



Last week our theme was **Following Christ**. In the gospel reading Someone says to Jesus, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus responds, '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 to Jesus, '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.' Jesus was stating that true discipleship requires instant action. Dropping all your defences and becoming totally vulnerable and open to Jesus Christ. In other words, you don't have time to think about the consequences but you gotta make a choice. Jesus was not saying to forgo their family responsibilities but questioning their motives for not following him. What does Jesus really want from us? Jesus Christ wants total dedication, not half-hearted commitment from us. We can't pick and choose what ideas we want follow of Jesus' and follow him selectively; we have to accept the cross with the crown, judgment with mercy and always with glory comes pain and suffering. We must count the cost of following Jesus and be willing and, I mean willing, to abandon everything that has given us security. We should not allow anything to distract us from the way that Jesus calls us to live a good and true life.

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:

Communicants:

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$620.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$223.35**

Direct Debit: **\$712.50**

Auto Payments: **\$135.00**

Total contributions: **\$1690.85**

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Rarangiri:

*I whakaaroaro matou ki tou atawhai, e te Atua, i waenganui o tou temepara. E te Atua, rite tahi ki tou ingoa te whakamoemiti mou, tae noa atu ki nga pito o te whenua: ki tonu tou matau i te tika. **Waiata 48.9-10***

Reflection:

"Angels respond to God's word. (Ps 103:20). So dear Saint, expect angelic action, when you speak and pray His Word, in your life. Just as Daniel's (10:12) lions-den experience testifies. **AMEN**"

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ATIRIKONA: Kaio M. Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Kararaina Fields

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **58**
 Gradual Hymn: **116/117**
 Offertory Hymn: **31**
 Communion: **82**
 Closing Hymn: **114**

SENTENCE:

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. As your Name, so your praise reaches to the end of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory. **Psalm 48.9-10**

COLLECT:

Almighty God, keep us strong in the faith. Direct us in all our doings and give us your help, that we may proclaim the glory of your kingdom, share your peace with those who we meet and continue to rejoice in your saving power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

1ST READING:

Isaiah 66:10-14

The Lords Promise of Prosperity

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to

her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

The Reign and Indignation of God

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

2ND READING:

Galatians 6:7-16

I will boast about the Cross

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Final Admonitions and Benediction

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For

neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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GOSPEL READING:

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus sends out the Seventy-Two

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.” ‘Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’

The Return of the Seventy

The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ the Word



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

- Patuone Karahaina 1 Jul 2002
- Shane Waihi 1 Jul 2004
- Jessica kaukau 1 Jul 2004
- Rangi Tareha 2 Jul 2007
- Aroha Whaanga 4 Jul 2007

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

- Ivan Maheno
- Nancy Baker
- Kereama Wiwarena
- Neisha Hura
- Alison Robertson
- Kilharn Manuera