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"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," says the Lord. "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

John 14.27



25 May 2025 – Sixth Sunday of Easter				
8:00am	Said Eucharist	President & Preacher	The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins	
10:00am	Choral Eucharist	President Preacher	The Rev'd Robin Olds The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins	
5:00pm	Evensong	Officiant	The Rev'd Peter Lord Cowell	
29 May 2025 – Ascension Day, 12.10pm				
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We Remember with Love and Gratitude

those in need:	Margery, John, Margaret, Pauline, Helen, Judith, Jean, Dean, Joy, Brian, Phillip, Kerry.	
Birthdays:	Jim Stirling 25, Jill Bailey 26, Remani Dilip 28, Sara Burch 28, Barry Barton 29, Benjamin Wheeler 31, Daniel Wheeler 31, Anu Varghese 31, Kezia Schuitemaker 31.	
Anniversaries:	: Peter & David Lord Cowell 31.	
In Memoriam:	Norman King 25, Lorna Nicholson 25, Brian Turner 25, Pat Dallinger 26, Kathleen Hayes 28, Kevin White 28, James McIntosh 29, Elvin Hayward 30, Jenefer Wynne-Jones 31.	

Views from the Pews: Paul in Philippi

Paul's first missionary journey (46-48AD) had ended in Phrygia and Galatia (in modern Turkey), where he had established young churches in Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch. Here we pick up the story of his second missionary journey (49 to 52 AD), starting with a revisit to strengthen those young communities. In Lystra, Paul met Timothy, who later became one of his most important companions. Then Paul's team trudged west for a full 650 km across the high Anatolian Plateau to Troas. a city on the coast of the Aegean Sea.

In Troas, Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' Paul took this as a command from God, which required instant obedience and some reorganisation of plans. Luke's narrative abruptly switches from 'they went down to Troas', in v 8, to 'we sought to go into Macedonia' in v 10. This was a more significant Plan B than it appears to us, for three reasons.

First, Macedonia was on the opposite side of the Aegean Sea, which meant that Paul had to find a ship going that way, some 240 km from Troas to Neapolis, the port of Philippi. The journey took them two days, plus another 16 km inland to Philippi, the leading city of Macedonia. Second, Macedonia was and is across the intercontinental boundary, so this was the first time that Paul had stepped on European soil. Third, Philippi was a Roman colony, in which, as in all Roman cities, there were plenty of pagans who acknowledged more than one god. So on the Sabbath day they went outside the gate to the riverside, where there was 'a place of prayer' perhaps a synagogue.

Among the people who were there that day was Lydia, 'a seller of purple goods'. The purple dye used was a rare, luxury item derived from murex shellfish. It was the most expensive product in antiquity — worth more than three times its weight in gold, according to a Roman edict issued in 301 A.D., and traders handling it must have been wealthy.

Lydia was also a worshiper of God, and open-minded enough to be impressed by Paul's preaching. She and all her household were baptised, and then she 'prevailed upon us' to stay for some days, thereby putting her wealth to God's service in hospitality and food for the tired missionaries.

Te Whakawhetai me te Whakamoemiti Thanksgiving and Praise

A New Zealand Prayer Book, page 476

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Te Minitatanga o te Kupu me ngā Īnoi The Ministry of Word and Prayer

Te Whakatikatika | The Gathering of the Community

The Introit: If ye love me – Tallis (1550-1585)

Opening Hymn (please stand / e tū tātou)

City of God, how broad and far outspread thy walls sublime!
Thy free and loyal people are of ev'ry age and clime.

How purely hath thy speech come down from earth's primeval youth!

How grandly hath thine empire grown

of freedom, love and truth!

One holy Church, one mighty throng; one steadfast, high intent;

one working band, one harvest-song, one King omnipotent.

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How gleam thy watch-fires through the night

with never fainting ray!

How rise thy tow'rs, serene and bright,

to meet the dawning day!

