

St Paul's Presbyterian Church

'Partners in God's Mission of Love'

'We celebrate life in Christ. Join us on the journey'

10:00 am Service led by Rev Keith Rowe

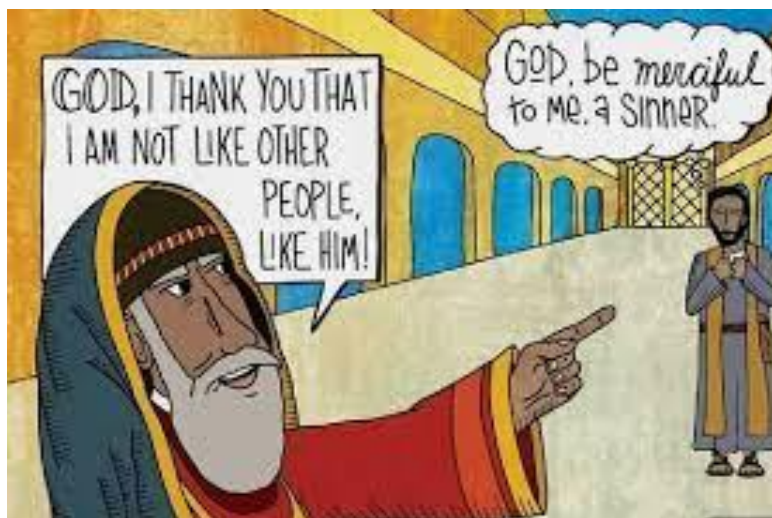
Pentecost 20, 23rd October, 2022

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.

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



Gathering Prayer:

(A prayer from the Iona Abbey Worship Book.)

Creator of the Cosmos, of eternity and time:

Be with us in *this* time.

Saviour of the world, healer of the nations:

Be with us in *this* place.

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Breath of all that lives, of people near and far:

Stir within our lives.

Maker – Spirit - Son, God of here and now:

Be present in our worship, that we may find new ways to be present in your world.

Hymn: Great and Deep the Spirit's purpose.

(CH4 617, Tune: Ode to Joy)

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
hidden now in mystery;
Nature bursts with joyful promise,
ripe with what is yet to be.
In a wealth of rich invention,
still God's work of art unfolds -
barely have we seen, and faintly,
what God's great salvation holds.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose
making Jesus seen and heard.
Every age of God's creation
grasps new meanings from the Word.
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us
your new work begun today;
eyes and ears and hearts are open,
teach us what to do and say.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose
all God's children brought to birth,
freed from hunger, fear and evil
every corner of the earth.
And a million million voices

Speak with joy the Saviour's name;
every face reflects his image,
never any two the same.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose
nothing shall be left to chance.
All that lives will be united
in the everlasting dance.
All fulfilled and all perfected,
each uniquely loved and known,
Christ in glory unimagined
once for all receives his own.

(Words, Marnie Barrell)

Welcome and Notices:

The Readings:

Psalm 148

(The whole earth, the planets, animals and plants, humanity in all its diversity, are thought of as a single symphony praising God for the goodness of life. Every person, every plant, every animal, every star, has its part to play in the ongoing symphony of praise)

Luke 18:9-14.

(Two ways of living are displayed. A religious professional who dwells on his great piety, goodness and importance, compares himself favourably with a worshipper who has made wrong choices. The parable suggests the honesty of the second man is preferred to the self-centered posturing of the first. In the God-Kingdom, human expectations tend to be turned upside down.)

***Hymn:** **The King of love, my shepherd is.** (CH4, 462)

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Sermon: **St Columba and the Celtic option.** (*Or, “what if the Scottish Church had chosen rugged Celtic wisdom rather than Calvin’s tidy certainties?”*)

***Hymn:** Spirit of Love. (*Tune: O Perfect Love. TiS 603*)

Spirit of love, you move within creation,
drawing the threads to colour and design:
life into life, you knit our true salvation,
come, work with us, and weave us into one.

Though we have frayed the fabric of your making,
tearing away from all that you intend,
yet, to be whole, humanity is aching,
come, work with us, and weave us into one.

Great loom of God, where history is woven,
you are the frame that holds us to the truth,
Christ is the theme, the pattern you have given,
come, work with us, and weave us into one.

Prayers for Our World and Church:

Followed by The Lord's Prayer sung (WOV 676)

***Our Father in heaven,
Holy be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as 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 for ever.
Amen, amen, amen, amen;
amen, amen, amen, amen.***

Offering:

Prayers of Dedication:

Ever -giving God, we express our gratitude for the wonders of our existence,

our bodies and our minds, our friendships and our interests.

