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SUNDAY 24 JULY 2011

"GOD'S PURPOSE"

ATIRIKONA: Kaio Karipa

KAIKARAKIA: Norman Rogers

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **210**

Gradual Hymn: **116**

Offertory Hymn: **245A**

Closing Hymn: **171**

SENTENCE:

O Lord my strength and my fortress, my refuge in time of distress; to you the nations will come from the ends of the earth, and they will know that your name is the Lord.
Jeremiah 16:19-21

COLLECT:

God of mercy, you have blessed us beyond our dreams; you have set before us promises and perils beyond our understanding; help us to struggle and pray that the perils may be averted and your promises fulfilled. **Amen**

1ST READING: *Genesis 29:15-28*

Jacob Marries Laban's Daughters

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

2ND READING: *Romans 8:26-39*

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

God's Love in Christ Jesus

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It

is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



GOSPEL READING: Matthew

13:31-33, 44-52

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

The Parable of the Yeast

Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

Three Parables

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Treasures New and Old

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And Jesus said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'



TWT GROUPS

KAHUI WAHINE CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Saturday 30th July starts 12noon \$39

All Welcome, RSVP by 24th July call Angela

0425295833 or Pat 0402685193 or email

pat@tewairuatapu.com.au for more information.

TWT CHOIR SMAC

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

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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

VISIT BY MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL RUGBY BOYS

We are delighted to have Mt Roskill's Rugby Team from Auckland join us this Sunday at our 10.30am service. If you have family or friends in the team or you just want to meet them come along!

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE AT TE WAIRUA TAPU

Te Wairua Tapu annual memorial service will be held on this Sunday 24 July 2011 at 2pm. For those families whom have lost loved ones, this service provides you with an opportunity to remember them and share with others.

NGA URI O RAHIRI KAPA HAKA JUNIORS

Nga Uri o Rahiri Kapa Haka Juniors will be performing at Te Wairua Tapu on Sunday 31 July during the 10.30am service. All are welcome!

LAST WEEK

THE VENERABLE'S CORNER

Last Saturday 16 July 2011, Dame Katerina Te Heikoko Mataira died aged 79. Ngati Porou have lost a great leader. Te Heikoko was born in Tokomaru Bay in 1932 and raised in Ruatoria. She went on to become an accomplished author, artist, academic and had been at the forefront of the revival of te reo rangatira, the Maori language in Aotearoa/New Zealand. Te Heikoko was educated at St Joseph's Māori Girls College in Napier and trained as a teacher and art educator. In 1956, she established the first Māori language class in a state school in Ngapuhi at Northland College in Kaikohe. In 1985 she helped set up the first Māori language immersion school, Kura Kaupapa Māori at Hoani Waititi Marae in Auckland. With the late Ngoi Pewhairangi, they launched Te Ataarangi over thirty years ago, now with a branch here in Sydney Te Reo Maioha ki Poihakena. Dame Katerina Te Heikoko Mataira was a great Maori leader, very proud of who she was, where she came from and she leaves behind a huge legacy. May she rest in the peace and love of God, knowing she has fought the **good** fight for her people and the world! In the gospel reading, the disciples asked, "Explain to us Jesus the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, 'The **one** who sows **the good seed is the Son of Man, meaning him, Jesus; the field is the world**, and the **good seed are the children of the kingdom**; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. My question is, which one are you? The weed or the wheat? How do you know the difference between the two? Easy, it's by the good that someone does. Jesus said don't go getting rid of the weeds or bad people because you might damage the good ones. Let us sort all that out at the end of time. You just do what you are called to do! Our theme last week was God's Call to us! What good legacy like Dame Katerina Te Heikoko Mataira, are you and I going to leave behind for our tamariki and mokopuna. It's no use gathering up all the mana and power for ourselves and not sharing it, you are only going to die with it! Leaving behind nothing!

PRAYERFUL PATHWAYS

We remember:

Miriama Matthews 19 Jul 2001
Ahinoama O'Nairns 23 Jul 2001
Hanna Brown 19 Jul 2002
Te Rere Fluafalefalo 18 Jul 2007
Ena Reid 24 Jul 2008

We pray for the sick:

Carmen Rupe	Ken Rau
Aphir Tahitahi	Sam Morunga
Phil Kingi	Ray Husband

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

TWT Attendance: **84**
Communicants: **33**
Donations: **\$20.00**
TWT Collection: **\$396.20**
Direct Debit: **\$330.00**
Auto Donations: **\$117.50**
Fundraising: **\$0.00**
Total contributions: **\$863.70**

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

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