

We stand for The Blessing

We remain standing and sing:

**Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, and Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor folk's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. You are welcome to stay and share refreshments with us!



REGIONAL MAGAZINE

Our magazine is now ready for delivery at the back of the church. Please collect as many streets as you can and return bags when completed. Thanks from the team.

TUESDAY STUDY GROUP

This will be held at Elaine James' home at **11.30am Tuesday, 29 November 2016**. As this will be our final meeting for the year, it will take the form of a Shared Lunch.

"CHRISTMAS CRACKERS"

Even though this is basically a Regional AAW and Friendship Groups function, any of our parishioners are very welcome to attend at **7pm 30 November 2016**, with a service in church, followed by "who knows what!" in the hall and provided supper. Contact Elaine James (769 9904) with any queries.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

A meeting regarding Health and Safety will be held in the Holy Trinity Hall, **7.30pm Thursday, 1 December 2016**. As this is such an important issue for any group within our community, please make an effort to learn more about what is required of us.

WORKING BEE

9am Friday, 2 December 2016 at the Church and grounds. If the weather is iffy, please check with Jim Newlove (027 775 4707) Lots of helpers required, please!!

'SIMPLE AS" - ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2016

Our Regional theme this Advent and Christmas season is "Simple As." A preaching team comprising Jacqui Paterson, David Leask, Mike Hansen and Wendy Harland have taken up the challenge of providing words of wisdom to titillate you with over the Advent period. Enjoy!

JACQUI'S INDUCTION AT WAIKATO DIOCESAN SCHOOL

This important occasion for Jacqui is be held on **Sunday, 11 December 2016**, at 7pm at the Waikato Diocesan School. It would be lovely for her to have the support of some of our Holy Trinity parishioners, so please mark your diaries and consider attending. Pooled transport will be considered nearer the time.

NEXT WEEK: ADVENT TWO

PREACHER: David Leask presider rev oliver roberts

READINGS: ISAIAH 11: 1-10; PSALM 72: 1-7, 18-19; ROMANS 15: 4-13; MATTHEW 3: 1-5

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church Fitzroy

Advent 1: Simple As

A Welcome

Grace and Peace to You from God.
God fill you with truth and joy

This is the day which the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We stand and sing...

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains
of goodness and love.**

**To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—
but naught changeth Thee.**

**All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee,
And so let Thy glory, Almighty, impart,
Through Christ in His story,
Thy Christ to the heart**

Advent Candles

This first Sunday in Advent, we light a candle for peace, and ask you, God, to travel with us during this time of waiting.

Awaken our hearts to your peace.

We light a new candle each Sunday in Advent, reminding us that you, God, are the light among our paths leading us to a more just world.

Awaken our hearts to your peace.

Holy one, as we wait, help us to stay awake and present to your love. Help us unlearn the ways of harm, and practise ways of kindness.

Awaken our hearts to your peace.

We remain standing and sing...

**Fill now my life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
your blessing and your ways.**

**Not for the lip of praise alone
nor yet its praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:**

**Praise in the common things of life,
it's goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
exalted or unseen**

**Fill every part of me with praise;
let all my being speak of you
and of your love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak**

**Then Lord, from me you shall receive
the praise and glory due
and so shall I begin on earth
the song for ever new.**

**So shall no part of day or night
from sacredness be free
but all my life, with you my God,
in fellowship shall be.**

We are seated and pray...

**Almighty God, To whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are
hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may
truly love you and worthily praise your holy name;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We remain seated and sing...

**Jesus, all for Jesus,
all I am and have and ever hope to be.
Jesus, all for Jesus,
all I am and have and ever hope to be.**

**All of my ambitions, hopes and plans
I surrender these into Your hands.
All of my ambitions, hopes and plans
I surrender these into Your hands.**

**For it's only in Your will that I am free,
for it's only in Your will that I am free,**

**Jesus, all for Jesus,
all I am and have and ever hope to be.
Jesus, all for Jesus,
all am and have and ever hope to be.**

Let us, in silence, remember our need
for God’s forgiveness:
Hear the teaching of Christ:
you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength.
This is the first commandment.
And a second is this:
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Hear God’s word to all who turn to Christ:
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life.
God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent,
turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.
In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.
**Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have
thought and said, in the wrong we have done and
in the good we have not done. We have sinned in
ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have
sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are
truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us,
for our Saviour Christ’s sake, and renew our lives
to the glory of your name. Amen.**
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.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

The Sentence:
"To you Lord I life up my soul; my God I have put
my trust in you; you are God my Saviour; for you
have I waited all the day long. Psalm 25: 1,4

The Collect:
**God of hope,
When Christ your Son appears
May he not find us asleep or idle,
But active in his service and ready.
Hear this prayer for your love’s sake.
Amen**

The Proclamation
A reading from The Book of Isaiah chapter 2
beginning at verse 1 (-5)
...Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

We stand for the Gospel
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter
24 beginning at verse 36 (-44)

Praise and glory to God....

...This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ, the Word.

We are seated

The Sermon: Jacqui Paterson

We remain seated for the Prayers of the People

The Ministry of the Sacrament
We stand for The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.
By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.
Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ

We remain standing and sing our Offertory Hymn:
**I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd,
He should seek the wand’rers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethl’hem’s manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and labored,
And so the Savior, Savior of the world, is come.**

**I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Savior, Savior of the world, is here.**

**I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendor
When He the Savior, Savior of the world,
is known.**

**I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth,
will answer:
At last the Savior, Savior of the world, is King.**

Our offerings are presented.
Blessed are you, God of all creation...
... and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever.

We remain standing or are seated for
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord is here.
God’s Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed...
...for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;..
...do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God,...
...We worship you, O God, in songs of
everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and forever. Amen.**

We sing the Lords Prayer together
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours now and forever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**We who are many are one body, for we all share
the one bread.**

Draw near, and receive the precious body and blood
of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he
died for us. let us feed on him in our hearts, by faith
with thanksgiving.

The Communion
We remain seated and sing:

**Oh the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth
all the beauty I see, He has given to me
and His giving is gentle as silence**

**Every day, every hour, every moment
have been blessed by the strength of his love
at the turn of each tide, He is there at my side
and his touch is as gentle as silence**

**There’ve been times when I’ve turned
from his presence
and I’ve walked other paths, other ways
but I’ve called on his name,
in the dark of my pain
and his mercy was gentle as silence**

**He poured out his Spirit upon me
He has turned all my world upside down
and his peace and his calm
fills my soul like a balm
and his healing is gentle as silence.**

Prayer after Communion
Almighty God, giver of all good things...
...of all faithful people.

**Therefore, ever living God,
keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.
And now we offer ourselves,
all that we have and are,
to serve you faithfully in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Dismissal of the Community