

St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier.

'Partners in God's Mission of Love'

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

Pentecost Sunday 19th May, 2024

10am service *led by Kerry Marshall*

Music led by Pam Clare

Welcome and Notices:

Call to Worship: Psalm 104

***Hymn:** Come down, O Love Divine (WOV 310)

Come down, O Love divine,

Seek thou this soul of mine,

And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;

O Comforter, draw near,

Within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,

Till earthly passions turn

To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;

And let thy glorious light

Shine ever in thy sight,

And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity

Mine outward vesture be,

And lowliness become mine inner clothing;

True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part

And o'er its own shortcomings weep with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Gathering Prayer:

***Hymn: Be Thou my vision (WOV 455)**

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, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Be thou my battleshield, my sword for the fight
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower
Raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power

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, after victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Acts 2: 1-21

***Hymn: Spirit of God (LWSB 42)**

Spirit of God in the clear running water
Blowing to greatness the trees on the hill.
Spirit of God in the finger of morning:
Fill the earth, bring it to birth, And blow where you will.
Blow, blow, blow till I be
But breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

Down in the meadow the willows are moaning
Sheep in the pastureland cannot lie still.
Spirit of God, creation is groaning:
Fill the earth, bring it to birth, And blow where you will.
Blow, blow, blow till I be
But breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

I saw the scar of a year that lay dying
Heard the lament of a lone whippoorwill.
Spirit of God, see that cloud crying:
Fill the earth, bring it to birth, And blow where you will.
Blow, blow, blow till I be
But breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

Spirit of God every man's heart is lonely
Watching and waiting and hungry until
Spirit of God, man longs that you only
Fulfill the earth, bring it to birth, And blow where you will.

Blow, blow, blow till I be
But breath of the Spirit blowing in me

Reflection: *Kerry Marshall*

***Hymn: Prayer of St Francis** (*Tune: New Journeys 100*)

Make me a channel of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Refrain:

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace;
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
in giving to all, that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Repeat verse 1 with no refrain.

Prayers for others *followed by the Lord's Prayer*
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,

*your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.*

Give us each day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sin 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.*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Offering:

***Hymn:** **I am the light of the world** (WOV 669)

Chorus: I am the Light of the World
 You people come and follow me.
 If you follow and love,
 You'll learn the mystery
 Of what you were meant to do and be.

1. When the song of the angels is stilled.
When the star in the sky is gone.
When the kings and the shepherds
have found their way home.
The work of Christmas is begun!

2. To find the lonely and the lost,
To heal their broken souls with love,
To feed the hungry children
with warmth and good food,
To feel the earth below the sky above!

3. To free the prisoners from their chains,
To make the powerful care,

To rebuild the nations
with strength and goodwill,
To be at one with people everywhere.

4. To bring hope to every task you do,
To dance at a baby's new birth,
To make music in
an old man's heart,
And sing to the colours of the earth!

Benediction:

***Recessional:** Amazing Grace (*WOV 56*) (*Richard Loan*)

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!

Through 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 hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Helping Today

Greeters: Murray & Lynne Arnold

Offering: Sylvia Low

Bible Reader: Sylvia Low

Music: Pam Clare

Flowers: Bill & Alison Hancock

Grounds: Bruce Tucker

Helping next week 26th May 2024

Greeters: Bruce & Janice Tucker

Offering: Liz Willis

Bible Readers: Marian Eagle

Music: Dorothy Finlayson

Flowers: Pam Clare

Grounds: Murray & Lynne Arnold

Prayer Focus:

Let us pray for: -

- * Ministry among us: **Jitterbugs**
- * Partners in God's Mission of Love: **Nourished for Nil**
- * Partners in the Napier Inner City: **Catholic parish of Napier**
- * Parishes in our Presbytery: **Waipukurau**

Care and Share:

Next gathering will be tomorrow **Monday 20th May, 2024 at 1.30pm**. Our guest speaker is **Kerin Greville, The Floraliste from Clive** to talk all about flowers. Kerin is a very experienced florist and you'll enjoy what she has to show us and tell us about Eco friendly floristry. Remember the sales table and stay to enjoy a cuppa. All are welcome. Dorothy.

Combined HB Pressies Pentecost Service

There will be a combined Hawke's Bay Pressies service later today **Sunday 19th May at 4pm at St Columba's Havelock North**.

Monthly Repair Cafe

Repair Café will be this **Saturday 25th May** at **Asher Hall** between **11.30am and 2.30pm**. Bring along any items or garments for repair.

Eco Corner

‘Climate Breakdown’, rather than ‘Climate Change’: RNZ interview with Adam Welz 11/05/2024

- Are we doomed? Is there hope? These are the **wrong questions**; they allow us to excuse ourselves from doing anything
- We’re **already in trouble**
- Everything must change. We must build a genuine **circular economy**
- You can individually and collectively do something, but we have to do something at a **systems level**: Power, Capitalism
- **Change is possible**

Piping & Drumming Live - Napier Pipe Band

A last minute reminder that there will be a **Piping & Drumming Live event** at the **Napier RSA** later on today **Sunday 19th May** at **2pm**. Feature favourites such as *Highland Cathedral* and *Amazing Grace* will be performed along with other music. No charge for admission.

Bible Readings for Monday 20th May to Saturday 25th May 2024

Monday, May 20, 2024:

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Tuesday, May 21, 2024:

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Genesis 11:1-9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Wednesday, May 22, 2024:

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23

Thursday, May 23, 2024:

Psalm 29; Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20; Romans 8:1-8

Friday, May 24, 2024:

Psalm 29; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 8:9-11

Saturday, May 25, 2024:

Psalm 29; Isaiah 5:15-24; John 15:18-20, 26-27