

NAU MAI HAERE MAI

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



ST PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH

ŌTAUTAHI

TE RĀTAPU TUAWHA O RĒNETI

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10 MARCH 2024

CHRISTCHURCH

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WELCOME

As a community of faith here at St Pauls, we welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all.

We welcome all without regard to where you are in your personal faith journey, whether you are a life-long Lutheran, or you come from another faith tradition, whether you are doubting, or you have no faith practice at all. Our unity is in Christ who embraces all.

We invite you to fill out a Visitors Card *if you want to* and to place it on the offering plate, hand it to an usher or give it to Pastor Mark.

If you – or someone you know – would like to know more about a relationship with the Lord Jesus or our church community here at St Pauls, please –

Speak to Pastor Mark Whitfield after worship, phone him on 028 85001875 or email him on mark.whitfield@lutheran.org.nz at any time

... or speak with one of our members during the fellowship time after worship.

All are welcome. You are welcome.



GOD'S MISSION THROUGH US

Going in the power of the Holy Spirit, to the people
of Burwood, Ōtautahi Christchurch and beyond,
making them disciples of Jesus Christ

WHAKATUWHERATIA OKU NGUTU

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS

Worship begins with God. The psalmist writes –

Lord, open my lips, so my mouth will praise you

Psalm 51:15

In Christian worship, God serves his people – *Divine Service* – with his love through Word and Sacrament and we respond with our prayers and songs of thanks and praise.

Here at St Pauls, we use a variety of musical settings for liturgy and worship. This morning's setting mainly uses songs by **Stuart Townend and Keith Getty**. The confessional writings of the Church encourage us to receive and be blessed by the Lord's Supper [Holy Communion] each Sunday –

One common Mass is observed among us on every holy day, and on other days. If any desire the sacrament, it is also administered to those who ask for it.

The Augsburg Confession

GATHERING

Mihi and Words of Welcome

Waiata – Gathering Song

**Here in your presence, Lord,
Your love is so strong, so sure.
Safe in your presence, Lord,
We rest in you so secure.
We worship, we worship,
Jesus, we worship you.**

**Here in your presence, Lord,
Your power and love break through.
Safe in your presence, Lord,
We're fixing our eyes on you.
We worship, we worship,
Jesus, we worship you.**

**Here in your presence, Lord,
We kneel before your throne.
Safe in your presence, Lord,
You tell us that we're your own.
We worship, we worship,
Jesus, we worship you.**

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Iriiritanga – Remembrance of Baptism

Te Tama a te Tangata me hiki ki runga, the Son of Man must be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Hoani 3:14-15

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it!
Those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!**

Though we were as good as dead,
God made us alive with the grace of Christ
through whom we are rescued and healed.

**O give thanks to God for such unswerving love,
for such wonderful deeds for the children of earth.**

Ki te ingoa o te Matua o te Tamaiti o te Wairua Tapu.

Em nome do Pai, do Filho e do Espírito Santo.

Yumi lotu long nem bilong God Triwan: Papa na Pikinini na Holi Spirit.

In the Name of the + Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Whaakinga – We confess our sin and seek God's forgiveness

We come seeking forgiveness
for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Silence and then we sing

Ky ri - e _____ E - lei - son _____ on our world and on _____
_____ our _____ way. _____ Ky ri e _____ Elei - son _____ ev - 'ry _____ day. _____

For peace in the world, for the health of the Church, for unity of all,
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie

We pray

He aroha tō tātou Atua; in God there is forgiveness.

**Loving and all-seeing God,
forgive us where we have failed to support one another
and to be what we claim to be.**

**Forgive us where we have failed to serve you
and where our thoughts and actions have been
contrary to yours we ask your pardon.**

We sing

Ky ri - e _____ E - lei - son _____ on our world and on _____
_____ our _____ way. _____ Ky ri e _____ E lei - son _____ ev - 'ry _____ day. _____

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family,
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie

**For your Spirit to guide, that you centre our lives in the water and the word,
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison
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God forgives us; be at peace.

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection, reconciliation for all the human race.

With the authority of Christ, and as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Himene – Entrance Song

(Sung twice)

By His grace I am re - deemed, by His blood I am made
clean, and I now can know Him face to face. —
— By His power I have been raised, hidden now in Christ by
faith. I will praise the glo - ry of His grace. —

Steven Fry

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Karakia – A Prayer for Today

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Most wonderful God, you have given us Christ Jesus as master and friend,
example and saviour, teacher, and enabler.

**As he comes to us, may we cleave to him, and in his vibrant company find both
the grace and the strength to share his sufferings in the cause of the gospel.**

As we share his sufferings may we also share his joy and glory.

**For he lives and loves with you and your Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.**

Te taima o ngā tamariki – Especially for Kids

Preparing to hear God's Word

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All your purposes for your glory.**

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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The First Reading – Numbers 21:4-9

⁴They travelled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

⁶Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107

Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in trou-ble-d
days with won-drous works to hu-man-kind that
call for high-est praise. Let all who know God's
sa-ving love sing grate-ful songs al-ways.