We give thanks for the community and nation we call home,
for wisdom and experience gifted to us from the past

and for possibilities glimpsed in a future yet to be achieved.

May who we are, what we have, what we do, contribute to the wellbeing
of our community, our families, our world.

*May we travel lightly but deeply,
may love be our mantle
and hope be our guiding light.
In the spirit of Jesus, we pray:
Amen*

*Hymn: Be thou my vision (CH4, 465)

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art

High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Closing Responses:

This we know, the earth does not belong to us,
We belong to the earth.

This we know, all things are connected,
Like the blood that unites one family.

This we know, we did not weave the web of life.
We are each a strand in it.

This we know, whatever we do to the web,
We do to ourselves.

Let us give thanks for the gift of creation,
*Let us give thanks that all things
hold together in Christ.*

A Celtic Blessing:

Bless to us O God,
the moon that is above us,
the friends who are around us,
your image deep within us.
Bless to us, O God,

The earth beneath our feet.
Bless to us, O God,
The path whereon we go.
Bless to us, O God,
The people whom we meet.
Amen

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THIS WEEK'S NOTICES 23rd October 2022

Helping Today

Greeters: Kerry Marshall

Offering: Janice Tucker

Bible Reader: Kerry Marshall

Musician: Pam Clare

Flowers: Rae Wildbore

Grounds: Bev & Mike Coghill

Helping next week Sunday 30th October 2022

Greeters: Lynne & Murray Arnold

Offering: Helen McClymont

Bible Reader: Meg Sillay

Musician: Dorothy Finlayson

Flowers: Eleanor Holmes & Yvonne Dickson

Grounds: Bruce Tucker

What's On This Week

Monday Labour Day. First cruise ship arrives in town!

Tuesday Jitterbugs in Church Lounge from 9am.

Thursday Prayers in Church & Revelation Studies at 9am

Sunday 2022 AGM after Thanks Service in church.

Prayer Focus: Let us pray for: -

- * Ministry among us: **Parish Council**
- * Partners in God's Mission of Love: **PSEC**
- * Partners in the Napier Inner City: **Catholic Parish of Napier**
- * Parishes in our Presbytery: **Gisborne Presbyterian Parish**

First Service has returned to St Paul's

1st Service began last Sunday, and will continue each Sunday at **9.00am** in the church lounge. All are welcome. The 2nd service will continue as normal at 10.00am

Next Sunday's Thanks Service and AGM

We will take time to thank God for all the ways He has blessed us at our **10am service next Sunday, 30th October**. The service will be followed by the AGM. Please put a circle around the date in your calendar and commit to sharing a special time together. If you do not already have the latest Annual Report, please pick up a copy from the foyer as you leave this morning.

Do you require transport to church?

Do transport difficulties stop you getting to Sunday services more often? Or do you know someone who'd like to attend but needs assistance with transport? The Pastoral Care team would like to look at ways we can possibly assist with lifts to and/or from Sunday services, or perhaps coordinate a taxi run where there's more than one person in an area. If you would appreciate some help with transport or you know someone who does, please speak to **Marian Eagle ph. 835 4590 or 021 137 6054**. Or chat with someone on the Pastoral Care team.



Napier Food Bank/Nourished for Nil

“Napier Nourished for Nil are thinking ahead to Christmas and would appreciate any items that could be included in our parcels over December. Also, a huge thanks to those who donated plastic and paper bags this week, we can use any amount – so feel free to keep sending us those. (We no longer need egg cartons; we have ample on hand.) Thanks, Jane from N4N.”

Bible Readings for Monday 24th October – Saturday 29th October

Monday, October 24, 2022:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 87; Joel 3:1-8; 1 Peter 4:12-19

Complementary: Psalm 84:8-12; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19

Tuesday, October 25, 2022:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 87; Joel 3:9-16; 1 Peter 5:1-11

Complementary: Psalm 84:8-12; Daniel 5:1-12; 1 Peter 5:1-11

Wednesday, October 26, 2022:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 87; Joel 3:17-20; Matthew 21:28-32

Complementary: Psalm 84:8-12; Daniel 5:13-31; Matthew 21:28-32

Thursday, October 27, 2022:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:137-144; Jeremiah 33:14-26; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Complementary: Psalm 32:1-7; Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Friday, October 28, 2022:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 1:5-17; 2 Peter 1:1-11

Complementary: Psalm 32:1-7; Job 22:21-23:17; 2 Peter 1:1-11

Saturday, October 29, 2022:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 2:5-11; John 8:39-47

Complementary: Psalm 32:1-7; Isaiah 1:1-9; John 8:39-47