



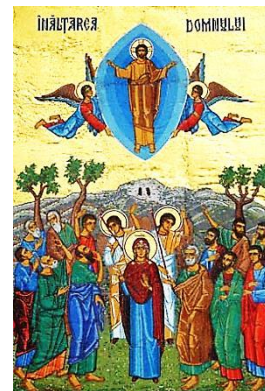
St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pā

All who enter here be reconciled

21st May 2023 Year A with The Rev'd John Hebenton

Ascension and Easter 7



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

There is morning tea after the 10am service. Please join us.

Visitors are very welcome.

Please remember to turn off your phone during the Church Service.

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Psalm: 68:1-10, 32-35

First Reading: Acts 1: 6 - 14

Second Reading: 1 Pet 4: 12 – 14; 5: 6 - 11

Gospel: John 17:1-11

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Sentence: This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. *John 17:3*

Prayer for the Day

Holy God, you have not left us alone
but promised your abiding protection.

In all we face, grant us such a knowledge of your presence,
and abiding care, that nothing can destroy our trust.

through Jesus Christ our liberator, who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion.

**Prayers and anointing for healing are available during communion in the
chapel, at the back of the church.**

Theme

On Thursday we remembered the Ascension of Jesus. This is based entirely on the Book of Acts. The gospels either don't talk about it or have it on Easter Day. We sometimes describe the Ascension as the risen Jesus leaving earth to be with God, leaving us to carry on the work of God in the Spirit. Because Christ is no longer with us, we become his hands and feet. I am not sure that is what is meant here.

In the incarnation, the Word of God came among us in a particular place and time in Jesus. The crucified and risen Jesus was still present to his disciples in that particular time and place. The Ascended Christ returns into God who is beyond time and is present in all places and in all time. Through the Ascension Christ is known in all times and in all places and continues the work of bringing about the reign of God on earth as in heaven. Which means that Christ is with us in all times and places. That is pretty good news.

In our gospel reading for this, the last Sunday in Easter, we return to John's version of the last supper and hear Jesus' prayer as he prepares to leave his friends and disciples. His prayer, how he prays and what he prays for, reveal who he knew God to be. In this prayer he described what is to come as being glorified, which in the gospel of John is to make visible presence of God. Jesus trusts the community to God's care as he ascends back to the Father because they remained in the world. But that remaining in the world as we have seen throughout the whole farewell discourse is a call to glorify God, is a call to make visible the presence of God particularly in love. But we don't do that on our own. We do that because of the promise of the Spirit. We also are able to be that in the world because of this remarkable moment of "holy father protect them in your name" and that entrusting of the community to God's care.

As we regather and rebuild after these last years, how do we see us making visible the presence of God particularly in love in Tauranga?

What does it mean to be entrusted into God's care?

Prayer

Our community: We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Pyes Pa, Oropi, the Lakes and Merivale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepont, Whanau Aroha, Hodgson House.

We pray for those who are dying, sick, in hospital or in any other kind of need, parishioners in rest homes and those who receive home communion and any others you hold in your hearts.

Our Church: We pray for the people and clergy of the Havelock North Parish; St. John's Theological College: Dr Emily Colgan – the newly appointed Manukura, Tikanga Deans, Faculty and all students.

Wider Church: We pray for our partners in Australia; The work of the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM), Anglican Overseas Aid (AOA) and especially the work among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders...for continued reconciliation and justice.

Notices



AAW past members morning tea Friday 26th May 10.30am at Le Chat Noir in Greerton Village.



Sunday Taizé Service Sunday 18th June, 7pm at St George's. Come and join us for a contemplative service based on the music of the Taizé Community.



During June, the Korean Dreamchurch which meets in our Church each Sunday, is fundraising to take their youth on retreat in Australia. They are having three events here at our Church, run by the youth and supervised by adults:

Saturday 3rd June: \$10 to have your car cleaned inside and out – general public

Sunday 4th June: \$10 car clean in and out, just for St. George's parishioners

Saturday 17th June: Korean Food Market in the carpark 10am -2pm.

Please let Charmaine in the office know if you're interested in a car clean 😊



Building a Climate of Hope –

a series of webinars at 7.30 pm:

June 14 - Hope for an Endangered Planet Dr Jane Goodall

June 21. Hope for Aotearoa NZ, 2050+ Rabbi Shapiro & climate experts

June 28. Hope for our Pacific Region Pacific Climate Warriors

July 5. Hope for our World Rt. Hon Helen Clark

Rod Oram will introduce keynotes speakers and facilitate panel discussions

Registration: details later

Our faith traditions call us to act justly, tread gently on the Earth, and care for one another



Food for the Foodbank: Non-perishable items are gratefully accepted, thank you.



The Friday Parish Prayer Circle If you would like prayer for yourself or another, please contact the Rev'd Joyce Crawford (579 4363) or Shirley Scott (571 2450). Please let them know if prayer is no longer needed.



It's Pentecost on Sunday 28th May, so wear red!

This coming week at St George's

Tuesday 23rd May 9.30am Holy Communion

Friday 26th May Past AAW members coffee morning

Sunday 28th May 8.30am and 10am Holy Communion Service. Wear Red!

Service Next Week 28th May - Pentecost

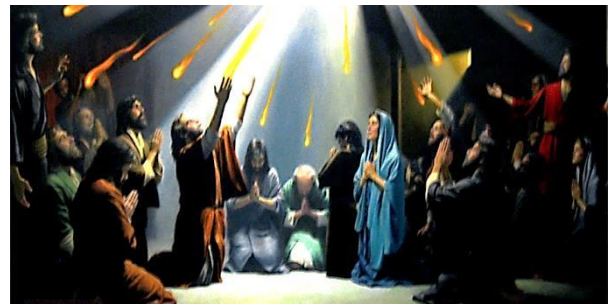
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Psalm - 104: 24-34, 35b

First Reading - Acts 2: 1-21

Second Reading - 1 Cor 12: 3-13

Gospel - John 20: 19-23



Dates to Note in your Diary

Car wash & clean during 10am service 4th June \$10

Taize Service Sunday 18th June 7pm

Harvest Festival Sunday 25th June

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