

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 5th May, 2019

3rd 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: He Is Exalted

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

To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever.

Revelation 5:13

Collect of the Day

**Living host, call us together,
call us to eat and drink with you.
Grant that by your body and your blood
we may be drawn to each other
and to you. We make this prayer in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

1st Reading: Old Testament: Acts 9: 1-16

Stephen Williams

Saul's Conversion

¹ Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm 30

A song. For the dedication of the temple of David.

I will exalt You, LORD, for You lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

**LORD my God, I called to You for help,
and You healed me.**

You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead;
You spared me from going down to the pit.

**Sing the praises of the LORD, you His faithful people;
praise His holy name.**

For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favour lasts a lifetime;
weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."

LORD, when You favoured me, You made my royal mountain stand firm;
but when you hid Your face, I was dismayed.

To You, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

"What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise You? Will it proclaim Your faithfulness?"

Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help."

You turned my wailing into dancing; You removed my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,

**that my heart may sing Your praises and not be silent.
LORD my God, I will praise 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***

Worthy Is The Lamb

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!" ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: Be Still My Soul

3rd Reading, The Gospel: John 21:1-19

Alan Hartley

Praise and glory to God

Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish

⁷ Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

The Rev'd Jim Neilson

Intercessions:

Margaret MacKay

Then turn to service page 485 in your NZ prayer book

Offertory Hymn: There Is A Redeemer

Communion *(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)*

Closing Hymn: Shine Jesus, Shine

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

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

1 He Is Exalted

He is exalted,
the King is exalted on high,
I will praise Him.
He is exalted,
forever exalted
and I will praise His name.
He is the Lord,
forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth
rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted,
the King is exalted on high.

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2 Be still, my soul

Be still, my soul;
the Lord is at your side;
bear patiently the cross
of grief and pain;
leave to Your God
to order and provide;
in ev'ry change He faithful
will remain.
Be still, my soul:
your best, your heav'nly friend,
through thorny ways,
leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul:
your God will undertake
to guide the future as He
has the past.
Your hope, your confidence
let nothing shake,
all now mysterious
shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul:
the tempests still obey
His voice, who ruled them
once on Galilee.

Be still, my soul:
the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever
with the Lord,
when disappointment,
grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten,
love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul:
when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed
we shall meet at last.

Jean Sibelius(1865-1957)

3 There Is A Redeemer

There is a Redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Refrain:

**Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit -
Till the work on earth is done.**

Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.

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4 Shine, Jesus Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is
shining,
in the midst of the darkness,
shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine
upon us,
set us free by the truth You now
bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts
on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and
mercy
send forth Your word, Lord,
and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to Your awesome
presence,
From the shadows into Your
radiance;
by Your Blood I may enter Your
brightness,
search me, try me, consume all
my darkness -
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your Kingly
brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here, may our lives tell
Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

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Morning Tea: Denise Norris, Kate Jones

Parish Community News

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

May 19th, after the service and a small morning tea, there is to be a Soup and Buns luncheon served in the church. **ALL** more than welcome!

May 26th, cake stand at local market. More details in next pew sheet.

Happy birthday to Margaret Williamson tomorrow, May 6th! May you enjoy your 95th birthday Margaret and have a lovely day.

Prayer Needs

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5,6.

We pray sustenance and rejuvenation for Brendon and Leslie was realised after their well-earned break this last week. Please pray for Judy Jones, David and Fiona Juby, Rev. Arthur Mead, Mary Horn and Jean Stewart.

This week 5th—12th May, 2019

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

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

Sunday 12th May, 9:30

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43	Paul Jennings
Psalm 23	
2nd Reading, NT: Rev 7:9-17	George Haffenden
3rd Reading, Gospel: John 10:22-30	Ruth Kowalewicz
Presider:	The Rev'd Lilian Barrett
Preacher:	The Rev'd Jim Neilson
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Morning Tea:	Lynn Wilson, Ien Chu
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