

# Welcome to the Church of Joy

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## Mānava i roto i te 'Ēkālesia nō te 'oa'oa

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I was baptised into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Christmas Eve of 1987, nearly 37 years ago. That was a truly wonderful day in my life and in my eternal journey, and I'm profoundly grateful for the friends who prepared the way and brought me to the waters of that new birth.

Whether your baptism was yesterday or years ago, whether you meet in a large multiward Church building or under a thatched canopy, whether you receive the sacrament in remembrance of the Saviour in Thai or Swahili, I would like to say to you, welcome to the church of joy! Welcome to the church of joy!

### The Church of Joy

Because of the loving plan of our Heavenly Father for each of His children, and because of the redeeming life and mission of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, we can—and should—be the most joyful people on earth! Even as the storms of life in an often-troubled world pound upon us, we can cultivate a growing and abiding sense of joy and inner peace because of our hope in Christ and our understanding of our own place in the beautiful plan of happiness.

The Lord's senior Apostle, President Russell

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'Ua bāpetizohia vau i roto i Te 'Ēkālesia a Iesu Mesia i te Feiā Mo'a i te mau Mahana Hope'a nei i te Pō Noera nō te matahiti 1987, fātata 'a 37 matahiti i teienei. E mahana fa'ahiahia mau te reira i roto i tō'u orara'a, 'e i ni'a i tō'u tere mure 'ore, 'e tē ha'amāuruuru roa nei au i te mau hoa tei fa'aineine i te 'ē'a 'e tei hōpoi iā'u i te mau pape nō terā fānaurā'a 'āpī.

Inanahi ānei tō 'outou bāpetizora'a 'aore rā 'a rave rahi matahiti i teienei, tei te fare purera'a e rave rahi pāroita te putuputura'a ānei, 'aore rā i te hō'e fare 'āretu, nā roto ānei i te reo tairane 'aore rā te swahili 'outou e fa'ari'i nei i te 'ōro'a 'ei ha'amana'ora'a i te Fa'aora, tē hina'aro nei au 'ia parau ia 'outou ē, mānava i roto i te 'Ēkālesia nō te 'oa'oa ! Mānava i roto i te 'Ēkālesia nō te 'oa'oa !

### Te 'Ēkālesia nō te 'oa'oa

Maoti te fa'anahora'a here a tō tātou Metua i te ao ra nō tāna mau tamari'i tāta'itahi, 'e maoti te ora 'e te misiōni tāra'ehara a tō tātou Fa'aora Iesu Mesia, e ti'a ia tātou—'e e mea tano ho'i—'ei feiā 'oa'oa roa a'e tātou i ni'a i te fenua nei ! Noa atu te mau vero o te orara'a, i te hō'e ao pinepine i te ti'arepu, 'o tē tūpa'ipa'i i ni'a ia tātou, e nehenehe tātou e 'atu'atu i te mana'o nō te 'oa'oa 'e nō te hau 'o roto, 'o tē tupu noa 'e 'o tē tāmau noa, maoti tō tātou ti'a'i i te Mesia 'e tō tātou māmarama i tō tātou iho pārahira'a i roto i te fa'anahora'a nehenehe nō te 'oa'oa.

'Ua paraparau te 'āpōsetolo matahiapo a te

M. Nelson, has spoken of the joy that comes from a life centered on Jesus Christ in nearly every address he has given since becoming the President of the Church. He summed it up so concisely: “Joy comes from and because of Him. ... For Latter-day Saints, Jesus Christ is joy!”

We are members of the Church of Jesus Christ. We are members of the church of joy! And nowhere should our joy as a people be more apparent than when we gather together each Sabbath in our sacrament meetings to worship the source of all joy! Here we assemble with our ward and branch families to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, our deliverance from sin and death, and the Saviour's powerful grace! Here we come to experience the joy, refuge, forgiveness, thanksgiving, and belonging found through Jesus Christ!