If you have ever wandered where
no human help was near,
and in your trouble cried to God,
who rescued you from fear,
then thank the God of steadfast love
who dries your every tear.

So praise the One whose love is great,
whose kindness is well-known.
Consider well the healing hand
and help you have been shown,
and tell the world what God has done.
Praise God and God alone!

Psalm 107
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BROTHER JAMES' AIR
James Leith Macbeth Bain (1860-1925)

Second Reading – Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we

were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.

¹⁰For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Return to the Lord

Re - turn to the Lord your
 God, for he is gra - cious and mer ci - ful, slow to ang - er,—
 — a - bound - ing in love. Re turn, re-turn. Re turn, re-turn.

from *Kia aru ō koutou ngākau – Lift up your hearts*

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Rongopai – The Gospel – John 3:14-21

Te Rongopai Tapu ki te ritenga a Hoani;
 the Holy Gospel according to John:
Glory be to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Te Rongopai tenei a te Karaiti; this is the Gospel of Christ:
Praise be to you, O Christ.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for dying on the cross so that we might live.
Help us to believe in you and live in your light. Amen.

Kōrero Whakatau – The Sermon

CONDEMNATION IS NOT GOD'S THING ... LOVE IS

John 3:17

Affirmation of Baptism – The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

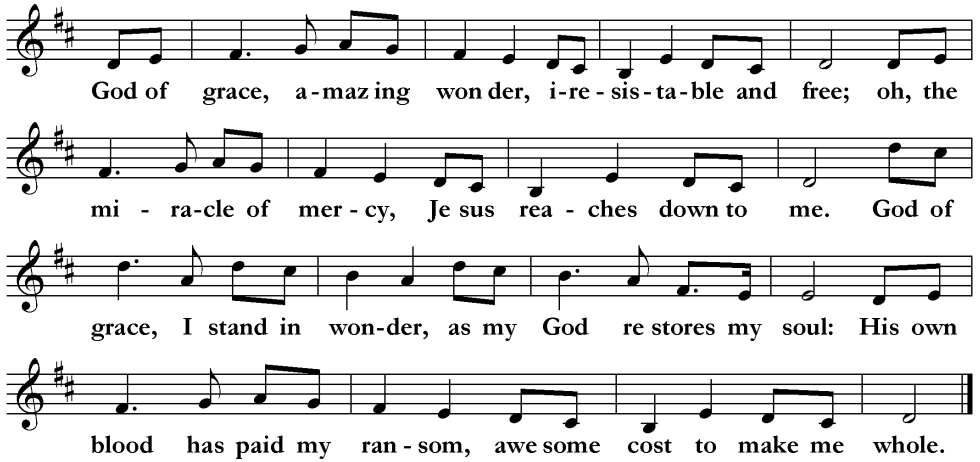
**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.**

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Himene – Hymn (Song) of the Day



God of grace, a-maz ing won der, i-re - sis - ta - ble and free; oh, the
mi - ra - cle of mer - cy, Je sus rea - ches down to me. God of
grace, I stand in won - der, as my God re stores my soul: His own
blood has paid my ran - som, awe some cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me
Long before the world began;
Sent my Saviour down from heaven:
Perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus,
I'm accepted as His own.
Every day new grace sustains me,
As I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded,
Cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded
And my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory,
Where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You
In Your everlasting grace.

MEAL

Karakia – Prayer

Jesus Christ was lifted up to be the light of the world.
Let us pray that his light may shine into the darkness of our world today.

Lord, in your mercy,
Send out your light and your truth.

Closing Prayer

We lift our eyes to you, Lord.
Restore us and the world in which we live through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hongi – Te Rangimarie – the Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Koha – Offering – as the Table of the Lord is set

**E te Matua
Ka whakawhetai
Mo ngā mea ora
Mo ngā mea pai.
Ngā hua rākau
Ngā hua katoa
I ruia mai nei
kia puawai.**

Translation
*Father
Thank you
For living things
For all that is good
Fruit trees
And their fruit
That were sown
And bloom*

Thank you, heavenly Father,
for giving your Son so that we can have eternal life.
Strengthen our faith in him.
Guide us to live in the light of Christ,
and to give ourselves in love to other people.
Amen.

