



ST PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH

ŌTAUTAHI

TE RĀTAPU TUATŌRU O RĒNETI

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

5 MARCH 2024

CHRISTCHURCH

## NAU MAI HAERE MAI

## 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](mailto: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 **chants and hymn-tunes**. 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*

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GATHERING

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*Mibi and Words of Welcome*

*Waiata – Gathering Song*

**God himself is present;  
let us now adore him  
and with awe appear before him.  
God is in his temple,  
let us all keep silence,  
worshipping with deepest reverence.  
We will name him alone  
as our God and Saviour;  
praise his name forever.**

**God himself is present;  
hear the music sounding,  
see the hosts the throne surrounding.  
'Holy, holy, holy',  
hear the hymn ascending,  
saints' and angels' voices blending.  
Lord, come near to us here,  
hear the prayers and praises  
that your church now raises.**

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*Gott is gegenwärtig*  
Gerhard Tersteegen 1697-1769

WUNDERBARER KÖNIG  
Joachim Neander 1650-1680  
LHS-501

*Iriiritanga – Remembrance of Baptism*

God speaks in many ways.  
In the bountiful creation around us, the midnight skies tell of God's glory,  
the midday sun displays holy handiwork.  
**Each new day speaks God's language,  
and night after night knows more than it can tell.**

Yet it is the cross of Jesus where God speaks most profoundly:  
The talk of the cross sounds absurd to those who think they are sophisticated,  
but for us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

**Let the way we speak and the way we think  
be acceptable in your sight.**

O God our strength and our redeemer.  
Ki te ingoa o te Matua, o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu.  
In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.



**A - men.**

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

Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our  
sins and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



**He made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.



**Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of  
sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our  
sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.  
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve  
you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive  
together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your

sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

*Himene – Entrance Song*

**God, from heavenly glory,  
visiting the lowly,  
live with us and make us holy.**

**Like the holy angels  
worshipping before you,  
may we ceaselessly adore you.**

**As we live, always give  
hearts that want to please you  
as we daily serve you.**

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*Gott is gegenwärtig*

WUNDERBARER KÖNIG  
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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 our best and most holy Friend, turn our hearts towards your true Son,  
that we may see in him the same saving love that cleansed the temple courts  
and died on the cross forgiving enemies.

**Give us his mind and his spirit, that in the midst of the busy commerce of the  
world, we may discern what should be done and have the faith and love to  
undertake it willingly.**

Through our Saviour Christ, who lives and loves with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Te taima o ngā tamariki – Especially for Kids*



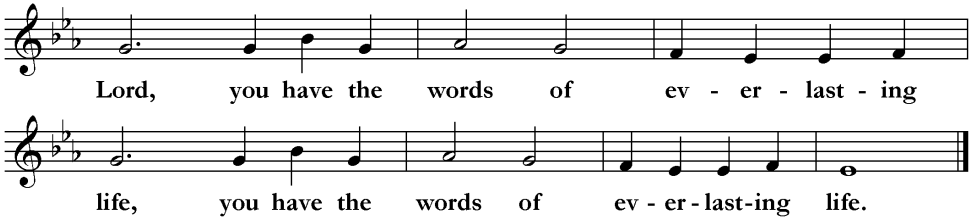
*The First Reading – Exodus 20:1-17*

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

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

Psalm 19



The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.  
**Lord, you have the words**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.  
**Lord, you have the words**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.  
**Lord, you have the words**

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart,  
Win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!  
**Lord, you have the words**

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Psalm 19  
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*Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God’s

foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

*Christ humbled himself*

Christ humbled himself, and be - came o-  
be - dient unto death; e - ven death on a cross.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a single system. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. A slur covers the first three notes (G, A, Bb). The lyrics 'Christ' are under the first note, 'humbled himself,' under the second and third notes, 'and' under the fourth note, and 'be - came o-' under the fifth, sixth, and seventh notes. The bottom staff continues the melody with quarter notes: G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3. The lyrics 'be - dient unto death;' are under the first three notes, and 'e - ven death on a cross.' are under the last four notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

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*Rongopai – The Gospel – John 2:13-22*

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

Glory be to you, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'Glory be to you, O Lord.' are centered under the notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body.



<sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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



**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Thank you, Lord Jesus,  
for coming from God with his power and authority.  
**Help us to trust in you alone.**  
**Amen.**

*Kōrero Whakataua – The Sermon*

**IN THE TEMPLE (of Jesus), GOD’S GRACE IS FREE**

*John 2:13-22*

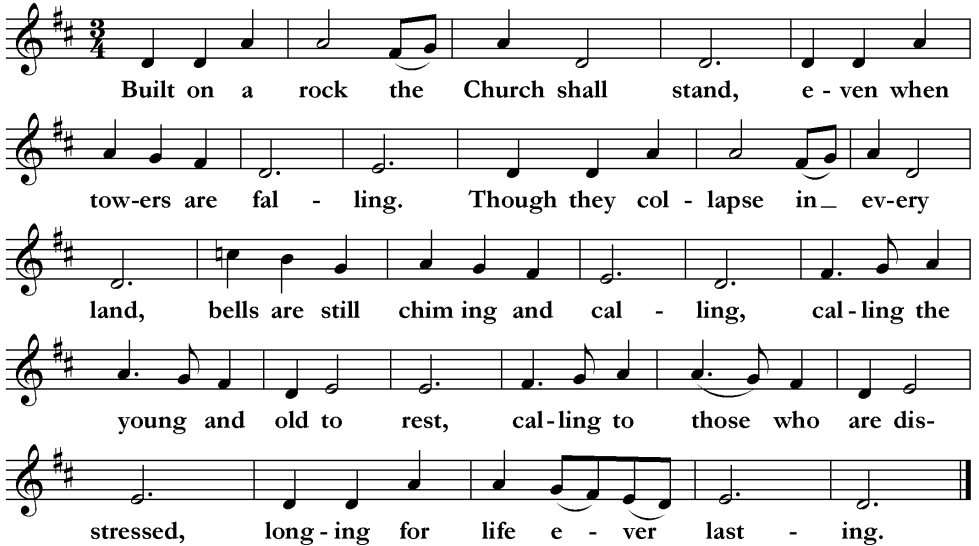
*Affirmation of Baptism – The Apostles’ Creed*

**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*



Built on a rock the Church shall stand, e - ven when  
tow - ers are fal - ling. Though they col - lapse in\_ ev - ery  
land, bells are still chim ing and cal - ling, cal - ling the  
young and old to rest, cal - ling to those who are dis -  
stressed, long - ing for life e - ver last - ing.

Not in our temples made with hands  
God the almighty is dwelling.  
High above all his temple stands,  
all earthly temples excelling.  
Yet he who lives in heaven above  
comes down to stay with us in love,  
making our bodies his temple.

We are God's house of living stones,  
built for his own habitation.  
He fills our hearts, his earthly thrones,  
giving us life and salvation.  
If there are few who seek his face,  
even to them he shows his grace,  
coming among them with blessing.

Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
grant that when church bells are ringing,  
many may come to hear your word  
and the great promise it's bringing:  
'I know my own, my own know me.  
You, not the world, my face will see.  
My peace I leave with you.' Amen.

Words: Nicolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig 1783-1872

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*Karakia – Prayer*

We are the New Testament temples of the living God  
on which the grace of God shines each day.  
We pray together, confident that all our words and thoughts are heard through Jesus.

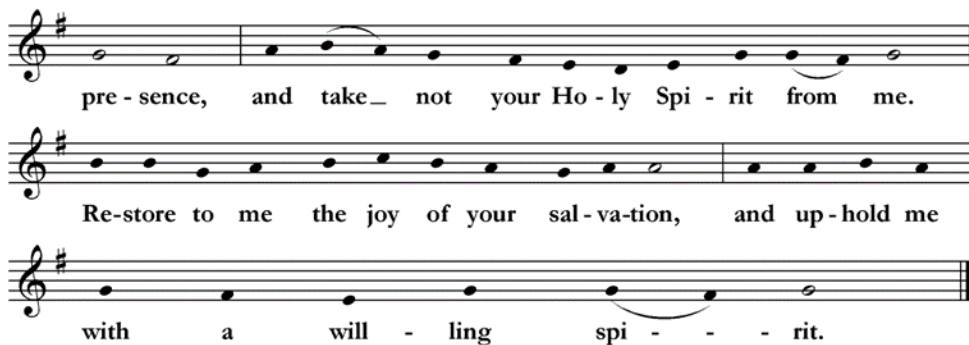
For inviting us to talk with you each day,  
**We praise you, Lord.**

*Closing Prayer*

Heavenly Father, your loving Son Jesus Christ has become our brother, and has chosen  
to come and live in us through humble bread and wine.  
**Strengthen us today so that we have a deeper loving concern for people. Come  
with us so that we touch their lives with your love. Amen.**