Is this spirit of collective rejoicing in Christ what you find? Is this what you bring? Maybe you think this doesn't have much to do with you, or perhaps you are simply used to how things have always been done. But we can all contribute, no matter our age or our calling, to making our sacrament meetings the joy-filled, Christ-focused, welcoming hour they can be, alive with a spirit of joyful reverence.

## Joyful Reverence

Joyfulreverence? “Is that a thing?” you may ask. Well, yes, it is! We deeply love, honour, and respect our God, and our reverence flows from a soul that rejoices in Christ's abundant love, mercy, and salvation! This joyful reverence to the Lord should characterise our sacred sacrament meetings.

However, for many, reverence only means this: folding our arms tightly around our chests, bowing our heads, closing our eyes, and holding still—indefinitely! This might be a helpful way to teach energetic young children, but as we grow and learn, let us see that reverence is so much more than this. Is that how we would be if the Saviour were with us? No, for “in [His] presence

Fatu, te peresideni Russell M. Nelson, nō te 'oa'oa e tae mai nō te rōtahira'a i te orara'a i n'ia ia Iesu Mesia, fātata i roto i te mau aōra'a ato'a tāna i hōro'a mai mai te rirora'a mai 'ei Peresideni nō te 'Ēkālesia. 'Ua ha'apoto hi'uti'a oia i te reira mai teie : « Nō ʻō mai iāna 'e nōna te 'oa'oa e tae mai ai [...] Nō te Feiā Mo'a i te mau Mahana Hope'a Nei, te 'oa'oa, 'o Iesu Mesia ia ! »

E melo tātou nō te 'Ēkālesia a Iesu Mesia. E melo tātou nō te 'ēkālesia nō te 'oa'oa ! 'E 'aita e vāhi 'ē atu e 'itehia ai te 'oa'oa o tō tātou feiā maori rā i te taime 'a putuputu 'āmui ai tātou i te Sābati tāta'itahi i roto i tā tātou mau purera'a 'ōro'a nō te ha'amori i te puna nō te 'oa'oa ato'a ! I reira tātou e 'āmui ai 'e tō tātou mau 'utuāfare nō te pāroita 'e nō te 'āma'a nō te fa'ahanahana i te 'ōro'a nō te Tāmā'ara'a a te Fatu, tō tātou fa'aorara'ahia i te hara 'e i te pohe, 'e te maita'i rahi mana hope o te Fa'aora ! I reira tātou e haere mai ai nō te 'ite i te 'oa'oa, i te ha'apūra'a, i te fa'aorera'a hara, i te 'āau māuruuru 'e i te tāamura'a e 'itehia nā roto ia Iesu Mesia !

'O teie vārua ānei nō te 'oa'ora'a 'āmui i roto i te Mesia tā 'outou e 'ite nei ? 'O te reira ānei tā 'outou e hōpoi mai nei ? Pēnei a'e e mana'ō 'outou ē, e 'ere nā 'outou terā, 'aore rā pēnei a'e 'ua mātau roa 'outou mai terā noa iho ā te mau mea i te ravehia. E nehenehe rā tā tātou pā'āto'a e tauturu atu, noa atu tō tātou fāito matahiti 'aore rā te p'īra'a, 'ia fa'ariro i tā tātou mau purera'a 'ōro'a 'ei hora tei 'ī roa i te 'oa'oa e nehenehe, tei rōtahihia i n'ia i te Mesia, 'o tē fa'ari'i maita'i i te tāata, tei oraora maita'i i te vārua nō te mana'ō tura 'e te 'oa'oa.

## Te mana'o tura 'e te 'oa'oa

Te mana'ō tura'e te 'oa'oa? E ui paha 'outou : « E 'ohipa mau ānei terā ? ». 'Oia mau ia ! E here rahi roa tātou, e fa'ahanahana 'e e fa'atura ho'i i tō tātou Atua, 'e nō roto mai tō tātou mana'ō tura i te hō'ē vairua e 'oa'oa i te here, i te aroha 'e i te fa'aorara'a a te Mesia, e mani'i mai ai ! 'Ia 'itehia teie mana'ō tura 'e te 'oa'oa nō te Fatu i roto i tā tātou mau purera'a 'ōro'a e ti'a ai.

