

Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

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Sunday 13th August 2023 St Mary, The Mother of Jesus Te Whaea o Ihu

Readings

Isa 7:10-15
Ps 132:6-10, 13-14
Gal 4:4-7
Luke 1:46-55 or 2:1-7

Sentence

They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Matthew 14:26-27

Liturgy of Eucharist

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Absolution

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Gloria

1 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

Refrain:

To God be glory for ever!

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Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.

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2 Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father. Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father. [R]

3 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit. [R]

Collect

Jesus, Saviour in storm, when the waters of the deep are broken up, when the landmarks are washed away or drowned, come to us across the water; for the glory of your holy name. **Amen**

Reading From Isaiah 7:10-15

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.'

Psalm 132

We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar. 'Let us go to his dwelling-place; let us worship at his footstool.'

Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting-place, you and the ark of your might. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy. For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one. For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation: 'This is my resting-place for ever; here I will reside, for I have desired it.

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

A Reading from Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reading From Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the people. Responses.

God of love.

Hear our prayer.

Te Karakia O Te Atua

The Lord's Prayer

<p>E tō mātou Matua i te rangi Kia tapu tou Ingoa Kia tae mai tou rangatira-tanga. Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga i te whenua, kia rite ano ki to te rangi. Homai ki a mātou aianeī he taro mā mātou mo tēnei ra. Murua o mātou hara Me mātou hoki e muru nei i o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou. Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whaka- aia; Engari whaka-orangia mātou, i te ino: Nou hoki te rangatira-tanga, te kaha, me te kororia, Ake, ake, ake. Āmine.</p>	<p>Our Parent in the spirit world Sacred is your Name Bring us Your Chiefly rule; May it happen in the way that is to you, good May it happen on earth In the same way as in spirit world. Give us now The food we need this day. Strip us of our sin; Give us back what we have lost; So that we, the slaves of sin, may be with you again. Do not lead us into temptation; May we be whole, away from things evil; Through your chiefly position, is the power and the glory Forever and ever Amen</p>
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Reflection from Reverend Michael Holdaway

Blessings

Just imagine Elizabeth and Mary meeting for the first time. This extraordinary moment between two very different women. One a pregnant unwedded teenager and the other an older woman who had longed for a child for many years.

Today Elizabeth's pregnancy would be described as 'primigravida elderly', in this case past childbearing age.

Both experiencing miracle of their pregnancy. And the gorgeous greeting Elizabeth's child gives, later to be John the Baptist. Maybe a somersault in her mother's womb, as he senses the presence of Mary's unborn child, Jesus, in excited anticipation.

Elizabeth says a blessing on Mary; filled with the Holy Spirit Elizabeth says to her "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

A blessing, it so could have been something else in the circumstances.

We so readily curse instead of bless. We seem to so easily to do this with ourselves. But Elizabeth sees God and blesses, Mary.

To bless is to say good things about one another. We have to bless one another but ALSO ourselves.

The miracle of the birth of Jesus is a reminder that came among us to bless the world.

But our psyche seems to too readily curse and ridicule ourselves and others. I think there is this disease that floats in the air like fungi spores that makes think we must curse ourselves with should've, could've, would've. It is so wrong; we take a moment and look again at the greeting between Elizabeth and Mary, read Luke1:41-44, drink it in by going there in your mind.

This meeting could have been so different.

The point I am making, is that we are here to be a blessing, to ourselves and others. A challenge, for one week DO NOT CURSE. Do not curse yourself or anyone else even if a driver on Portsmouth drive cuts in on you.

WE all need to grow up in our baptism, by recalling we are God's "beloved" This reveals the most intimate truth about all human beings.

If you would like to hear the latest sermon, Reverend Michael Holdaway will be adding his sermon to the Facebook page below each week. Click on the link below if you are a Facebook user and wish to access his sermon:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Otago-Peninsula-Anglican-Parish/100068255425347/>

NOTICES

3 in 1 – a 20 minute silent prayer meditation, bible study, cup of soup and a roll. These sessions, led by Bishop Kelvin, continue on Sundays, 5.30pm -7pm, and are for anyone who is searching with questions or looking to reconnect with the church and deepen their journey in Christ. Share this invitation with others. All are welcome.

Stewardship: 2 Cor 9:7 ‘Each of you must give as you have made up your mind not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver’.