*Koha – 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 up - hold me

with a will - ling spi - - - rit.

ad. from J.G. Wienert 1646

We thank you, Lord, for your greatness and for your care for us.  
**You have set us free; lead us to use our freedom and our gifts to look beyond ourselves and sympathise with other people and help them wherever we can.**  
**Amen.**

*Preparing for Holy Communion*

The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

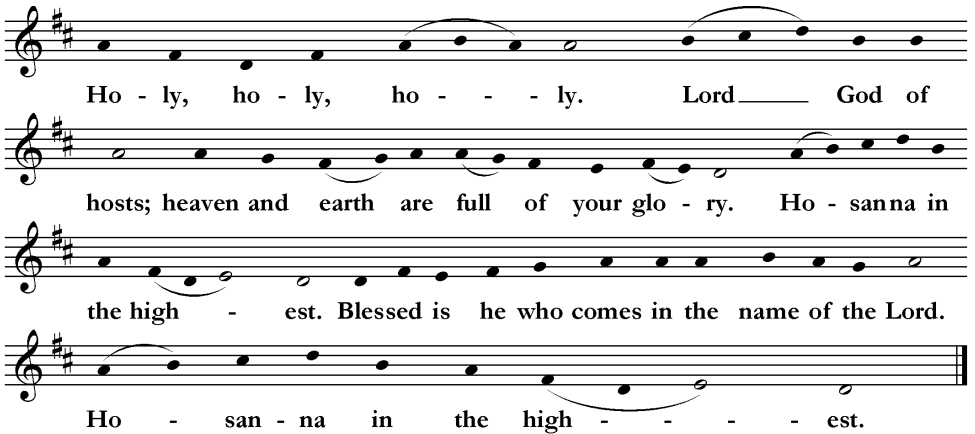
Let us give thanks to the Lord.



For that is fit - ting and right.---

It is truly fitting and right, and for our lasting good, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus

Christ our Lord; therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we adore and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly. Lord God of  
 hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - sanna in  
 the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - - - - est.

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

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

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

*Words of Institution*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



*Lamb of God*

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

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*Agnus Dei* from ELCA Setting 10

DUNDEE  
*Scottish Psalter* 1615 ad. T.Ravenscroft's *Psalter* 1621  
LHS-183

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.**

Lord God, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us.  
**Through this holy meal, strengthen our faith in your Son,  
and when we fall, raise and restore us.**

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*

**O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace,  
for I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:  
a light to lead the nations unto your holy hill,  
the glory of your people, your chosen Israel.**

**Then grant that I may follow your gleam, O glorious Light,  
till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight;  
till raptured saints shall gather upon that shining shore,  
where Christ, the blessed daystar, shall light them evermore.**

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Based on the *Nunc Dimittis* (Luke 2:29-32)

NYLAND  
Finnish folk melody *Koraalikirja* 1909  
LHS-900

*Celebrations and Announcements*

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SENDING

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*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 favour + and give you peace.



*Waiata – Sending Song*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Irish Folk Melody  
LHS-870

*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 (10 Mar.)****Lent 4**

<i>Readings</i>	Numbers 21:4-9 (Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22), Ephesians 2:1-10 and John 3:14-21		
<i>Reader</i>	Beverley	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Susanne
<i>Usher</i>	Philippa	<i>Hospitality</i>	Karin

**This Week**

<b>Sunday 3</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Worship
<b>Monday 4</b>		
<b>Tuesday 5</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<i>LCNZ Church Workers ZOOM meeting</i>
<b>Wednesday 6</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Lenten Life Group (at St Pauls)
<b>Thursday 7</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Lenten Life Group (at 59 Te Rito Street)
<b>Friday 8</b>		
<b>Saturday 9</b>		
<b>Sunday 10</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Worship

**Looking Further Ahead**

- 5-6 Apr.** | The LCNZ's **Council of Synod** is meeting in Christchurch.
- 7-9 Apr.** | The **Church Workers Conference** of the LCNZ will take place at St Pauls. Bishop Robert Bartholomaeus (Bishop of the NSW-ACT District and Acting Bishop of the LCNZ) will be our guest preacher on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>.

