

## The Venerable's Corner

Last week our theme was **The Resurrection and the Life**. We have been in the season of Lent since Wednesday February the 17<sup>th</sup> when the church began to celebrate Lent, so we have been in the season of Lent for past 31 days. Lent is where Christians voluntarily fast for 40 days. It is a time when Christians and the church collectively go into a retreat to renew its baptism by associating itself with the struggles of Jesus Christ. Last week we witnessed and participated in the baptisms of 3 children, who were baptized into the body of Christ. And being baptized into the body of Christ, means that they too, along with us begin their journey in life with the struggles encountered by Jesus Christ when he was born into this world as a human being, to see, feel and understand the struggles we face in life. How else would God know our struggles and what we suffer as we go through life? The 3 children will most certainly find out for themselves that life isn't easy all the time and things will happen in their lives that will test them to see how strong they are; they will have their hearts broken, have confrontations with their families, lose friends and more importantly, lose loved ones, something that always makes a huge impact on our lives. Sure, they will have a lot good things happen in their lives and they will be really happy. But what happens when they can't? Who will they turn too? They will of course turn to their parents, grandparents and godparents for help. But what if those role models can't help them find the answers? Where do they go? What our children and grandchildren need to be taught is that we are given life from God and that God is the only one who truly knows who we are. We can say that we know God and even tell people we know God but in the end do we really know God? So Whanau, if you want your children to grow up knowing God, then parents, grandparents and godparents, you need to come to church as it is your responsibility to nurture their spiritual growth until it is time to confirm their own faith in Jesus Christ.

## Joke

The local country priest was galloping down the road on his horse, rushing to get to church on time. Suddenly his horse tripped and dumped him onto the ground. In the dirt with a broken leg, the priest calls out, "All you saints in Heaven, help me to get up on my horse!" Then, with a superhuman effort, he leaps onto the horse's back but goes right over the horse and falls off on the other side. Lying on the ground, he looks up to Heaven and calls out, "**All right, all right, just half of you this time!**"

## Money Matters

Kia ora everyone!!!

If you want to make an automatic payment or a donation, our **Westpac Bank** account details are as follows:

**The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship  
Number 2 Account**

BSB: 032082

Account Number: **15-5562**

### LAST WEEKS CONTRIBUTION

Church Attendance: **61+9 Tamariki**  
Communicants : **32**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Direct Debit: **\$685.00**

Auto Payments: **\$185.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$169.60**

Donations: **\$3270.00**

Fundraising **\$387.50**

**Total Contributions: \$4697.10**

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Sunday 28 March 2010

# CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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### Weekly Quote:

*On Christ's glory I would fix all my thoughts and desires, and the more I see of the glory of Christ, the more the painted beauties of this world will wither in my eyes and I will be more and more crucified to this world. It will become to me like something dead and putrid, impossible for me to enjoy." **John Owen***

### Rarangī:

*Kia ara o koutou matenga, e nga tatau, kia ara ake, e nga tatau onamata, a ka tomo te Kingi o te kororia. Ko wai tenei Kingi kororia? Ko Ihowa o nga mano, ko ia te Kingi kororia. **Waiata 24.9-10***

### Reflection:

*Our Father God's wonderful new covenant with believers, established through His Son's blood sacrifice, allows us to be fully persuaded that God shall do everything which He has promised. **AMEN.***

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**ATIRIKONA:** Kaio M. Karipa  
**KAIKARAKIA:** Norman Rogers

**HYMNS:**

Opening Hymn: **33**  
Gradual Hymn: **116/117**  
Offertory Hymn: **58**  
Communion: **80**  
Closing Hymn: **41**

**SENTENCE:**

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! **Psalm 24.9-10**

**COLLECT:**

God our Father, as Christ was welcomed into the Holy City, may we welcome him into our lives and homes. May the King of Glory have rule in our hearts, that your kingdom come in us as it is in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you, Father, and the Holy Spirit be all praise, honour and glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**1ST READING:**

**Isaiah 50:4-9A**  
**The Suffering Servant**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did

not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

**2ND READING:**

**Philippians 2:5-11**  
**Christ became Obedient**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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**GOSPEL READING:**

**The Holy Gospel According to Luke 23:1-31**  
**Praise and Glory to God**

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.' When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him

back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.' Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

This is the Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to Christ the Word**



### **WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

- Lady Raiha Mahuta 23 Mar 2010
- Paki Puhī 25 Mar 2001
- Denise James 25 Mar 2008
- Tura Lechminka 26 Mar 2008
- Sheryl Kukutai 26 Mar 2008
- John Farr 22 Mar 2010

### **WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Alison Robertson Ivan Maheno

Kath Pene Raymond Farrell

Sandy Kew Paul Trainor

Ang Crawford Neisha Hura

Tipia Ahipene Nancy Baker

Hugh Nohokau

Kilahn Hura-Manuera

Kereama Wiwarena



### **NGA KUPU TAPU I ROTO I TE REO**

*Tinana - Hinengaro - Wairua.* Nga Kupu starts at 7.30am - 9.30am each Sunday Morning. Kaumatua/Kuia & Rangatahi all welcome. Haere mai! Call Wara **0406-585-575**

### **TWT PRAYER GROUP**

Contact Christine Adams - **0404-556-563** for more info.

### **TWT CHOIR SMAC**

Choir practice is every Sunday at 10am.

### **CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Thanks to all those whanau and church members that cleaned our church this year and its that time again to ask for cleaners for 2010. if you would like to help out you can put your name on the roster in the Church!



### **KAHUI WAHINE**

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