In vain the surge's angry shock, in vain the drifting sands; unharmed upon th'eternal Rock th'eternal city stands.

Samuel Johnson (1822-1882) alt.

Greeting (please remain standing / e tū tonu tātou)

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

E te whānau a te Karaiti, welcome to this holy table; welcome to you, for we are Christ's body, Christ's work in the world. Welcome to you whose baptism makes you salt of the earth and light to the world. Rejoice and be glad. Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

Amen. Christ is our light, the joy of our salvation.

Praise and glory to Christ, God's new beginning for humanity making ritual water gospel wine, cleansing all our worship.

Love and loyalty to Christ, who gives us the gospel. Praise to Christ who calls us to holiness.

Gathering of the Children (all children are welcome to join junior church in the hall, children under five must be accompanied by a carer.)

Korōria ki te Atua | The Gloria

(sung by the choir, please stand / e tū tātou)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Te Hohou i te Rongo | Forgiveness

(please be seated or kneel / e noho, e tūturi rānei tātou)

Liturgist:

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

Silence

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.

The presiding priest says

God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

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

Liturgist

We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together.

Praise to God who has created us, praise to God who has accepted us, praise to God who sends us into the world.

Te Īnoi o te Rā | The Collect

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel; send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Ngā Karaipiture | The Readings (please sit for the readings / e noho ki te whakarongo ki ngā pānuitanga)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (16:9-15)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

[Translation - New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)]

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

Psalm 67 (please stand / e tū tātou)



- Be gracious to us O 'God and 'bless us: and make the light of your 'face to 'shine up'on us,
- 2 that your ways may be 'known up on 'earth: your saving 'power a'mong all 'nations.
- 3 Let the peoples 'praise you · O 'God: let 'all the 'peoples 'praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad, and 'sing for 'joy: for you judge the peoples righteously, and 'guide the 'nations on 'earth.
- 5 Let the peoples 'praise you · O ' God: let 'all the 'peoples 'praise you.
- 6 The earth has 'yielded · its ' harvest: and 'you our 'God will 'bless us.
- 7 Your blessing O God 'be up'on us: and let all the 'ends of the 'world re'vere you.

Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the be ginning . is now: and shall be for ever. A- men.

A reading from the Revelation to John (21:10,22-22:5)

In the spirit, the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for

the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

[NRSVA]

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Gradual Hymn (please stand / e tū tātou)

God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of thy face. Shine upon us, Saviour, shine, fill thy Church with light divine, and thy saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.

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Let the people praise thee, Lord; be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their Saviour King; at thy feet their tribute pay, and thy holy will obey.

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Let the people praise thee, Lord; earth shall then her fruits afford; God to man his blessing give, man to God devoted live; all below, and all above, one in joy, and light, and love.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) based on Psalm 67, alt.

Te Rongopai | The Gospel – John (14:23-29) (we remain standing and turn to face the gospel | Ka tū tonu tātou ki te whakarongo ki te Rongopai)



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The holy Gospel according to John. Praise and glory to God.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.' [NRSVA]

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

Te Kauwhau | The Sermon

He Tikanga Whakapono | The Affirmation of Faith (please stand / e $t\bar{u}$ tatou)

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

Ngā Īnoi a te lwi | The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

God of grace God of love Lord, in your mercy you hear our prayer. grant our prayer. hear our prayer.

The intercessor may end with the following responses or a collect:

God, you shape our dreams. As we put our trust in you may your hopes and desires be ours, and we your expectant people. **Amen.**

Te Minitatanga o te Hākarameta The Ministry of the Sacrament

Te Maungārongo | The Peace (please stand / e tū tatou)

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace who breaks down the walls that divide.

The peace of God be always with you.

Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.

Liturgist: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin? The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed? To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round? In Jesus' presence naught but calm is found.

Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away? In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown? Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.

