

NAU MAI HAERE MAI

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



ST PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH

ŌTAUTAHI

TE RĀTAPU TUARIMA O RĒNETI

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

17 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 is called **Lift Up Your Hearts – Kia ara ō koutou ngākau** and was written by Mark in 2020. The liturgy for all Sundays is the liturgy of the Lord's Supper [Holy Communion] in line with the encouragement the Confessions of our Church offer –

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

Mibi and Words of Welcome

Waiata – Gathering Song

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace -
No work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.**

Iriiritanga – Remembrance of Baptism

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, the paradox of the way of Christ challenges us:

Through loss comes gain, through death comes abundant life.

Jesus said: “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the soil and dies, it will remain a lonely thing. But if it is buried, it will yield much harvest.”

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.

Āmine (Amen).

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

Let us return to God, who will have mercy and abundantly pardon.

Let us pray.

Most mysterious and loving God, we come before you, not as those who are perfect practitioners of Christ’s method, but as those who have sincerely admired him, yearned to be like him yet have only applied his truth in fragmentary ways.

We admit to each other and to you, God:

We have often grabbed at life and hoarded it for ourselves, rather than sharing and losing it in the cause of the Gospel.

We have often sought the glory of this world’s praise and have badly compromised our faith in this pursuit.

At times, we have tried to nullify our anxieties by surrounding ourselves with possessions but have reaped only deep discontents.

Sometimes we have trodden over the lives of others to get what and where we want but have ended up missing out on much love.

Every now and then we have dared to be bold in faith, hope and love, and have briefly tasted the greater joy of Christ, only to slip back again into a no-risk policy of self-preservation.

Silence to reflect on what we have just said to God

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i -
son! Hear our prayer and save us. E te Ka - rai - ti, ki a
a - ro - ha mai! Hear our prayer and help us. Lord, Lord,
_ have mer - cy! Hear our prayer and bless us. _

Mark Whitfield

Lift Up Your Hearts

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness,
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sins.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit with in me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Through the grace of Christ Jesus, we pray.

“The time is coming, says our God when all people shall know me,
from the least of them to the greatest, for I will forgive their iniquity,
and I will remember their sins no more.”

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 and forgive you your sins in the name of the
Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Himene – Entrance Song

In Christ called to wor-ship, we of - fer our praise, with
thanks for the mer-cies that bless_ all our days.____ The
Spi - rit that search-es the depth_ of our hearts_____ gives
form to our long-ings, our hopes,_ and our arts.____

In Christ called to baptise, we witness to grace,
And gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,
Then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

In Christ, called to banquet, one table we share,
A haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Our members, one body, partake in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

In Christ, called to witness, we preach the good news
That God loves all people and frees us to choose,
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
In costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

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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.

God of innumerable mercies, give us the grace to be daily buried in the love of Christ,
like the seed that is buried in the earth,
so that we may begin to live more abundantly.

**With his help, may we learn of that fruitful life which spent in loving others
can glorify your name throughout the world.**

**Then may the earth know its Saviour, who with you in the unity of the Spirit
are loved and worshipped, world without end. Amen.**

WORD

Te taima o ngā tamariki – Especially for Kids

The First Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the Lord.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the Lord.

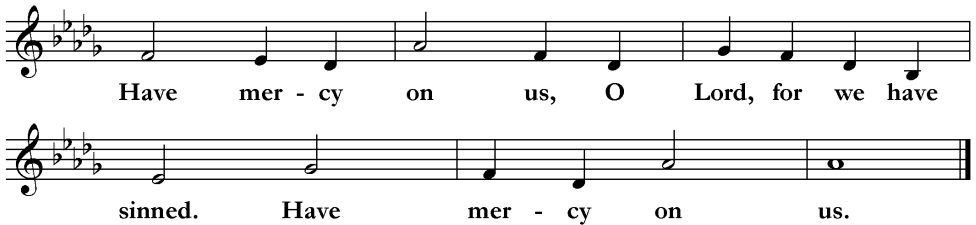
“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the Lord.

“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

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

Psalm 51



Have mer - cy on us, O Lord, for we have
sinned. Have mer - cy on us.

