

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 19th May, 2019

5th 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: Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven

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

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

John 4:16b

Collect of the Day

**Make us glad we pray you, gentle God,
to give each other Your loving care;
make us happy to receive it.
May there daily grow within us
a generous, trusting spirit.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

1st Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Christine Neilson

Peter Explains His Actions

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³ and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.' ⁸ I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.' ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm 148

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise Him in the heights above.

Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His heavenly hosts

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars.

Praise Him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at His command they were
created,

**and He established them for ever and ever - He issued a
decree that will never pass away.**

Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean
depths,

**lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do His
bidding,**

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

young men and women, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted;
His splendour is above the earth and the heavens.

**And He has raised up for His people a horn the praise of all His
faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to His heart.
Praise the LORD.**

***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***

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.

⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

⁶He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life."

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Gradual Hymn: The Servant Song

Praise and glory to God

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in Him.

³² If God is glorified in Him, God will glorify the Son in Himself, and will glorify Him at once.

³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for Me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

The Rev'd Jim Neilson

Intercessions:

Beth Philip

Then turn to service page 418 in your NZ prayer book

Offertory Hymn: A New Commandment

Communion

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

Closing Hymn: Praise The Lord

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

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

1 Praise My Soul

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to His feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,
who like me His praise should sing?
Alleluia, Alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise Him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame He knows;
in his Hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him;
ye behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before
Him,

2 The Servant Song

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Repeat Verse 1

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3 A New Commandment

A new commandment
I give unto you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know
you are my disciples
if you have love one to another.
By this shall all men know
you are my disciples
if you have love one to another.

Arr. Betty Pulkington Grn Fldr

4 Praise The Lord

Praise the Lord!
ye heavens adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before Him,
praise Him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord!
for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed:
Laws, which never shall be broken,
For their guidance He has made.

Praise the Lord!
For He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail:
God hath made
His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, His power proclaim;
Heaven and earth and all creation,
Laud and magnify His name!

*Foundling Hospital Collection c 1796
Psalm 148 A&M 195*



Ministry Team

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Preacher: The Rev'd Jim Neilson
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Morning Tea: Margaret MacKay & helpers
Te Puru: The Rev'd Lillian Barrett

Parish Community News

Sadly we say goodbye to Betty McCarthy who, with her husband Don, has just moved into continuing care in Cambridge. Betty has been part of this church all her life (95) & lived in the same house her father built when she was 2 yrs old!

A parishioner has suggested people bring their own "morning tea" mugs/cups - to be taken home after. If you prefer doing this, feel free to do so, however, there will still be plastic cups provided.

REMEMBER - soup and buns after the service. Please stay.

DON'T FORGET - cakes/brickabrack for the market table, 25th May.

Please bring contributions to the hall on Friday 24th for processing.

Prayer Needs

"All a man's ways seem right to him, but the Lord weighs the heart." Proverbs 21: 2.

Please keep in prayer this coming week Judy Jones, Rangi Finnity, Mary Horn, Arthur Mead, Mary Crawford, Betty and Don McCarthy.

This week 19th-26th May, 2019

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

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

Sunday 26th May, 9:30

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Kate Jones

Psalm: 67

2nd Reading: Rev 21:10, 22-22:5

Sharon Cordery

3rd Reading: John 14:23-29

Allan Judd

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