

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

St George Anglican Church

&
Te Puru Community Church



Sunday 29th April 2018
5th Sunday of Easter

Ministry Team

Sermon: Pippa Harry Server: Kate Sayer

Music Intelude: Naamah Cheiban

Intercessor/Prayers: Margaret Mac Kay Organist: Sharon Cordry

Morning Tea: Kate Jones

Welcome Team: Leslie Wilkinson, Kate Jones, Christina Philip

Sanctuary Guild: Margaret MacKay / Denise Norris

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: NH206 Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Opening Prayer

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

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 you and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal, Amen.

Sentence of the Day

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:10-11

Collect of the Day

Father God, you are vast beyond all measure.

Your thoughts are beyond ours and your ways beyond anything we can understand.

You are infinite and wonderful. Your love is so deep and high and wide that we need your power to understand it.

Jesus, you were there at the beginning and, because of your great love, gave up your divine privileges, became human (just like us) and died a criminal's death on a cross. You were fully God and fully man and you died. For us. Holy Spirit, you live in those of us who know Christ as Lord, guaranteeing the future, leading us and growing us. You give power and work deeply in our hearts and minds to transform us into the likeness of Christ, for your joy is to bring glory to Him.

God, help us today to see you more clearly, know you more deeply and love you more fully.

In Jesus name and for his glory, Amen

1st Reading: Colossians 1:15-20 (Jill McLeod)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm 103

God is sheer mercy and grace; not easily angered, he's rich in love.

He doesn't endlessly nag and scold, nor hold grudges forever.

He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve, nor pay us back in full for our wrongs.

As high as heaven is over the earth, so strong is his love to those who fear him.

And as far as sunrise is from sunset, he has separated us from our sins.

As parents feel for their children, God feels for those who fear him.

He knows us inside and out, keeps in mind that we're made of dust.

Men and women don't live very long; like wildflowers they spring up and blossom,

But a storm snuffs them out just as quickly, leaving nothing to show they were here.

God's love, though, is ever and always, eternally present to all who fear him,

Making everything right for them and their children as they follow his Covenant ways

and remember to do whatever he said.

God has set his throne in heaven; he rules over us all. He's the King!

So bless God, you angels, ready and able to fly at his bidding, quick to hear and do what he says.

Bless God, all you armies of angels, alert to respond to whatever he wills.

Bless God, all creatures, wherever you are—everything and everyone made by God.

And you, O my soul, bless God!

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/New Testament: Philippians 2: 6-11 (Raewyn Grey)

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Gradual Hymn: PS 88 Be still, my soul

3rd Reading - The Gospel Reading/New Testament: John 16:5-12 (Winnie Sheehan)

The Holy Gospel according to John 20:19 - 31

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise and Gory to God

Praise to Christ, the Word

Turn to service page 418 in your NZ prayer book for, 'The Lord's Prayer.'

Offertory Hymn: AM 67 When I survey the Wondrous Cross

Closing Hymn: AM 214 Guide me thou, O great Redeemer

Sending Forth

Go now to love and serve the Lord; go now in peace. **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

NH 206 Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Helen Howarth Lemmel (1922)

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free.

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Refrain:

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow
strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

2. Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conqu'rors we are!
3. His Word shall not fail you, He promised;
Believe Him and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

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AM 67 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Isaac Watts (1707)

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

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2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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PS 88 Be Still, My Soul

Kathrina von Schlegel (1855)

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1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly
Friend thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing
shake; all now mysterious shall be bright
at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and
winds still know His voice, who ruled
them while He dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends de-
part, and all is darkened in the veil of
tears, then shalt thou better know His
love, His heart, who comes to soothe thy
sorrow and thy fears. Be still, my soul:
thy Jesus can repay from His own
fullness all He takes away.
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are
gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys
restored. Be still, my soul: when change
and tears are past, all safe and blessed we
shall meet at last.

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AM 214 Guide me thou, O great Redeemer

William Williams (1745)

1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore. (1x repeat)
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield. (1x repeat)
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you. (1x repeat)

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Prayer Needs

Someone will be available at the rear of the chapel by the candle during communion if you wish to receive prayer for yourself, family or others.

Please pray for Percy and Eva Golding, Rev'd Brenda Deed, Ray Deed, Mary Horn, Jean Stewart, Bob Cox, Ken and Mairi, Mervyn
Rest in Peace Ian and Anne Fielder

Bible Study Group

Preparation for Pentecost ... 'The Gift My Father Promised'

The study group re-commences this week ... **Thursday, 26th April, 2pm to 3:30pm** meeting in the committee room in the Church Hall. The group is open to all, regardless of your church affiliation; we would love you to join us. Contact is Peter Philip 868-5028

150 Year Celebration

Bishop Ross Bay will preside as we celebrate 150 years of the old Church with a special commemorative service on Sunday 13th May at 9.30am.

Working Bee.

Saturday 12th May to clean and set up.

If you are able to help us, would you please see Paul Jennings

Communication in Conflict Workshop by Lynne Trenwith.

Healthy Conflict / How to have those difficult conversations: A practical workshop that will offer you some analysis, useful behaviours and interaction patterns to deal with conflict in a constructive and effective way.

St Georges Parish Hall

Saturday 5th May 2018 10.30am to 2.30pm. Please register with Brendon or Pip.

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This week 29th April - 6th May 2018

Wed: 9:30-12pm Selwyn Group, Hall. MT/Hostess

Thurs: Office open 9am-12pm. 10am Holy Com. (1662), St George Chapel

Office Open: Tues/Thurs; 9am—12pm

Sun: 9:30am service at St George NZ Eucharist

Sunday 29th April:

First Reading:

Acts 10: 44-48 (Denise Norris)

Psalm:

Psalm 98

Second Reading/The Epistle:

1 John 5:1 - 6 (Matt/Anna Juby)

Third Reading/The Gospel:

John 15:9 -17 (Paul Jennings)

Presiders:

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Preacher:

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

Intercessor/Prayer:

Denise Norris

Liturgist:

Rose Rumble

Server:

Margaret MacKay

Music Ministry/organist:

John Mounsey

Morning Tea:

Len Chu

Welcome Team:

Dorothy McRoberts, Denise Norris

Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:

Winnie Sheehan / Natalie Geary