Terā rā, nō te tāata e rave rahi, te mana'ō tura, 'o teie noa ia : e tūfene maita'i i tō tātou rima i n'ia i te 'ōuma, e p'io i te upo'o, e tāpiri i te mata 'e e fa'aea ha'uti 'ore—ē hope noa atu ! E rāvē'a maita'i paha teie nō te ha'api'i i te tamari'i ha'uti, 'ia pa'ari ana'e rā tātou 'e 'ia 'apo mai tātou i te ha'api'ira'a, e hi'o ana'e ia i te mana'ō tura mai te hō'ē 'ohipa hau atu i te reira. Mai terā ānei tātou 'āhani tei 'ō nei

is fulness of joy”!

Well, for many of us this transformation in sacrament services will take practice.

## Attending versus Worshipping

We do not gather on the Sabbath simply to attend sacrament meeting and check it off the list. We come together to worship. There is a significant difference between the two. To attend means to be present at. But to worship is to intentionally praise and adore our God in a way that transforms us!

## On the Stand and in the Congregation

If we are gathering in remembrance of the Saviour and the redemption He has made possible, our faces should reflect our joy and gratitude! Elder F. Enzio Busche once told the story of when he was a branch president and a young boy in the congregation looked at him on the stand and asked loudly, “What is the man with that mean face doing up there?” Those who sit on the stand—speakers, leaders, choirs—and those who gather in the congregation communicate to each other this “welcome to the church of joy” through the expressions they wear on their faces!

## Hymn Singing

As we sing, are we joining together to praise our God and King no matter the quality of our voices, or are we just mumbling or not singing at all? Scripture records that “the song of the righteous is a prayer unto [God]” in which His soul delights. So let’s sing! And praise Him!

## Talks and Testimonies

We center our talks and testimonies on Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and the fruits of humbly living Their gospel, fruits that are “sweet above all that is sweet.” Then we truly “feast ... even until [we] are filled, that [we] hunger not, neither ... thirst,” and our burdens become lighter through the joy of the Son.

te Fa’aora i rotopū ia tātou ? ‘Aita, maoti rā, ‘o « te ‘ira’a o te ‘o’aoa i mua i [tōna] aro » !

‘Ua ‘ite ‘outou, nō tātou e rave rahi, e tītauhia te ha’api’ipi’ira’a ‘ia ‘itehia te reira tauira’a i roto i te mau purera’a ‘ōro’a.

## Te taera’a mai ‘aore rā te ha’amorira’a

‘Aita tātou e putuputu nei i te Sābati nō te tae noa mai i tā tātou purera’a ‘ōro’a ‘a tāpa’o atu ai ē, ‘ua oti i te ravehia. Tē haere ‘āmui mai nei tātou nō te ha’amori. E mea tā’a ē roa teie nā mea e piti. Tetaera’a maite aurā’a ra, tei te hōē vāhi ‘outou. ‘Āre’a teha’amori’o te ‘ārura’a ia ē te hina’arora’a i tō tātou Atua e tau ai tātou !

## I ni’a i te pa’epa’e ‘e i rotopū i te ‘āmuira’a

Mai te peu tē putuputu nei tātou nō te ha’amana’o i te Fa’aora ‘e te tāra’hara tāna i fa’ati’a, e mea tano ‘ia fa’aho’a tō tātou mata i tō tātou ‘o’aoa ‘e te māuruuru ! I te hōē taimē ‘ua fa’ati’a ‘o Elder F. Enzio Busche i tōna ‘āamu ‘ei peresideni ‘āma’a ‘e terā tamāroa i roto i te ‘āmuira’a tei hi’o iāna i ni’a i te pa’epa’e tei ui pūai : « E aha tā terā ta’ata mata ‘iria ‘ohipa i ni’a ? » E fa’atae te feiā e pārahi i ni’a i te pa’epa’e—te feiā a’o, te feiā fa’atere, te pupu hīmene—‘e te feiā e putuputu i roto i te ‘āmuira’a, i teie poro’i mānava i roto i te ‘ēkālesia nō te ‘o’aoa nā roto i te hōho’a i ni’a i tō rātou mata !