**In our prayers**

- For an end to the **fires described as catastrophic** that have been burning in Western Victoria (near where Michelle's parents live) for some days and also the fires in **Texas**
- For our **Lenten Life Groups** as we journey with Jesus to the cross
- For the residents and staff of **Burlington Lifestyle Village** where we have opportunity to share the gospel each month
- For **Audrey** as she continues to recover from recent surgery
- For **Ed and Judith** as they mourn the death of Ed's stepfather, Friday morning NZ time
- Thanks for **some rain** and a prayer for **more rain** where it is needed throughout New Zealand

<i>Sunday</i>	John 2:13-22	Jesus cleanses the temple
<i>Monday</i>	Exodus 20:1-17	The Ten Commandments
<i>Tuesday</i>	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Christ crucified
<i>Wednesday</i>	Proverbs 24:3-4	Seek wisdom
<i>Thursday</i>	Joshua 24:14-18	The tribes renew the covenant
<i>Friday</i>	2 Samuel 7:18-29	David's prayer
<i>Saturday</i>	Psalm 19	God is creator and gives the law
<i>Sunday</i>	John 3:14-21	God so loved the world

*Verse for the Week* | The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” But he [Jesus] was speaking of the temple of his body. *John 2:20-21*

*Prayer for the Week* | Creator God, help us to give you our worship and praise wherever we are for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who came that we may be set free. Amen.

*Mealtime Prayer* | Dear God, with the sun, moon, and stars, we give you thanks for your creative work, including this gift of food. Amen. *Psalm 19:1*

*A Blessing to Give* | May you worship the risen Lord with gladness.

## From our recent Leadership Team meeting (28 Feb.) ...

- We started with a **wonderful devotional time** ... conversation, reflection, and prayer regarding how St Pauls might be *more faithful, more genuine, more grace-filled, more loving, more prayerful, more discerning, more whole-hearted, more strategic, and more truly active in God's work*.
- Mark reported on his conversations with the City Council and community neighbourhood regarding establishing a **Kai / Share Pantry** in the carpark here at St Pauls, and that he had submitted a **vision document** to the Music Department of the **University of Canterbury** with a view to establishing a music ministry here at St Pauls.
- The family of **Alan and Svanaug Nilsen** has donated \$1300.00 to St Pauls in appreciation for the way we cared for them last year, and we have also been given a lovely offering plate wood-turned by Alan.
- We have been invited to distribute Easter material in our neighbourhood by the **Hope Project**.
- Watch for a further **clean-out of stuff** (rubbish) that we don't need.
- Your leadership team has committed to completing our **Safe Church** training by the end of May.

**Pastor Mark Whitfield**

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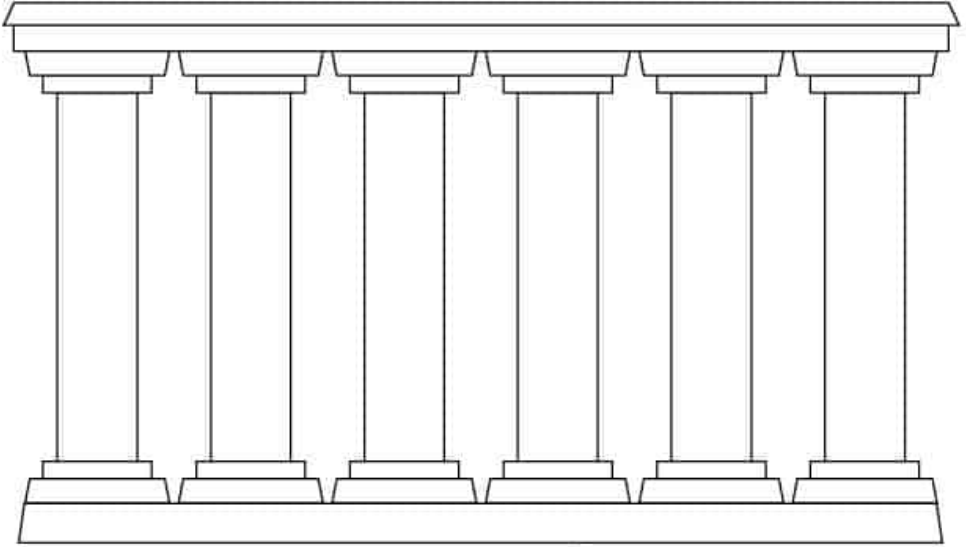
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Colouring in *for the kids ... young and old* 😊



Jesus said, "Don't make my  
Father's house a place for  
buying and selling!"  
John 2:16



**LUTHERAN  
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*where love comes to life*