



Last week our theme was **The love of God supports us**. In last week's gospel reading, a man had been possessed with many demons and Jesus set him free from them all! When the people came out to see what had happened, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, wearing clothes and in his right mind. What is amazing is that the people were afraid of what Jesus had done for this man. So much so, they asked Jesus to leave their land. Before he departs, Jesus says to the man, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him. Why were the people afraid of what Jesus had done? Were they afraid that what Jesus was doing was actually not of God because they had been brought up with certain ideas and traditions that stated this is how God is to be and look? How hard it must be when people are caught up in the structure of a community and they fail to see God's love in action and a miracle when one happens? Are people afraid of change or losing control of how things should happen inside of a community? For me, it's all about the way in which the love of God supports us. When we hurt, God hurts, when we suffer, God suffers, when we are in pain, God feels our pain. How does the love of God support us? It is in and through Jesus that gives us peace in our hearts, minds and spirits. That is why we go to karakia every Sunday as a community, to renew our relationship with God. To get ourselves right with God to face another week of uncertainties because we don't know what is going to happen in our lives. Even as individuals, we can and I do believe, we must have a relationship with God, 24/7, but we still have to come together as a community to worship God and renew our relationship with God as a community. That is how we show our gratitude towards God's love and support of us!

NGA KUPU TAPU I ROTO I TE REO

Classes start 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 information.

TWT CHOIR SMAC

Choir practice is every Sunday at 1pm. Call Char Roberts - **0416-135-894** for more information.

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Kia ora everyone!!!

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The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship

Number 2 Account

BSB: 032082

Account Number: **15-5562**

LAST WEEKS CONTRIBUTION

Church Attendance: **41+6 Tamariki**

Communicants: **21**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$100**

Congregational Giving: **\$128.20**

Direct Debit: **\$300.00**

Auto Payments: **\$175.00**

Total contributions: **\$703.20**

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Sunday 27 June 2010

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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Rarangī:

*Pakia o koutou ringa, e nga iwi katoa: hamama ki te Atua, kia hari te reo. **Waiata 47.1***

Reflection:

*As you rest in God's strength, you will witness His power evidencing in your life. **AMEN.***

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ATIRIKONA: Kaio M. Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Karauna Waititi

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: 44
Gradual Hymn: 5
Offertory Hymn: 49
Communion: 13
Closing Hymn: 46

SENTENCE:

Clap your hands, O peoples. Shout out with loud songs of joy. **Psalm 47.1**

COLLECT:

Spirit of the living God, come fill us, that we may live in joy and peace, and that our lives may show the gifts of patience, kindness and generosity; that we may live in faithfulness, gentleness and self-control through your power working within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and you, blessed Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

1ST READING:

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

The call of Elisha

Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

Elisha Becomes Elijah's Disciple

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There

were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, 'Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Go back again; for what have I done to you?' He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

2ND READING:

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

The Spirit has given us Life

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

The Works of the Flesh

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities,

strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Fruit of the Spirit

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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GOSPEL READING:

Luke 9:51-62

A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

Would-Be Followers of Jesus

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let

the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ the Word



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Kaleb O'Brien 26 Jun 2001
Philip Wilson 26 Jun 2003
Margaret Philips 27 Jun 2006
Ike Taylor

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ivan Maheno
Nancy Baker
Kereama Wiwarena
Neisha Hura
Alison Robertson
Kilharn Manuera
Mark Dion Nayler