St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier.

'Partners in God's Mission of Love' 'We celebrate life in Christ. Join us on the journey'

Holy Communion Service Sunday 8th September, 2024 10am Service led by Rev Linda Pollock Music led by Pam Clare

Welcome, News & Notices

Call to worship from Psalm 146

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life.

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever.

All: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

One: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

All: Praise the LORD!

*Hymn: Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. WOV 65

1 Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee, God everlasting through eternity.

3 Holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayers of adoration, confession and restoration:

Bible Reading: Mark 7:24-37

*Hymn: Here I am to worship, Light of the world

(Tim Hughes)

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, Let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore you Hope of a life spent with you

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
So highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

I'll never know how much it cost

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Reflection: Rev Linda Pollock

Offering:

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer:

*Hymn: Meekness and Majesty (Graham Kendrick)

Meekness and majesty Manhood and deity In perfect harmony The Man who is God

Lord of eternity
Dwells in humanity
Kneels in humility
And washes our feet

Oh what a mystery
Meekness and majesty
Bow down and worship
For this is your God
This is your God

Father's pure radiance Perfect in innocence Yet loves obedience To death on a cross

Suffering to give us life Conquering through sacrifice And as they crucified, pray's "Father forgive"

Oh what a mystery
Meekness and majesty
Bow down and worship
For this is your God
This is your God

Wisdom unsearchable God the invisible Love indestructible In frailty appears

Lord of infinity
Stopping so tenderly
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne

Oh what a mystery
Meekness and majesty
Bow down and worship
For this is your God
This is your God
This is your God

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

*Hymn: Bless the Lord, O my soul... (10,000 reasons)
(Matt Redman)

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness

I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name.(Repeat)

Yes I'll worship Your Holy name

I'll worship Your Holy name
I'll worship Your Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Jesus I will worship Your Holy name
Worship Your Holy name

The Benediction:

Sung Blessing:

Behold! I make all things new beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold! Behold! I make all things new my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Helping Today

Greeters: Anne Loan & Christine Woodward

Offering: Sylvia Low

Bible Readers: Sylvia Low

Music: Pam Clare

Flowers: Alison & Bill Hancock

Grounds: Bruce Tucker

Helping next service, 15th September 2024

Greeters: Jill McConnochie & Margaret Greig

Offering: Liz Willis

Bible Reader: Marian Eagle

Music: Dorothy Finlayson

Flowers: Marian Eagle

Grounds: Murray & Lynne Arnold

Prayer Focus:

Let us pray for: -

- * Ministry among us: Pastoral Care Team
- * Partners in God's Mission of Love: Napier Food Bank
- * Partners in the Napier Inner City: St John's Cathedral
- * Parishes in our Presbytery: Knox Ahuriri

St Paul's Weekly Prayer time

As you may be aware, a weekly prayer group meets on **Thursday mornings at 9am** in the Church to pray about various issues. Our main focus is preparing for the arrival of Mark and Carolyn and the new ministry that will shape St Paul's for the future. All are welcome.

September 2024 Newsletter available now: enjoy reading it

Induction for Rev Dr Mark Johnston and Rev Dr Carolyn Kelly:

Mark and Carolyn's induction will be held on **Thursday**, 10th October at 4.00pm, followed by a potluck meal. Keep the date free.

Care and Share.

At our recent Care and Share gathering on 19th August a discussion was held about the arrival of our <u>new Ministers</u>. It was agreed that members would like to contribute to their kitchen and we would like to start <u>collecting non-perishable pantry items</u> for when they arrive in October. If St. Paul's members would like to add to our contribution it would be lovely to have a nice lot of pantry items for when they arrive. A basket will be put in the Church foyer each Sunday *(not to be confused with the Foodbank)* your contribution would be gratefully received. Many thanks.

Care and Share:

Save the Date: 23rd September, 2024.

Due to the availability of the "Tiffany Singers" who will entertain us, the next Care and Share gathering will not be on 16th September, 2024, but **23rd Sept at 1.30pm in the Lounge**. All welcome. *Dorothy (for the group)*

Recycling of Soft Plastics:

In the foyer/hallway there is now a bin for soft plastics. You may bring your **clean and dry** soft plastics from home, if it is easier for you, than returning them to the supermarket. Richard will then deliver them for us.

Eco Corner

Think About It: Dumping rubbish, rather than recycling. "It's the government's job". "It's too big a job." Do you recognise this attitude of "It's not my problem?

Why does poverty go hand-in-hand with pollution?

Bible Readings for Monday 9th September to Saturday 14th September 2024

Monday, September 09, 2024:

Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; Hebrews 11:29-12:2;

Tuesday, September 10, 2024:

Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 11:1-31; Hebrews 12:3-13;

Wednesday, September 11, 2024:

Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 14:1-9; Matthew 17:14-21;

Thursday, September 12, 2024:

Psalm 19; Proverbs 15:1-17; Hebrews 11:17-22;

Friday, September 13, 2024:

Psalm 19; Proverbs 19:24-29; James 2:17-26;

Saturday, September 14, 2024: Holy Cross

Psalm 19; Proverbs 21:1-17; Matthew 21:23-32;