



The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship
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SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER 2011

“JOY ON THE LORD”



ATIRIKONA: Kaio Karipa

KAIKARAKIA: Kararaina Field

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **211 Nau Mai Piki Mai**

Gradual Hymn: **248 & 248A Tau Atu Ki Te Ariki**

Offertory Hymn: **166 Koutou Katoa Ra, Mea Iti Nei**

Communion Hymn: **243 Tapu Tapu Tapu**

Closing Hymn: **195 Ha Te Oha O Te Kupu**

SENTENCE:

The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. **Psalm 28:8**

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you teach us in your word that love is fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with all our heart and our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1ST READING: Deuteronomy

34:1-12

Moses Dies and Is Buried in the Land of Moab

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim

and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

2ND READING: 1Thessalonians 2:1-8

Paul’s Ministry in Thessalonica

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or

trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-46 The Greatest Commandment

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' " ? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

TWT GROUPS TWT CHOIR SMAC

Choir practice is every Wednesday night at 7pm. Call Char Roberts – **0416-135-894** for more information.

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NGA KUPU TAPU

Nga Kupu Tapu i Roto i Te Reo hold Maori language classes every Sunday from 7:30am to 9:30am at Te Wairua Tapu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

22 October 2011 Te Wairua Tapu Community Day

Please be advised that Te Wairua Tapu will hold a Community Day for our children on Saturday 22 October starting at the Church at 10:30am then moving to the park for a BYO picnic and activities. The day will begin with a briefing for all on the changes occurring within the Church and the assistance required, followed by an opportunity for questions before moving on to the Park.

13 November 2011 Remembrance Day Service and Medals Presentation

Please be advised that on Sunday 13 November 2011 at 10:30am the NZ Veterans in Partnership with the Church will host a Remembrance Day Service and Medals Presentation. Everyone is welcome to attend the service whereby the NZ High Commissioner HE Maj Gen (Retd) Martyn Dunne CNZM and the Lord Mayor of Sydney (TBC) will conduct the Medal presentations to NZ Veterans that are able to attend. However, in attendance will also be WWII NZ Veterans 97 year old Frank Harlow, 95 year old Arch Campbell and 93 year old Maurice Borland.



Last week

Fear of the Lord

Our theme last week was **Fear of the Lord**.

Rabbi Jeffrey Wolfson Goldwasser states, the Hebrew Bible's concept of "fearing God," can be compared to the feeling of looking at the night time sky and being awed by the immensity of space and simultaneously terrified by the thought of our smallness in such a vast expanse. That is to say, it is the feeling of being overwhelmed by a reality greater than oneself and greater than that encountered in ordinary life. What is clear, though, is that "fearing God" is not a compulsion that makes you cringe or causes you to make poor choices, as you might if you always were afraid of a person or thing. Rather, "fearing God," is living life with a trembling awareness that life has meaning -- that the choices you make have consequences of ultimate significance. To "fear" God as a Jewish person means to hone within yourself an awareness of the divine Presence around you all the time. One who fears God in this way would never say, "It does not matter how I behave in this circumstance because no one will ever know." Therefore, the Fear of the Lord is a feeling and a human emotion and it all depends on one's relationship with God. In last week's gospel reading, the Pharisees once again tried to trap Jesus in his korero or his words. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus was aware of their bad intentions and said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' 'Whose head is this and whose title, Jesus asked?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then Jesus said, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left Jesus and went away. In other words, what value do we put on God? How important is God in our lives? Like Rabbi Goldwasser states, to "fear" God means to hone within yourself an awareness of the divine Presence around you all the time, not when it suits us. How do we know when the divine presence of God is with us? Jesus was making a huge statement as his divine presence was not noticed by those asking the questions! If people

do not feel or sense the real presence of God around them, then they cannot know whom God is. Therefore, it is imperative as Christians to express the fear or awe of God in our own lives or how else can we help others to experience the love of God through his Son Jesus Christ.

PRAYERFUL PATHWAYS

We pray for the sick:

Carmen Rupe Ken Rau
Sam Morunga Keita Murray

We remember:

Ngaronoa Broughton 21 Oct 2003
Kristopher Hamilton 18 Oct 2008
Phow Watene-Walker 17 Oct 2009
Maryss Papalii 21 Oct 2010
Prirpi Smith 17 Oct 2010

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

TWT Attendance:
Communicants:

Donations: **\$100.00**
TWT Collection: **\$268.15**
Direct Debit: **\$657.50**
Auto Donations: **\$87.50**
Fundraising: **\$0.00**
Total contributions: **\$1013.15**

DONATIONS

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

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Number 2 Account

BSB: **032082**

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