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SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER 2011

“PRAYER IN THE LORD”



ATIRIKONA: Kaio Karipa

KAIKARAKIA: Karauna Waititi

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: 111

Gradual Hymn: 116

Offertory Hymn: 150

Closing Hymn: 257

SENTENCE:

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house, I will bow down towards your holy temple in awe of you. **Psalm 5:7**

COLLECT:

Almighty God, give your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only true God; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

1ST READING: Joshua 3:7-17

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, “When you come to the edge of the

waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.” Joshua then said to the Israelites, ‘Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God.’ Joshua said, ‘By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.’ When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

2ND READING: 1Thessalonians 2:9-13

You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus Denounces Scribes and Pharisees

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 'The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practise what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.



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

Thank you for attending our Community Day which started with an open discussion from the community letting us know whether there is a future for our Church. It was very pleasing to know that the community agreed there was a future for the Church but that it would require a shift toward involving our youth more in the services, management of the Church and Church activities. The discussions have again confirmed that our new Vision and Strategic Plan which was also supported by the community continues to be relevant.

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



Joy in the Lord

Our theme last week was **Joy in the Lord**.

What a great leader Moses was? His people mourned for him for thirty days! That's longer than any tangihanga I've ever known! The Lord knew Moses intimately and he was unequalled for all the signs and

wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel. So Moses chosen by God, must have been a pretty special person! However, Moses did not enter the Promised Land. It was Joshua the son of Nun who was appointed to lead the people into the land destined for the Israelite people. He 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. Joshua also chosen by God and anointed by Moses led his people who obeyed his leadership. In Paul's letter to the **Thessalonians**, he states, we had courage in God to declare the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For his appeal did not spring from deceit, impure motives or trickery, but by being approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel. 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. Why do we do the things that we do? Was Moses, Joshua and Paul chosen by God because they were good men?

I don't believe so? Rather they were chosen by God because of their obedience and their willingness to follow God's directions and guidance. What they truly display is the way in which they express humility before God. Moses deserved to enter the Promised Land for all he did for his people but he didn't, he accepted God's decision. So to with Joshua, he didn't back off on being chosen but he accepted the challenge to lead his people. And it was the same with Paul, who humbled himself before God and went on not to destroy and kill Christians anymore BUT to declare the gospel of Jesus Christ too many different people and nations. If there is no joy in what we do, whether it is our jobs or being involved with community and sporting groups or helping out with family and whanau, then why do it? Like I quoted Rabbi Goldwasser last week, "fearing God," means to hone within yourself an awareness of the divine Presence around you all the time. Joy in the Lord has the same impact! If our relationship with God is right then the concept of JOY must follow! Like Paul stated, they did not speak to please other people but to please God who tests our hearts. God knows what's in our hearts, we can deceive others but we cannot deceive GOD! When we open ourselves to God there is an overwhelming sense of peace

and joy that no human experience can give you. It takes a lot of courage to be that open to God BUT the reward is Joy in the Lord!

PRAYERFUL PATHWAYS

We pray for the sick:

Carmen Rupe	Ken Rau
Sam Morunga	Keita Murray
Queenie Connell	Michael Madden

We remember:

Cecilia Hotere 24 Oct 2001
Sonny Pomana 28 Oct 2001
George Williams 30 Oct 2003
Eunice (Whatahuia) Hona 25 Oct 2004
Marion Downs 25 Oct 2006
Mere Grace 28 Oct 2009

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

TWT Attendance:
Communicants:

Donations: **\$300.00**
TWT Collection: **\$82.05**
Direct Debit: **\$315.00**
Auto Donations: **\$177.50**
Fundraising: **\$100.00**
Total contributions: **\$974.55**

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

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