



Archdeacon Kaio Malcolm Karipa, the Ministry team and the Fellowship of Te Wairua Tapu Church extend a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone

Christmas Greetings from the Bishop of Te Waipounamu

Nga Mihi O Te Kirihimete
Tena Koutou Te Whanau I noho mai I te Maara Waina o to tatou Ariki a Ihu Karaiti Nga mihi nui kia koutou o te Hui Amorangi o Te Waipounamu huri noa ki Wharekauri me Ahitereia tena koutou. Me haere tatou ki Petirihama mo te

whanautanga o te Karaiti te Tama a Te Atua. No reira piki mai kake mai koutou I rung ate reo karanga.

Nga mihi kia koutou katoa tenei Kirihimete me te tau hou.

Kia ora koutou Na Te Pihopa John Gray

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Friday 24 Dec 2010

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Rarangi:

*I whakakikokikoa te Kupu, a noho ana i a matou, i kite ano matou i tona kororia he kororia e rite ana ki to te Tama kotahi a te Matua, ki tonu i te aroha noa, i te pono. **Hone 1:14***

Reflection:

By His stripes, Believer, you ARE healed (1 Pet 2:24). Your loving Father wants you to be healthy, whole, resilient and disease-free. Recall, rejoice, and claim, this eternal truth, every time you celebrate Communion. AMEN

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PIHOPA: Archdeacon K Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Norman Rogers

CHRISTMAS CAROLS:

Opening Hymn: **No2 The First Nowell**
Gradual Hymn: **No7 Joy To The World**
Offertory Hymn: **No12&No13 O Come, All Ye Faithfull**
Communion: **No18 Marys Boy Child**
Closing Hymn: **No1 Marie Te Po**

SENTENCE:

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have seen the glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. **John 1:14**

COLLECT:

We praise and thank you, Creator God, for you have not left us alone. Each year you come to us, Emmanuel, God with us in a manger. Each time you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. In time or out of time you will be revealed and we shall see you face to face. **Amen**

1ST READING:

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-11, 16

God's Covenant with David

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.' But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go

and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

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

2ND READING:

Acts 13:16-26

So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they

asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." 'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

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GOSPEL READING:

Luke 1:67-79

Zechariah's Prophecy

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our

enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



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