For new givers, for giving by direct credit, use the account for the Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish: 06-0911-0317403-00

Online Services – “The Scattered People of the Good Shepherd”

A reminder that the next monthly on-line service will be held on Sunday 27th August at 10am. To find Sunday church services that are held online, go to the Diocesan website at: <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/on-line-worship/>

Supporting former refugee families settling in Dunedin - the Dunedin Red Cross welcome donations of kitchenware (e.g. pots and pans, utensils) in good condition for our new settler families when they arrive in Dunedin. Also needed are contributions of non-perishable breakfast foods to provide families with a first breakfast in their new home prior to being able to go to a supermarket.

Volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels – could you help deliver hot, nourishing food in Dunedin and Mosgiel from the Home of St Barnabas? A meal run takes about 40 minutes. Volunteer drivers are needed for

Mosgiel: Tuesday or/and Thursday (weekly) – pick-up in Mosgiel at 11.30am

Dunedin: Monday (weekly) until October, or longer if wished; Wednesday (fortnightly); or Friday (could be either weekly or fortnightly) – pick-up from St Barnabas at 11.45am

If you can help, please contact Lynette Keith & Licia Mihaka, Meals on Wheels Co-Ordinators, Home of St Barnabas Trust

Phone (03) 455 8298 Extn 1 **Website** <http://www.stbarnabastrust.nz>

Email meals@stbarnabastrust.nz

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Missions: Fiji

Alison is collecting donations of items to take to on her mission to Fiji. The group is visiting 3/4 schools and they need:

Toothbrushes;

Pencils;

Sharpener etc;

Exercise books;

Reading books;

Coloured bible story books (various ages);

Children's bibles;

Adult bibles;

Playground equipment-balls etc.

Visits are also planned to 3 hospitals: 2 smaller hospitals; one older, and one larger hospital. All are under/ill-equipped. They need:

Baby clothes;

Large bras;

Reading glasses;

Anything else medical or pharma related.

They will spend time with the House of Sarah Training Team and also are spending time at a prison.

The team will be staying at St Christophers Orphanage and will take their own linen/towels and donate these to the orphanage when they leave.

There will also be some jams & jellies on the sales table, for mission fundraising also.

A Rocha Tree Planting A great Otago Peninsula community event at 1.30pm on Saturday 20th of August at Turnbull Bay. Michael has spare seats if you require transport.

Next Parish Magazine

The next parish magazine will be published in time for distribution at the Sunday service on 24th September. Copy for the magazine should be with Stacey in the Parish Office by Wednesday 6th September.

PRAYERS

The Wider Church

There are many people and organisations that make the work of Anglican Missions possible. Today we pray and give thanks for these people.

We will be praying for Alison in the service; it would be great if you could keep her in your prayers for the next fortnight as she goes to Fiji.

In the Diocese

Today we pray for Chaplains for Rural Ministry, Southland: Rev'd Richard Johnson and Rev'd Barbara Walker. And Homes for the Aged: The Home of St Barnabas; Leslie Groves Home and Hospital; Parata Anglican Charitable Trust; and North Otago Anglican Homes for the Aged.

From the Parish Roll

This Sunday we pray for Anne Stratford and Mary Taylor.

In the Community

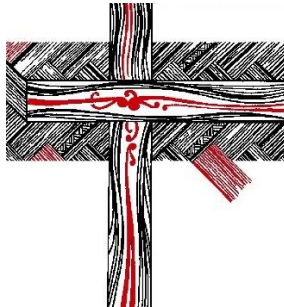
Today as we celebrate St. Mary, mother of Jesus, we give thanks for the groups of women in our faith communities throughout New Zealand/Aotearoa who as Mothers' Union and Association of Anglican Women members take many as their exemplar. We pray for our own Parish AAW and give thanks for the support they provide to one another and to our faith community. **Amen.**

DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday 14th August – Sunday 21th August 2023

- Tuesday:** 10.00am - House Group at Macandrew Bay
4.00pm - 5.00pm - Prayer for the Parish at St Michael's
- Wednesday:** 10.00am - Midweek Eucharist at St Michael's
- Thursday:** 10.00am - Playgroup at St Philip's
- Saturday:** 1.30pm – A Rocha tree planting at Turnbull Bay
- Sunday:** 10.00am – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Communion at St Michael's
5.30pm - 7pm - 3 in 1 (see separate item under notices)

**St Michael and All
Angels:** Elliot Street,
Andersons Bay

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Next week's readings:
Isa 56:1, 6-8
Ps 67
Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28

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