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SUNDAY 15TH APRIL 2012

“CHRIST OUR VICTORY”



ATIRIKONA: Kaio Malcolm Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Kararaina Field

Opening: **111**
Gradual: **241**
Offertory: **95**
Closing: **245A**

Colour: White

Sentence:

Let us give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Alleluia! *Colossians 1:12 (adapted)*

Rarangi:

Me te whakawhetai atu ano ki te Matua, nana nei tatou i whai tikanga ai ki tetahi wahi o te kainga o te hunga tapu i roto i te marama. *Korohe 1:12*

Collect:

God, you are the first light cutting through the void. You are the final light which we shall enjoy forever. Help us to welcome the light and walk in it always. **AMEN**

1ST READING: Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus

and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

2ND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world

THE HOLY GOSPEL READING:

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where

Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

PRAYERFUL PATHWAYS

We pray for the sick:

Ellen Johnson Ken Rau
 Keita Murray Nancy Baker
 Michael Madden Mark Kahui
 Kelvin Lamb Rosina Reiri
 Ned Manukau

We remember:

Terrance Ryan	13 Apr 2001
John Foley	10 Apr 2010
Debbie Morrell	11 Apr 2010

TWT UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- **Sun 15 April**, Baptism at TWT – 10.30am
- **Sun 15 April TWT Wollongong** – Fairy Meadow

- **Sat 21 April, Tikanga Whakatipu Ririki Workshop** – At TWT, 9am to 4pm
- **Sun 22 April, TWT Hammondville** – Cnr of of Walder Rd and Stewart St – 2.45pm
- **Sun 29 April, TWT ANZAC Service** – 10.30am



LAST WEEK

You can pay people to do a lot of things for you, but you can't pay someone else to do death for you. And there is no one on earth who can really tell you what it's like. *They are the facts*, according to our Archbishop of Sydney Peter Jensen. If you want to travel to an exotic place, someone has been there before you and can tell you what it is like, with photos. But there are no travellers into the realm of death who come back. *That's a fact.* Well, no it *isn't* a fact. There *is* a man who has been there and come back and told us what to expect. That man is Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. We Christians love Easter because it is the historical reminder that although Jesus was executed by being crucified and was truly dead, three days later he broke out of his tomb and showed that death is not the last word in life. And everything is changed. Instead of living in fear and anxiety, it's as though God has turned the light on and dispelled our fear. Jesus dies so that we could be forgiven and he lives to give us life beyond the grave. **Now that's a great fact!** This was Archbishop Peter Jensen's Easter message for 2012!

For those of us who have travelled through the season of Lent and then entered into Holy Week and participated in the Maundy Thursday and Shadow Service on Good Friday, it was an awe-inspiring experience. There were moments of real humility and humbleness, loneliness and sadness, times when you felt really guilty and ashamed. You do wonder how the disciples really felt after they had lost their

knowing they couldn't do anything for their Rangatira! Like them, when Mary Madalene told them Jesus' tomb was empty they didn't believe her so they bolted to see for themselves. They were so surprised by this news that they couldn't get there fast enough! When they did, they looked in and found it empty, only the linen used to wrap Jesus' tortured body was lying there, and the cloth that had been placed on Jesus' head, rolled up in a place by itself. It was at this point that one of the disciples believed. Like the disciples, who saw first-hand, that their Rangatira had gone, believed and understood what Jesus Christ had been trying to teach them! In three days, this temple will be destroyed and rebuilt! Although Easter involves celebrating the pain, suffering and death of Jesus Christ it's also about resurrection and new life! New beginnings! Letting go of the past and all those hara and sins that keep us locked down. Jesus died so that we could be forgiven and he lives to give us life beyond the grave.

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

TWT Redfern – Easter Attendances

Maundy Thursday

7 Adults

2 Youth

9 Communicants

Good Friday Shadow Service

20 Adults

2 Youth

Easter Sunday

55 Adults

5 Youth

12 Children

32 Communicants

1st – 7th April

Offertory	\$320.50
Direct Debits	\$315.00
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Donations	\$3,150.00
Total Contributions	\$3,923.00

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The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship

Number 2 Account BSB: **032082** Account No **155562**

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NGA KUPU TAPU

Nga Kupu Tapu i Roto i Te Reo Maori language classes every Sunday from 7:30am to 9:30am at Te Wairua Tapu.

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