## Te hīmenera’a i te hīmene

‘Ia hīmene tātou, e ‘āmui ānei tātou pā’āto’a nō te ‘āruē i tō tātou Atua ‘e tō tātou Ari’i, noa atu ā te huru navenave o te reo, ‘aore rā e muhumuhu noa tātou i te mau parau ‘aore rā ‘aita roa atu e hīmene ? ‘Ua pāpā’ihia i roto i te pāpā’ira’a mo’a ē, « ‘ua riro te hīmene a te feiā parauti’a ‘ei pure [i te Atua] », ‘o tāna e au roa nei. Nō reira, e hīmene anaē ! ‘E ‘āruē anaē iāna !

## Te mau a’ora’a ‘e te mau ‘itera’a pāpū

E fa’atumu tātou i tā tātou mau a’ora’a ‘e mau ‘itera’a pāpū i ni’a i te Metua i te ao ra ‘e ia Iesu Mesia ‘e i te mau hotu nō te orara’a ma te hā’eha’a i tā rāua ‘evanelia, e hotu « tei hau tōna monamona i tō te mau mea monamona ato’a ra. » ‘Ei reira mau tātou e « e rave [...] i te fa’āamu’a [...] ē tae noa atu ‘ua pā’ia maita’i [tātou], ‘e ‘aita [tātou] e po’ia fa’ahou, ‘e ‘aita ho’i e po’ihā fa’ahou » ‘e e māmā mai tā tātou hōpoi’a nā roto i te ‘o’aoa i

tāna ra Tamaiti.

## The Sacrament

The glorious focal point of our services is the blessing and receiving of the sacrament itself, the bread and the water representing the atoning gift of our Lord and the whole purpose of our gathering. This is “a sacred time of spiritual renewal” when we witness anew that we are willing to take upon us the name of Jesus Christ and make again the covenant to always remember the Saviour and keep His commandments.

In some seasons of life, we may approach the sacrament with heavy hearts and overwhelming loads. At other times, we come free and unburdened from cares and troubles. As we listen intently to the blessing of the bread and water and partake of those sacred tokens, we may feel to reflect on the sacrifice of the Saviour, His agonies in Gethsemane, His anguish on the cross, and the sorrows and pains He endured on our behalf. That will be what relieves our souls as we connect our suffering to His. At other times, we will feel to wonder with grateful awe at the “exquisite and sweet” joy of what Jesus’s magnificent gift has made possible in our lives and in our eternities! We will rejoice for what is yet to come—our cherished reunion with our beloved Father and risen Saviour.

We may have been conditioned to suppose that the purpose of the sacrament is to sit in the pew thinking only about all the ways we messed up during the week before. But let’s turn that practice on its head. In the stillness, we can ponder the many ways we have seen the Lord relentlessly pursue us with His wonderful love that week! We can reflect on what it means to “discover the joy of daily repentance.” We can give thanks for the times the Saviour entered into our struggles and our triumphs and the occasions when we felt His grace, forgiveness, and power giving us strength to overcome our hardships and bear our burdens with patience and even good cheer.

Yes, we ponder the sufferings and injustices inflicted upon our Redeemer for our sin, and that does cause sober reflection. But we sometimes get stuck there—in the garden, at the cross, in-

## Te 'ōro'a mo'a

Te pū hanahana i roto i tā tātou mau pure-ra'a, 'o te ha'amaita'ira'a ia 'e te fa'ari'ira'a i te 'ōro'a mo'a iho, te pāne 'e te pape e fa'ahōhō'a i te hōro'a nō tāraēhara a tō tātou Fatu 'e te tumu hope nō tā tātou putuputura'a. E « taime mo'a nō te fa'a'apira'a pae vārua » teie, 'ia fa'a'ite pāpū fa'ahou tātou ē 'ua ineine tātou i te rave i nī'a ia tātou i te i'oa o Iesu Mesia 'e 'ia rave fa'ahou i te fafaura'a 'ia ha'amana'o noa i te Fa'aora 'e 'ia ha'apa'o i tāna mau fa'auera'a.

