

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 28 April, 2019

2nd Sunday of Easter

Call to Worship

Grace and peace to you from God

God fill you with Truth and Joy

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

This is the day which the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Opening Hymn: O Worship The King

Collect For Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your Holy Name; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

Prayer of Confession *(Please sit or kneel)*

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.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Sentence of the Day

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands.

Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

John 20:27

Collect of the Day

**Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have broken the power of death and brought life and immortality to light; grant that we who have been raised with him may triumph over all temptation and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

1st Reading: Old Testament: Readings From 2 Chronic Raewyn Grey

2 Chronicles 14:1-2

When Abijah died, he was buried in the City of David. Then his son Asa became the next king. There was peace in the land for ten years. ² Asa did what was pleasing and good in the sight of the LORD his God.

2 Chronicles 15:1-2, 8

Then the Spirit of God came upon Azariah son of Oded, ² and he went out to meet King Asa as he was returning from the battle. "Listen to me, Asa!" he shouted. "Listen, all you people of Judah and Benjamin! The LORD will stay with you as long as you stay with him! Whenever you seek him, you will find him. But if you abandon him, he will abandon you..."

⁸ When Asa heard this message from Azariah the prophet, he took courage and removed all the detestable idols from the land of Judah and Benjamin and in the towns he had captured in the hill country of Ephraim. And he repaired the altar of the LORD, which stood in front of the entry room of the LORD's Temple.

2 Chronicles 16:1-13

But in the thirty-sixth year of Asa's reign, Baasha king of Israel attacked. He started it by building a fort at Ramah and closing the border between Israel and Judah to keep Asa king of Judah from leaving or entering.

²⁻³ Asa took silver and gold from the treasuries of The Temple of GOD and the royal palace and sent it to Ben-Hadad, king of Aram who lived in Damascus, with this message: "Let's make a treaty like the one between our fathers. I'm showing my good faith with this gift of silver and gold. Break your deal with Baasha king of Israel so he'll quit fighting against me."

⁴⁻⁵ Ben-Hadad went along with King Asa and sent his troops against the towns of Israel. They sacked Ijon, Dan, Abel Maim, and all the store-cities of Naphtali. When Baasha got the report, he quit fortifying Ramah.

⁶ Then King Asa issued orders to his people in Judah to haul away the logs and stones Baasha had used in the fortification of Ramah and used them himself to fortify Geba and Mizpah.

⁷⁻⁹ Just after that, Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said, "Because you went for help to the king of Aram and didn't ask GOD for help, you've lost a victory over the army of the king of Aram. Didn't the Ethiopians and Libyans come against you with superior forces, completely outclassing you with their chariots and cavalry? But you asked GOD for help and he gave you the victory. ⁹ The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. What a fool you have been! From now on you will be at war."

¹⁰ At that, Asa lost his temper. Angry, he put Hanani in the stocks. At the same time, Asa started abusing some of the people.

¹¹⁻¹³ A full account of Asa is written in *The Chronicles of the Kings of Judah*. In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa came down with a severe case of foot infection. Yet even with the severity of his disease, he did not seek the LORD's help but turned only to his physicians. Then Asa died; he died in the forty-first year of his reign.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm 16 A psalm of David.

Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge.

**I said to the Lord, "You are my Master!
Every good thing I have comes from you."**

The godly people in the land are my true heroes! I take pleasure in them!

Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods. I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood or even speak the names of their gods.

Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing.
You guard all that is mine.

**The land you have given me is a pleasant land.
What a wonderful inheritance!**

I will bless the Lord who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me.

I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.

You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

2nd Reading - The Epistle: Hebrews 13: 20-21

Beth Philip

²⁰ Now may the God of peace - who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood -

²¹ may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen.

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Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

The Gospel reading: John 20:19-31

Margaret MacKay

Praise and glory to God

¹⁹ That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!²¹ Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵ They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." ²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" ²⁸ "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me." ³⁰ The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon: Pip Harry - #3 of the Easter Series - "Lessons from a King"

Intercessions:

Denise Norris

Then turn to service page 418 in your NZ prayer book

Offertory Hymn: Be Exalted

Communion

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

Closing Hymn: Let There Be Peace

Sending Forth: Go now to love and serve the Lord; go now in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

1 O Worship The King

O worship the King all-glorious
above,
O gratefully sing His power and His
love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient
of Days, pavilioned in splendour and
girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His
grace,
whose robe is the light, whose
canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep
thunderclouds form, and dark is His
path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can
recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the
light;
it streams from the hills, it descends
to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and
the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as
frail,
in You do we trust, nor find You to
fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm
to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and
Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable
Love,
whom angels delight to worship
above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory
ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to Your
praise!

R Grant (1779-1838) Psalm 104 A&M 101

2 Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus
Christ, His Son

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Give thanks,
Give thanks.

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3 Be Exalted O Lord

I will give thanks to Thee
O Lord, among the people,
I will sing praises to Thee
Among the nations.
For Thy steadfast love is great,
Is great to the heavens,
And Thy faithfulness,
Thy faithfulness to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God,
Above the heavens.
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.
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Be exalted, O God,
Above the heavens.
Let Thy glory, let Thy glory,
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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4 Let There Be Peace

Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
we're one family.
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take,
let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment
and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.

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Parish Community News

Sermon recording. To watch today's sermon again go to
www.youtube.com and search "Thames Anglican."

As we progress into the year after the death and resurrection of our most precious Lord Jesus, may His love be with us all.

Prayer Needs

"Behold, I am coming soon! ... Yes, I am coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen." Revelation 22:7a, 20, 21.

We say farewell this week and pray God's blessings and protection for Jackie Thomas, who is leaving us to start afresh in New Plymouth. Jackie was a great help in storing things for our recent gala.

Please keep in prayer this coming week Judy Jones and all our parish members.

This week 28th April - 5th May, 2019

Wed: Selwyn Group, 9:30-12:00

Thurs: Service at 10am Holy Communion (1662), St George's Chapel

Sunday 5th May, 9:30

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6	Stephen Williams
Psalm 30	
2nd Reading: Rev 5:11-14	Diana Maher
3rd Reading, gospel: John 21:1-19	Alan Hartley
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Wise Men Still Seek Him!