



Last week our theme was on the apostles **Gods Sons and Daughters**. In our reading from the book of Isaiah, the theme is about keeping the law of God. From the offset, Isaiah states, the people call out to God for help and God replies, 'Here I am'. With this response, God gives the people instructions or laws to follow which will give them a better life and remove the burden that stops them from living:

1. Stop pointing the finger at other people
2. Stop speaking of evil things
3. Offer gifts of food to the hungry
4. Satisfy the needs of those in distress
5. Stop trampling the Sabbath Day
6. Stop pursuing your own interests on the Sabbath Day
7. Call the Sabbath a delight
8. And honour the Sabbath

If you do these things then as God's sons and daughters, your lights or your beings will shine in the darkness and the LORD will guide you continually, satisfy your needs, make your bodies strong; and you shall be like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. In the gospel reading we find Jesus following the religious traditions and laws of his people and he was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath, knowing full well that he was not allowed to heal anyone on the Sabbath. Jesus Christ challenges all of our beliefs and pushes us into areas that we sometimes don't want to go, especially when it comes to matters of the heart. God's love for us unconditional and as God's sons and daughters we receive this unconditional love when we open our hearts to God. No matter what we believe or what painful experiences we are going through, God's love is there for us to receive! Jesus shows us this by healing the woman on the Sabbath; it didn't do him any personal favours but his compassion for this woman gives us an indication of what is required by us if we are called to be God's sons and daughters. Believe in Jesus

Christ and you will be saved. Share this love of Christ with others and they too have the opportunity to be saved. God's love is not to be withheld at any cost but this does not mean we throw all the rules out, it means that God's compassion and unconditional love has a way of breaking through boundaries that stop us from receiving this love but God only allows us to see what we need to see and then waits for our response.



Kia ora everyone!!!

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The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship

Number 2 Account

BSB: **032082**

Account Number: **15-5562**

LAST WEEKS CONTRIBUTION

Church Attendance: **45**

Communicants: **27+3 Tamariki**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$550**

Congregational Giving: **\$241.75**

Direct Debit: **\$617.50**

Auto Payments: **\$142.50**

Total contributions: **\$1551.75**

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Sunday 29 Aug 2010

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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Rarangi:

*Tohungia ahau, e te Ariki: e karanga nei hoki ahau ki a koe i te ra roa nei. He pai hoki koe, e te Ariki, he ngawari: e ranea ana hoki tau mahi tohu ki te hunga katoa e karanga ana ki a koe. **Waiata 86.3, 5***

Reflection:

*With our Father God, being the most powerful entity in the universe, who loves us and is for us - can anything or anyone succeed against us? No! **AMEN.***





ATIRIKONA: Kaio M. Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Kararaina Field

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **10**
 Gradual Hymn: **4**
 Offertory Hymn: **27**
 Communion: **65**
 Closing Hymn: **67**

SENTENCE:

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day long. You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. **Psalms 86.3, 5**

COLLECT:

Gracious God, you are always more ready to hear us than we are to pray, and you give us more than we either desire or deserve. May we remember that all our gifts, abilities and life come from you, and grant that we may use them to your glory and to benefit others; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING:

Proverbs 25:6-7
True Humility

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, 'Come up here', than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

2ND READING:

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Sacrifice through Praise

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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GOSPEL READING:

Luke 14:1, 7-14

How to be Humble

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

Humility and Hospitality

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.' "

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ the Word



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Allan Tupaea 26 Aug 2003
 Manutai Fowler 29 Aug 2003
 Violet Beard 29 Aug 2004
 Kane Waterman 25 Aug 2007
 Gail Ausage 25 Aug 2008

Ray-Ray Harihari 28 Aug 2008
 Matehaere Barber 28 Aug 2009

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ivan Maheno
 Kereama Wiwarena
 Neisha Hura
 Alison Robertson
 Kilharn Manuera
 Nancy Baker
 Pat Mills
 Tania Farr
 Peter Jones

NGA KUPU TAPU I ROTO I TE REO

Classes start at 7.30am - 9.30am each Sunday Morning. Kaumatua/Kuia & Rangatahi all welcome. Haere mai! Call Wara **0406-585-575**

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TWT CHOIR SMAC

Choir practice is every Sunday at 1pm. Call Char Roberts – **0416-135-894** for more information.

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