I te tahi pu'e tau o te orara'a, e haere mai paha tātou i te 'ōro'a ma te 'āau teimaha 'e te mau hōpoi'a tuauru. I te tahi atu taime, e haere mai tātou ma te ti'amā 'e te teimaha 'ore i te hōpoi'a a te māna'ona'ora'a 'e te pe'ape'a. 'Ia fa'aro'o tātou ma te mana'o pāpū i te ha'amaita'ira'a nō te pāne 'e te pape'e 'ia rave tātou i terā mau tāpā'o mo'a, e puta mai paha te mana'o e feruri i te tūsia a te Fa'aora, tōna mau mamae i Getesemane, tōna ahoaho i nī'a i te sātauro 'e te 'oto 'e te māuiui tāna i fa'a'oroma'i nō tātou. 'O te reira tē ha'amāmā i tō tātou vairua, 'ia fa'atū'ati tātou i tō tātou māuiui i tōna. I te tahi atu taime, e puta mai te mana'o 'ia fa'ahiahia ma te māere 'e te māuruuru i « te 'o'aoa 'e te au maita'i » 'o tā te hōro'a rahi a Iesu i fa'ati'a i roto i tō tātou orara'a 'e tō tātou tau mure 'ore ! E 'o'aoa tātou i te mea e tae mai—tō tātou fārereira'a iti 'e tō tātou Metua here 'e te Fa'aora ti'afa'ahou.

Pēnei a'e 'ua 'ōpanihia tātou i roto i te mana'o ē, te fā o te 'ōro'a, 'o te pārahira'a ia i nī'a i te pārahira'a ma te feruri noa i nī'a i te mau taime ato'a 'ua hape tātou i te hepetoma i ma'iri. E fa'ata'ahuri anāe i teie huru ravera'a. I roto i te hau, e nehenehe tātou e feruri i te mau rāve'a e rave rahi 'ua 'ite tātou i te Fatu i te tāpapa-tāmau-noa-ra'a ia tātou ma tōna here māere i terā hepetoma ! E nehenehe tātou e feruri i te aura'a o te parau « 'ite mai i te'o'aoa te tātarahapa i te mau mahana ato'a. » E nehenehe e ha'amāuruuru nō te mau taime 'ua fa'a'o mai te Fa'aora i roto i tō tātou mau tāfifira'a 'e tō tātou mau upōoti'ara'a, 'e te mau taime 'ua putapū tātou i tōna maita'i rahi, te fa'a'orera'a hara 'e te mana tei hōro'a mai i te pūai nō te upōoti'a i tō tātou mau 'ati 'e nō te amo i tā tātou mau hōpoi'a ma te fa'a'oroma'i 'e te fa'aitoito ato'a.

'Oia iho ā ia, e feruri tātou i te mamae 'e te 'ohipa ti'a 'ore tei ha'amāuiuihia tō tātou Tāraēhara nō tā tātou mau hara, 'o tē fa'atupu i te 'oto 'e te māna'ona'ora'a. I te tahi rā taime, e mau roa

side the tomb. We fail to move upward to the joy of the tomb bursting open, the defeat of death, and Christ's victory over all that might prevent us from gaining peace and returning to our heavenly home. Whether we shed tears of sorrow or tears of gratitude during the sacrament, let it be in awesome wonder at the good news of the Father's gift of His Son!

## Parents with Children Who Are Young or Have Special Needs

Now, for parents of children who are young or have special needs, there is often no such thing as a time of stillness and quiet reflection during the sacrament. But in small moments throughout the week, you can teach by example the love, gratitude, and joy you feel for and from the Saviour as you constantly care for His little lambs. No effort in this pursuit is wasted. God is so aware of you.

