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"THE GIFT OF FAITH"



ATIRIKONA: Kaio Karipa

KAIKARAKIA: Karol Field

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: 95 – E Te Toka Ingoa Nui

Gradual Hymn: 116 – E Te Atua Kua Ruia Nei

Offertory Hymn: 150 – Kati i Tau

Closing Hymn: 171 – Ma Te Marie

SENTENCE:

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. **Jeremiah 17:7.8**

COLLECT:

God of infinite mercy, grant that we who know your pity may rejoice in your forgiveness and gladly forgive others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

1ST READING: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of

them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

The Pursuers Drowned

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.



2ND READING: Romans 14:1-12

Do Not Judge Another

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions.

Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.



GOSPEL READING: Matthew

18:21-35

Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten

thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'



TWT GROUPS

TWT CHOIR SMAC

Choir practice is every Wednesday night at 7pm. Call Char Roberts – **0416-135-894** for more information.

TE WAIRUA TAPU FACEBOOK

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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

HAMMONDVILLE SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER

We will be at St Anne's Anglican Church on Sunday 18 September at 2.45pm, corner of Walder Road and Stewart Avenue.

LAST WEEK

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you all for attending the AGM last Saturday 3 September 2011. The EOFY Reports have been posted on the website. However, as discussed, the Church has had to review its focus for the future. As a result we request your initial involvement in three areas:

1. We require skilled, experienced and dedicated members for the Church Executive Council as follows: Executive Secretary, Property Manager, Events Manager, Communications/Marketing Manager, Relationship Manager and up to three members. We need the Executive Council members no later than 30 September 2011,
2. We require you to review our **draft Strategic Plan** (posted on website/facebook) that was developed as part of a review of our operations with a focus on the future. It is requested that you review the Plan and provide feedback, suggestions and ideas no later than 30 September 2011. Once all the

responses have been consolidated, a final plan will be distributed.

3. We require you to promote the Church, encourage your families, friends, children, business associates and general community to be part of the Church. The church is undergoing change and we need your involvement to achieve our Vision and help shape the future of the Church.

Can all responses and nominations for the Executive Council please be sent to Archdeacon Kaio Karipa sydmaf@tewairuatapu.com.au



PRAYERFUL PATHWAYS

We pray for the sick:

Carmen Rupe Ken Rau
Sam Morunga

We remember:

Zeidyn Wilson 6 Sep 2003
Desmond Walmsley 8 Sep 2007
Kate Fraser 6 Sep 2008
Donohue Rota 6 Sep 2010
Tania Farr 07 Sep 2011

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

TWT Attendance: **35 + 9 Tamariki**
Communicants: **24**

Donations: **\$400.00**
TWT Collection: **\$194.55**
Direct Debit: **\$692.50**
Auto Donations: **\$107.50**
Fundraising: **\$1750.00**
Total contributions: **\$3,144.55**



DONATIONS

If you want to make an automatic payment or a donation, our **Westpac Bank** account details are as follows:

The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship
Number 2 Account
BSB: **032082**
Account Number: **155562**