



The Theme last week was **Repentance**. The sentence last week was taken from the Book of Joel, chapter 2 verse 13. "Rend your hearts and not your garments; turn back to the Lord your God who is gracious and compassionate, long-suffering and abounding love". The people of ancient Israel would tear their clothes to make a big show of sadness or remorse. Of course this referred to all the hypocrites and actors of that time. God was trying to tell these hypocrites that their repentance needs to be real, not just an outward show of tearing their clothes, but a real inward tearing open of their heart, so that God is able to clean it out and get in it. **Repentance** therefore, means to turn away from whatever leads us from God. It would be silly and self-centred to believe that we are always on the right and true track to God. The pathway to God, seen from outside ourselves, would probably shock us by how chaotic, confused and crooked it really is. We are always in need of the call to return back to God and away from the things we often use as replacements for the true God. What's the point of talking about the Transfiguration when we need to transform our inner being first? It is only through turning back to God that we will get to see what it is that God wants us to see. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered his disciples not to tell anyone about the vision they had seen until after he had been raised from the dead.' What's the

point, if the hearts of people don't belong to God, how can they ever know, let alone, believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one, the Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour!

Kia ora everyone!!!

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The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship

Number 2 Account

BSB: **032082**

Account Number: **155562**

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTION

Attendance:

Communicants:

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$0.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$0.00**

Direct Debit: **\$787.50**

Auto Donations: **\$77.50**

Fundraising: **\$0.00**

Total contributions: **\$865.00**

[CHURCH COLOUR IS VIOLET]

Sunday 27 Mar 2011

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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Rarangi:

*Na te Ariki, na to matou Atua, nga mahi tohu me nga murunga hara, ko matou ia kua whakakeke ki a ia; **Daniel 9:9***





ATIRIKONA: Archdeacon K Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Kararaina Field

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **111**
Gradual Hymn: **38**
Offertory Hymn: **95**
Closing Hymn: **191**

SENTENCE:

We have rebelled against the Lord our God who still shows mercy and forgiveness.
Daniel 9:9

COLLECT:

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. **Amen**

1ST READING:

Exodus 17:1-7

Water from the Rock

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the

people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

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

2ND READING:

Romans 5:1-11

Results of Justification

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were

reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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GOSPEL READING:

John 4:5-26

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to

draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



Prayful Paths

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Paki Puhi 25 Mar 2001

May McCarthy 21 Mar 2002

Ross Renata 21 Mar 2006

Denise James 25 Mar 2008

Tura Lechminka 26 Mar 2008

Sheryl Kukutai 26 Mar 2008

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lorraine Waititi

Hohi Clarke

Tim Puha

Ken Rau

Fred Kaa

Neville Berridge

Sam Morunga

Aphir Tahitahi



TWT Groups

TWT CHOIR SMAC

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

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TE WAIRUA TAPU KURA

The TWT Kura Te Reo classes has restarted for 2011 every Sunday from 7:30am to 9:30am at the Church.



Upcoming Events

WOLLONGONG SUNDAY SERVICE

Reminder that the Wollongong service is on next Sunday 3 April 2011 at 3pm at Fairy Meadow Community Centre

NEWS FROM HOME

Last Tuesday in Wellington, all Anglican bishops were on retreat together. One of the many things that they will be talking about is Anglican & Methodist dialogue - how our two churches can organically become one - the inter-changeability of ministry. So May 24 marks John Wesley day and all Anglican parishes are encouraged to get together with their Methodist brothers and sisters on either Sunday 22 or 29 May to commemorate Wesley and the Anglican & Methodist covenant that was signed in May 2009 in Mangere, Auckland. **Reverend Rob McKay**

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND

Ivan Maheno

Neisha Hura-Tupaea

George Tupaea

Kilharn Manuera

We also continue to pray for all those devastated by the earthquake in Christchurch. The NZ Government, all our church leaders and congregations, especially Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, Te Hui Amorangi o Te Waipounamu and Bishop John Gray and family.