Have mercy on me, God in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

Have mercy on us

My offences truly I know them; my sin is al-ways before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

Have mercy on us

A pure heart create for me, O God. Put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Have mercy on us

Give me again the joy of your help; with the spirit of favour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Have mercy on us

Psalm 51

Music by Mark (2024)

Second Reading – Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

“You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”

⁶ And he says in another place,

“You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

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.

The musical score is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the melody and lyrics. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Music by Mark (2005)

Rongopai – The Gospel – John 12:20-33

Ko te Rongo Pai nō te Pukapuka a Hāto Hoani;
a reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

Glo ry be to you, O Lord.

The musical score is written on a single staff in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats. It consists of a short, simple melody with lyrics written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

Ko te Rongo Pai a te Ariki; the Gospel of the Lord:



Praise be to you, O Christ.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving up your life for our sake.

Make us ready to give up ourselves and follow you. Amen.

Kōrero Whakataua – The Sermon

DYING TO LIVE

John 12:24

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



Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall up - on the ground and
die, ___ it re - mains ___ but a sin - gle grain ___ with no life. ___

If we have died with him then we shall live with him;

If we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Unless a grain of wheat

If anyone serves me then they must follow me;

wherever I am my servants will be.

Unless a grain of wheat

Make your home in me as I make mine in you;

those who remain in me bear much fruit.

Unless a grain of wheat

If you remain in me and my word lives in you,

then you will be my disciples.

Unless a grain of wheat

Those who love me are loved by my Father;
we shall be with them and dwell in them.



Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall up - on the ground and
die, ___ it re - mains ___ but a single grain ___ with no life. ___

John 12:24
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MEAL

Karakia – Prayer

Our Lord Jesus Christ is our high priest, and he stands at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us. Let us pray to the Father, knowing that he listens to us for Jesus' sake.

Father, we call on you,
knowing you will hear us.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, your Son descended into the grave like a grain of wheat,
but you glorified him by raising him up to life.
**Restore us to life, so that we may serve you in the world;
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, 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 with you always.
And also with you.

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

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O— God,
and put a new and right spi - rit with-in me. —
Cast me not a - way— from your pre - sence, —
and take not your Ho - ly Spi - rit from me. —
Re - store to me the joy of your — sal - va - tion,
and uphold me with — a wil - ling spi - rit.

Lift Up Your Hearts

Thank you, Lord, for making us yours through the sacrifice of your Son.
Let your Spirit live in us to make us more and more like Christ.
Lead us to serve others with all that you have given us. Amen.

Preparing for Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift — up your hearts. — We lift them 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:



Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly Lord! Ta-pu! Ta-pu! He Ta-pu!
Bles-sed is the King who comes. Ta-pu! Ta-pu! He Ta-pu!



God, the Lord of heaven-ly hosts! Ta-pu! Ta pu! He Ta pu!
In your name to bless us here. Ta-pu! Ta pu! He Ta pu!



With your glo - ry you now fill heav'n and earth to dwell with
Sing 'Ho - san-na!' Sing on high: 'He has won the vic - to-



us, Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly Lord! Ho ly! Ho ly! Ho - ly Lord!
ry!' Sing 'Ho - san-na' to our King!



Tapu! Tapu! He Ta pu! Holy! Holy! Holy Lord! Ta pu! Tapu! He Ta pu!

Lift Up Your Hearts

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,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be
done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are
yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

*E to matou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tou Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite ano ki to te rangi.
Homai ki a matou aianei be taro ma matou mo tenei
ra.
Murua o matou hara, Me matou hoki e muru nei i o
te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.
Aua hoki matou e kaweia kia whakawaia;
engari whakaorangia matou i te kino.
Nou hoki te rangitiratanga, te kaha,
me te kororia,
ake ake ake. Amine.*

Lamb of God

Christ, the Lamb of God,
you take a way the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us,
Give us your
mercy upon us, Lord Jesus.

Lift Up Your Hearts

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.