Preparing for Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. He has taken on himself our sin, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

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Words of Institution

E to matou Matua i te rangi – The Lord's Prayer

Made bold by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

Our Father in heaven,	<i>E to matou Matua i te rangi</i>
hallowed be your name,	<i>Kia tapu tou Ingoa.</i>
your kingdom come, your will be	<i>Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.</i>
done,	<i>Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,</i>
on earth as in heaven.	<i>kia rite ano ki to te rangi.</i>
Give us today our daily bread.	<i>Homai ki a matou aianei he taro ma matou mo tenei</i>
Forgive us our sins as we forgive	<i>ra.</i>
those who sin against us.	<i>Murua o matou hara, Me matou hoki e muru nei i o</i>
Lead us not into temptation,	<i>te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.</i>
but deliver us from evil.	<i>Aua hoki matou e kaweia kia whakawaia;</i>
For the kingdom, the power,	<i>engari whakaorangia matou i te kino.</i>
and the glory are	<i>Nou hoki te rangitiratanga, te kaba,</i>
yours,	<i>me te kororia,</i>
now and for ever. Amen.	<i>ake ake ake. Amine.</i>

Lamb of God

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember:
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember**

**He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.**

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Holy Communion is a means of grace.
It is a gift from God, instituted by Jesus on the night before his crucifixion.
This gift is Jesus himself; that in and through the bread and wine we are offered
Jesus – his body and blood, his life, his presence.
Come if you believe that Jesus' life and all it offers is for you.

At the end of Holy Communion

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ make you strong and keep you in his grace.
Peace be with you.
Amen.

Almighty and merciful God, you love us and make all things new in Christ.
**Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your kindness which you
have shown to us in this holy meal. Make known your heavenly glory in the
renewal of our lives.**

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
**He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Te karakia whakamoemiti – Our Song of Thanks

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace
According to your word,
For I have seen how you have sent
Your Son to save the world from sin.
Now your salvation is revealed –
A light that shines in this dark world for all.
A light that glorifies your saints.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.**

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Celebrations and Announcements

SENDING

Mānawatanga – Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with kindness + and give you peace.
Amen.

Waiata – Sending Song

**Lord, your name is lifted high
Lord, we love to sing your praises.
We're so glad you're in our lives,
We're so glad you came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, our debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.
Lord, your name is lifted high.**

**Lord, you reign above the skies,
you who set the stars in motion.
In your hands the mountains rise,
and you hold the deepest ocean.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, our debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.
Lord, your name is lifted high.**

Rick Founds

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Poroporoaki – Sending

Haere i runga i te aroha, haere i runga i te rangimārie. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Amen (Amine); **we go in the name of Christ.**

Worship Next Sunday (17 Mar.)**Lent 5**

<i>Readings</i>	Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Psalm 51:1-12), Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33		
<i>Reader</i>	Karin	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Debbie
<i>Usher</i>	Nora	<i>Hospitality</i>	Beverley

This Week

Sunday 10	10.00am	Worship
Monday 11		
Tuesday 12		
Wednesday 13	10.00am	Lenten Life Group (at St Pauls)
Thursday 14	7.00pm	Lenten Life Group (at 59 Te Rito Street)
Friday 15		
Saturday 16		
Sunday 17	10.00am	Worship

GET READY FOR an exciting long weekend in the life of St Pauls**... 5-9 April****Friday 5 / Saturday 6**The **Council of Synod** is meeting at St Pauls**Sunday 7**

Bishop Robert Bartholomaeus is our **guest preacher** and we will have a **bring 'n share fellowship lunch** after worship ... an opportunity to meet with the Council of Synod

Sunday 7 – Tuesday 9

The **Church Workers Conference** of the LCNZ will take place at St Pauls.

**In our prayers**

For our sisters and brothers in the **NSW-ACT District** of the LCNZ as they meet in **Convention** this weekend, and as they elect a **new bishop** ... for our **Lenten Life Groups** ... for **Audrey** as she continues to recover from recent surgery ... those affected by recent **job cuts** announcements ... that we would have a **healthy media** sector in New Zealand

<i>Sunday</i>	John 3:14-21	God so loved the world
<i>Monday</i>	Numbers 21:4-9	The serpent of bronze
<i>Tuesday</i>	Ephesians 2:1-10	Faith is a gift from God
<i>Wednesday</i>	Romans 9:6-18	God's choice of Israel
<i>Thursday</i>	Isaiah 30:18-22	God's promise to Zion
<i>Friday</i>	Titus 3:1-8	Maintain good deeds
<i>Saturday</i>	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Thanksgiving for deliverance
<i>Sunday</i>	John 12:20-33	The hour has come

Verse for the Week | But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved. *Ephesians 2:4-5*

Prayer for the Week | God of mercy, your love for us is more than we deserve but all that we need and want through Jesus Christ, your Son who came to give us eternal life. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer | Dear God, your kindness to us is everlasting; we thank you for your daily love for us that includes this gift of food. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

A Blessing to Give | May the mercy of God be your everlasting joy.

LOOKING AHEAD TO WORSHIP DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday – 24th March – 10.00am

Maundy Thursday – 28th March – 7.30pm

- The Lord's Supper
- Foot washing

Good Friday – 29th March – 10.00am

- The Way (Stations) of the Cross

Easter Sunday – 31st March – 10.00am

- Festival worship with Holy Communion
- Wear **brightly coloured clothes**, bring **bells** to ring and **flowers** to decorate the church



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A puzzle for the kids ... young and old 😊

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD – JOHN 3:16

M L I Z D Q X P T H R O U G H
V D J P Q W T W V L R C I D A
C Y U L I F E O K D D E D B V
I T S H B N R W L Z K O H M V
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