of A New Zealand Prayer Book **I** He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa we are called to remember its illustrious past; the thought, discussions, disagreement, and many decisions that make up the beloved whakapapa of this ‘taonga tongarewa’. Each contributor, having left a little of themselves woven into each word and illustration, are forever bound in every page. This prayer book tapestry was never destined to be woven by one strand alone and as we survey the book’s cross each thread, including the loosed ones, carry the filaments of liturgy from its past to the present and into future whakapapa making. Now, with the luxury of technology, its prayers, liturgy, and history, proudly traverse the globe and its contents are sought after on the international stage, daily.



The Common Life Liturgical Commission honoured and commissioned the **Prayer Book history/whakapapa with “He Taonga Tongarewa, A Highly Prized Gift”,** written by Geoffrey Howarth and launched at the 63rd General Synod in 2018. This will take its readers on a memorable whakapapa trail.



Also, the newly **revised editions of large and small Liturgies of the Eucharist, Ngā Hākari Tapu, or Separates** as we have come to know them, were released early in 2019. The larger book with its large print is a welcome addition, as is the macronised Māori text, four Seasonal Ribbons, and the never before published 8 alternative Great Thanksgivings.

**On the horizon is the exciting** **reprint of the full Prayer Book**, scheduled to be launched at the 64th General Synod in 2020. The Samoan 404, Tongan 404, Fijian 404, and Samoan 476 authorised translations will add to the diverse richness of the multilingual prayer book we all treasure and value so greatly. It is hoped that the much worked on Māori translation of Years A,B,C Sentences and Collects will be ready for inclusion also.

From those work tables of contributors to the cyber corridors of the worldwide web, today’s users can continue to honour a prayer book that speaks to all. These sentiments of the introductory pages ‘A Multitude of Voices’ remain true,

*“New words and new voices encourage the exploration of new ways of acting liturgically... and not by words alone. Liturgy is not primarily what we say, but what we do”*.

**Sentence:**

 “The dwellers at the ends of the earth‿

are awed ′ by your ′ wonders:

you make the lands of sunrise and sunset‿

re′sound with ′ shouts of ′ joy.”

*(Psalm 65:8 from the ANZPB – HKMOA )*

**Collect:**

God of inspiration
who calls us to worship,
we give you thanks for our prayer book
a taonga from the Church to your people.
When we use it in our homes and in our churches,
may we find the nourishment we need to journey in faith,
so that we can make real your love for each other
and all those in need.
Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
**Amen.**

E te Atua o te ihi o te mana o te wehi.

Karangatia e koe te katoa

ki te tuku whakawhetai me te whakamoemiti.

Anei tāu hāhi e koha tonu ana te tongarewa karakia nei
*He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*

hei oranga tinana wairua hoki mō te iti me te rahi.

Ka mau i a mātou te hihiko me te papaki
o ēnei kurakarakia āwhiowhio.

He tino atakura tāu koha.

Ko Īhu Karaiti hoki tō mātou kaihoko,

e ora ana e kingi tahi ana me koe

i te kotahitanga o te Wairua Tapu

kotahi anō Atua ināianei, ā, mō ake tonu atu.

**Amine.**

**Hymn:**

1. We thank you O God

for a prayer book of our own,

woven with care

inspired by your love

under a sky

that bursts with stars.

Words ever ancient

words ever true.

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*(The calendar Te Maramataka)*

1. We thank you O God

for a prayer book of our own,

people of joy

lives lived in faith.

Running the race

examples to all.

Friends of the poor

and neighbours of us all

He Karakia Mihinare o, Aotearoa.

*(Liturgies of the Word)*

1. We thank you O God

for a prayer book of our own,

daily we come

the wellspring of joy

opening your word

transforming our lives

Becoming a canticle

of your praise

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*(Baptism)*

1. We thank you O God

for a prayer book of our own,

We who are called

to never ending love

life giving water

bubbling with grace.

Lives with hope

restored and refreshed.

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*(Eucharist Nga Hakari Tapu)*

1. We thank you O God

for a prayer book of our own,

to break bread

Is the centre of our lives.

Our grateful hearts

are lifted to you

Christ’s body ours

and we to the world

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(*Pastoral)*

1. We thank you O God

 for a prayer book of our own

For caring words

and healing love.

Tears for our dead

and hope to come.

Couples are joined

in your unfailing love

He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.

*(Ordination)*

1. We thank you O God

for a prayer book of our own

Those who are called

to minister your grace

Faithfully gather

to praise our God.

Daily they wait

upon your word

He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.

1. We thank you O God

for a prayer book of our own

There comes a time

when prayer books will cease.

Then we will see

Our God face to face

we will be drawn

to a much farther shore

He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.

*Nick and Judith 2019*