Most merciful God, you saved humankind
by the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Through this sacrament, strengthen our faith in him who suffered on the cross,
so that we may triumph in the power of his victory.**

For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Te karakia whakamoemiti – Our Song of Thanks

Ka - ta - hi, e te

A ri ki, in_ peace, ac cord ing 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;
A light of grace for all the earth; a light that glorifies your saints.

**All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one true God;
The God who was, the God who is, and will be forevermore. Amen.**

Lift Up Your Hearts

Celebrations, Notices and Announcements

SENDING

Mānawatanga – Blessing



...and give you peace. A-men. A-men. A - men. —

*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 favour and give you peace. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Waiata – Sending Song



Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es, all__ our
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
prais es, all__ our hearts are filled with glad - ness. Christ__ the
Now__ he
Lord to us said: I__ am wine, I am bread, I__ am
sends us all out, strong__ in faith, free of doubt, strong__ in
wine, I am bread, give__ to all who thirst and hun - ger.
faith, free of doubt. Tell__ to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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 (24 Mar.)

Palm Sunday

<i>Readings</i>	Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Psalm 51:1-12), Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33		
<i>Reader</i>	Karin	<i>Worship Leader/s</i>	Philippa and Andrew
<i>Usher</i>	Nora	<i>Hospitality</i>	Beverley

This Week

Sunday 17	10.00am	Worship
Tuesday 19	1.30pm 3.00pm	<i>Mark meeting with Avonside Wainoni Community Trust</i> <i>Mark meeting with Alpine View Retirement Village</i>
Wednesday 20	10.00am	Lenten Life Group (at St Pauls)
Thursday 21	7.00pm	Lenten Life Group (at 59 Te Rito Street)
Friday 22		
Saturday 23	<i>Saturday/Sunday</i>	<i>Mark and Leanne in Hawkes Bay for 10th anniversary worship</i>
Sunday 24	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

Continued conversations with **community groups** (Avonside Wainoni Community Trust and Alpine View Retirement Village) ... thanks to God for 10 years of **ecumenical cooperation and love** at St Francis / Redeemer in Clive (Hawkes bay) ... for those who have **COVID** or who are recovering from it ...

Taking Faith Home



<i>Sunday</i>	John 12:20-33	The hour has come
<i>Monday</i>	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
<i>Tuesday</i>	Hebrews 5:5-10	Jesus as high priest
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 John 4:7-12	God is love
<i>Thursday</i>	Numbers 12:1-9	Aaron, Miriam, and Moses
<i>Friday</i>	Acts 7:54-60	The stoning of Stephen
<i>Saturday</i>	Psalm 51:1-12	A prayer for cleansing
<i>Sunday</i>	Mark 11:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem
<i>Verse for the Week</i>	They [some Greeks] came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <i>John 12:21</i>	
<i>Prayer for the Week</i>	Loving God may your power and glory be seen in Jesus' death and resurrection that all the world may know of the depth of your care. Amen.	
<i>Mealtime Prayer</i>	Dear God, we thank you for this gift of food that we may be given strength and courage to follow you all the days of our lives through Jesus Christ. Amen.	
<i>A Blessing to Give</i>	May you see and hear of God's love for you.	

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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colouring-in *for the kids* ... *young and old* 😊

What I'm about to tell you is true.

Unless a grain of wheat falls

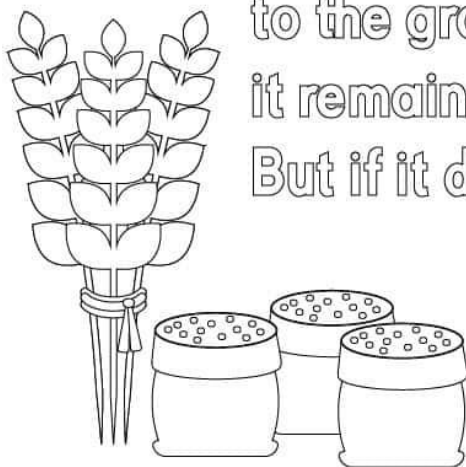
to the ground and dies,

it remains only one seed.

But if it dies, it produces

many seeds.

John 12:24



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Te Hāhi Rōtana o Aotearoa

where love comes to life