## Family, Ward, and Branch Councils

Likewise at home, we can begin to enhance our hopes and expectations for our time at church. In family councils, we can discuss how each individual can contribute in meaningful ways to welcoming all to the church of joy! We can plan and expect to have a joyful experience at church.

Ward and branch councils can envision and create a culture of joyful reverence for our sacrament hour, identifying practical steps and visual cues to help.

## Joy

Joy looks different for different people. For some, it may be exuberant greetings at the door. For others, it might be quietly helping people feel comfortable by smiling and sitting next to them with a kind and open heart. For those who feel left out or on the margins, the warmth of this welcome will be crucial. Ultimately, we can ask ourselves how the Saviour would want our sacrament hour to be. How would He want each one of His children to be welcomed, cared for, nourished, and loved? How would He want us

tātou iō—i roto i te ʻō, i ni'a i te sātauro, i roto i te mēnema. E ʻōore tātou i te nu'u i mua i te ʻoaōara'a nō te mēnema tei matara ʻū'ana, i te pau o te pohe ʻe i te rē o te Mesia i ni'a i te mau mea ato'a e tāpē'a mai ia tātou ʻia noa'a te hau ʻe ʻia ho'i i tō tātou fare i te ra'i ra. I te taime nō te ʻōro'a, e roimata nō te māuiui ānei ʻaore rā e roimata nō te māuruuru, ʻia mani'i ia te reira nō te māere au i te parau ʻāpī maita'i nō te hōro'a a te Metua i tāna Tamaiti !

## Te mau metua e mau tamari'i ʻāpī ʻe te hina'aro ta'a ʻē

I teienei, nō te mau metua e mau tamari'i ʻāpī ʻe te hina'aro ta'a ʻē, pinepine ʻaita terā taime nō te vai-hau-ra'a ʻe nō te feruri-māite-ra'a i te taime nō te ʻōro'a. Terā rā, i te roara'a o te hepetoma, e mau taime iti e nehenehe ʻoutou e ha'api'i nā roto i te hi'ora'a, i te here, i te māuruuru ʻe i te ʻoaōa tā ʻoutou e putapū nō ʻe maoti te Fa'aora, ʻa aupuru noa ai i tāna mau ʻārenio iti. E'ita te tauto'ora'a nō te reira e māu'a. ʻUa ʻite roa ho'i te Atua ia ʻoutou.

## Te mau ʻāpo'ora'a ʻutuāfare, pāroita ʻe ʻāma'a

Nā reira ato'a i te fare, e nehenehe tātou e ha'amata i te ha'amaita'i i tā tātou mau ti'a'ira'a ʻe te mau ti'aturira'a nō tō tātou taime i te purera'a. I roto i te mau ʻāpo'ora'a ʻutuāfare, e nehenehe tātou e paraparau e nāhea te ta'ata tāta'itahi e tauturu manuia ai ʻia fa'ari'i i te mau ta'ata ato'a i roto i te ʻekālesia nō te ʻoaōa ! E nehenehe tātou e ʻōpua ʻe e ti'aturi ʻe e ʻohipa ʻoaōa tē tupu i te purera'a.

E nehenehe te mau ʻāpo'ora'a pāroita ʻe ʻāma'a e hi'ō mana'o ʻe e fa'atupu i te peu nō te mana'o tura ʻe te ʻoaōa nō tā tātou hora ʻōro'a, ma te hi'ō e aha te mau tuha'a e fa'a'ohie mai ʻe te mau hi'ora'a e tauturu mai.

