

St Paul's Presbyterian Church

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**'We celebrate life in Christ. Join us on the journey'
Lent 4A, Sunday March 22nd**

*It is delightful that you are here as we worship God together this morning. Please join in reading the **words in bold italic type** if you would like to. Where you see a * please stand if you are able.*

Live streamed Service: 10.30am – led by Rev Sally Carter

*Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Anyoung haseyo, Malo elelei,
Ni hao, Ohayo gozaimasu, Fakaalofa atu!
Nau mai, haere mai, welcome!*

Lighting the Candle *those of us worshipping at home today may like to light a candle, too.*

***As we light this candle,
We feel the warmth
Of your presence
And see the light of your hope
For us and for our world.***



Call to Worship:

God of darkness and light

Open our eyes to your justice.

God of goodness and glory

Open our minds to your wisdom.

God of mercy and kindness

Open our hearts to your love.

***Hymn: He came singing love**

He came singing love,
And he lived singing *love*,
He died, singing *love*.
He arose in silence,
For the *love* to go on
We must make it our song,
You and I be the singers.

He came singing *hope*,
And he lived singing *hope*,
He died, singing *hope*.
He arose in silence,
For the *hope* to go on
We must make it our song,
You and I be the singers.

He came singing *faith*,.....

He came singing *peace*,
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Prayers: *followed by shared confession*

***I am sorry, Lord;
sorry to the very depths.
Sorry to that place where
my life and flesh,
and mind and spirit
meet and join as one,
and make me who I am.***

***I hope, Lord;
Hope to the very heights.
Hope to that place where
your grace and love,
and steadfast mercy
meet and join,
that I may know you as you are
And find my peace.***

Reading from the Gospel: John 9:1 - 41

Listening response : **Jesus, your light** *sing along if you like or listen [here](#)*

Jesus, your light is shining within us,
Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.
Jesus, your light is shining within us,
Let my heart always welcome your love.

Reflection:

Hymn: **Amazing Grace (WOV 56)**

Amazing grace! -- how sweet the sound--
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his Word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

Our prayers: *followed by the Lord's Prayer*

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

Forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

And deliver us from evil,

For the kingdom, the power and the glory

Are yours now and forever. AMEN.

***Offering**

Source of life,

receive the gifts we offer;

and let all our service,

inspired by the Breath of life

give you glory and praise;

in the name of the Word of life. Amen

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***Hymn: Lift high the cross**

*Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.*

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out. *Refrain*

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,
teach us compassion for each human life. *Refrain*

Peace was your plea and peace your loving theme:
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream. *Refrain*

Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God. *Refrain*

Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity. *Refrain*

Refrain: George William Kitchin, 1916

Words, verses 1-5: Shirley Erena Murray, alt.

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Benediction:

God on the road,
God in the wilderness,
God making all things new.

God in our tears,
God in our laughter,
God making all things new.

God in our living,
God in our dying,
God making all things new.

Sung blessing: Go gently

Go gently, go lightly,
go safe in the Spirit,
live simply, don't carry
much more than you need:
go trusting God's goodness,
go spreading God's kindness,
stay centered on Jesus
and where he will lead.

Go singing, go bringing
the gifts of the Spirit,
go hopefully searching
for things that are true:
in living, in loving,
whatever befall you,
God keep you, God bless you
in all that you do.

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THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Helping Today

Elders: Bruce Tucker, Eleanor Holmes

Managers: Helen McClymont, Stan Mulder, Ros Kieran

Bible Reader:

Musician: Pam Clare

Morning Tea: Anne and Richard Loan

Flowers: Lesley Goodall, Alison Hancock

Grounds: Circulated to begin in April.

Helping Next Week

Elders: Anne Loan, Marian Eagle

Managers: Margaret Greig, Raymond Young

Bible Reader: Bruce Tucker

Musician: Dorothy Finlayson

Morning Tea: Ella Haigh, Marion Fell

Flowers: Rae Wildbore, Jerry Hoggarth

Grounds: Circulated to begin April

What's On This Week

Tuesday: 9:00am Jitterbugs

Sunday: 10.00am Church Service ~ live streamed, and at St. Paul's.

Prayer Focus: Let us pray for:

- * Ministry among us: Flower arrangers
- * Partners in God's mission of love: Presbyterian Support East Coast
- * Partners in the Napier Inner City Churches: All churches serving our city
- * Parishes in our Presbytery: Waipawa
- * For the whole world: as we deal with each day as it comes.

Daily Bible Readings:

Monday: Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20

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Wednesday: Annunciation of the Lord

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Thursday: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11

Friday: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19

Saturday: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53

Lent & Easter Services: Services are shown below.

Lent Services @ 7pm	
25 March	St Thomas Moore Roman Catholic Church
1 April	St Paul's Presbyterian Church
Easter Services	
9 April	Maundy Thursday @ St Paul's
10 April	Good Friday 9:30am @ St Paul's
	Good Friday 10:00am @ Clive Square returning to St Paul's at 10:30am
12 April	Easter Sunday @ 10am and 7pm

Thank you to all who helped in any way with the catering after the Memorial Service for Isabel Morgan (McClymont) on **18th March**. Your willing assistance is very much appreciated. If you served, baked or cleared away, your efforts are much appreciated.

Dorothy Finlayson (for the Catering Team)

Give Thanks: Come and celebrate God's abundance together. On Sunday, **29th March** worship will be at **10am**. It will also be live streamed. If you can please take a photo of your fresh produce and send it to stpaulsnapier@gmail.com during the week if possible.

The Foodbank is very low on sugar, jam, baby food, two-minute noodles. Thank you for your support. If you are interested in assisting the Foodbank directly our bank details are: Napier Community Foodbank Trust – BNZ 020766-0026618-02.

Positive messaging: During this unusual time, let's share positive messages and humour. If you have quotes, puns, etc. that may lift the spirit of the congregation, please provide it to the office so it can be considered for inclusion in the bulletin (stpaulsnapier@gmail.com; 835 5359). Thank you.



What's new on the Notice Board/Stand

- * Central Roundup