## Te ʻoa'oa

E mea ta'a ʻe te fa'a'itera'a ʻoaōa nō terā ʻe terā ta'ata. Nō vetahi, ʻo te aroha-huraora-ra'a ia i te ta'ata i te ʻūputa. Nō vetahi, ʻo te tauturu-māniana-ʻore-ra'a paha i te ta'ata ʻia tupu te mana'o au, maoti te hōhō'a mata ʻata'ata ʻe te pārahira'a i piha'i iho ia rātou ma te hāmani maita'i ʻe te ʻāau mahora. Nō rātou e mana'o fa'aru'e tō rātou ʻe tei tu'uhia i te hiti, e mea faufa'a roa te māhanahana o teie parau mānava. Nā ni'a roa atu, e nehenehe tātou e ui ia tātou iho mai te aha te huru te Fa'aora e hina'aro ai i tā tātou hora ʻōro'a. E aha te

to feel when we come to be renewed through remembering and worshipping Him?

## Conclusion

At the start of my journey of faith, joy in Jesus Christ was my first great discovery, and it changed my world. If you have yet to discover this joy, embark on its quest. This is an invitation to receive the Saviour's gift of peace, light, and joy—to revel in it, to wonder at it, and to rejoice in it every Sabbath.

Ammon in the Book of Mormon expresses the feelings of my heart when he says:

“Now have we not reason to rejoice? Yea, I say unto you, there never were [a people] that had so great reason to rejoice as we, since the world began; yea, and my joy is carried away, even unto boasting in my God; for he has all power, all wisdom, and all understanding; he comprehendeth all things, and he is a merciful Being, even unto salvation, to those who will repent and believe on his name.

“Now if this is boasting, even so will I boast; for this is my life and my light, ... my joy, and my great thanksgiving.”

Welcome to the church of joy! In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

huru mānavara'a, te raveravera'a, te aupurura'a 'e te here tāna e hina'aro nō tāna mau tamari'i tā-ta'itahi ? E aha tāna e hina'aro ia tātou 'ia putapū 'a haere mai ai nō te fa'a'āpī ia tātou nā roto i te ha'amana'ora'a 'e te ha'amorira'a iāna ?

## Pū'ohura'a

I te ha'amatarā'a o tō'u tere nō te fa'aro'o, 'o te 'o'ao'a i roto ia Iesu Mesia tō'u 'itera'a rahi mātāmua, i tau'i roa ai tō'u orara'a. Mai te mea 'aita ā 'outou i 'ite i teie 'o'ao'a, 'a 'ou'a mai i roto i teie tere. E tītaura'a manihini teie 'ia fa'ari'i i te hōro'a nō te hau 'e nō te māramarama 'e nō te 'o'ao'a a te Fa'aora—'ia hope te au, 'ia fa'ahiahia i te reira 'e 'ia fa'a'o'ao'a i te reira i te mau Sābati ato'a.

Tē fa'a'ite nei 'o Amona i roto i te Buka a Moromona i te mana'o o tō'u 'ā'au 'a parau ai 'oia :

« I teienei, 'aita ānei e tumu ti'a roa ia tātou 'ia 'o'ao'a ? 'Oia ia, tē parau atu nei au ia 'outou na, 'aita roa e ti'a i te [hō'ē nūna'a] mai te ha'amatarā'a mai ā o te ao nei 'ia 'o'ao'a mai tā tātou e 'o'ao'a nei ; 'oia ia, tē tupu noa ra tō'u 'o'ao'a ē tae atu i te fa'ateiteira'a i tō'u ra Atua ; tei iāna ho'i te mana pā'ato'a, 'e te pa'ari pā'ato'a, 'e te 'ite pā'ato'a ; 'ua māramarama 'oia i te mau mea pā'ato'a, 'e e Atua aroha 'oia, ē tae atu i te fa'aorara'a ia rātou 'o tē tātarahapa 'e tē ti'aturi i tōna ra i'oa.

« I teienei, mai te mea e parau fa'ateitei te reira, e nā reira ā vau i te fa'ateitei ; o teie ho'i tō'u ora 'e tō'u māramarama [...] 'o teie tō'u nei 'o'ao'a, 'e tā'u ra ho'i ha'amāuruurura'a rahi »

Mānava i roto i te 'ēkālesia nō te 'o'ao'a ! I te i'oa o Iesu Mesia, 'āmene.