Peace, perfect peace, death shad'wing us and ours? Jesus has vanquished death and all its pow'rs.

It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease, and Jesus call us to heav'n's perfect peace.

Edward Henry Bickersteth (1825-1906)

Te Whakatikatika i te Ohaoha | Preparation of the Gifts

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty. All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.

Te Whakawhetai Nui | The Great Thanksgiving (please stand, sit or kneel as you are most comfortable throughout the following prayer / mō tēnei inoi katoa, e noho, e tū, tūturi rānei i runga anō i tāu e pai nei)

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

Lift your hearts to heaven where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.

You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light.

Your light shines on in our darkness.

For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin. His cross has taken our guilt away.

Christ is risen from the dead.

Love is come again: Christ is sovereign over space and time.

You send your Holy Spirit

to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts we say/sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks.

He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks.

He gave it to them and said:

Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.

Te Hākari Tapu | The Communion

The Lord's Prayer (You may wish to pray the Lord's Prayer in your own language. The Choir will sing.)

As Christ teaches us we pray Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka īnoi tātou

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen. E tō mātou Matua i te rangi Kia tapu tõu Ingoa. Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga. Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite anō ki tō te rangi. Hōmai ki a mātou ājanei he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā. Murua ō mātou hara. Me mātou hoki e muru nei i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou. Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia; Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino: Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria. Āke ake ake. Āmine.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

Christ is the bread of life.

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

Christ is risen from the dead.

Te Reme a te Atua | Agnus Dei (sung by the choir)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us your peace.

Te Pōwhiri | The Invitation

Lifting the bread and cup, the priest invites the people, saying Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

The minister says the following to each person.

The bread of life, broken for you.

Te taro o te ora, i whatīa nei mōu.

The cup of blessing, poured out for you.

Te kapu o te ora, i whakahekea nei mōu.

The communicant may respond each time: Amen / Āmine.

All are welcome to receive communion. If communion is not your tradition, we invite you to come forward for a blessing, simply put an arm across your chest and a blessing will be given.

Please come forward and kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive the bread and wine or a blessing. Please ask if you need a gluten free wafer.

In the Anglican tradition, we use the common cup, with wine of a high alcohol content, in a silver vessel, to minimise infection risks. If you do not wish to receive the wine, communion is fully valid in one kind, either bread or wine, or you may wish to simply lift the cup, to show reverence and receive spiritually.

Please note, the practice of intinction is not permitted.

If you would like to light a candle for someone you love, or to give thanks to God, please feel free to do so at the back of the cathedral.

Anthem The Lord bless you and keep you – Rutter (b. 1945)

Ngā Īnoi mō muri i te Hapa | Prayer After Communion

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Our hands were empty, and you filled them.

Gathering of the children

Te Manaakitanga | Blessing (please stand / e tū tātou)

The goodness of the Father go with you.

The love of the Saviour lead you.

The grace of the Spirit guide you.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life, be upon you and remain with you, with those whom you love, and with those whom you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen**

Closing Hymn -

God is our strength and refuge, our present help in trouble; and we therefore will not fear, though the earth should change! Though mountains shake and tremble, though swirling floods are raging, God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river, within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her — she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given, thrones vanish at his presence — God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

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Come, see the works of our maker, learn of his deeds all-powerful: wars will cease across the world when he shatters the spear!

Be still and know your creator, uplift him in the nations —
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

E Coates (1886-1958) arr. J Barnard (b. 1948)

Te Haerenga Atu | The Dismissal of the Community

Liturgist

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary: Fanfare - William Mathias (1934-1992)

Please join us for refreshments

after both services, 8.00am and 10.00am.

	6th Sunday of Easter 25 May 2025	7th Sunday of Easter I June 2025
First Reading	Acts 16:9-15	Acts 16:16-34
Second Reading	Rev 21:10,22-22:5	Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Gospel Reading	John 14:23-29	John 17:20-26
	8.00 am	8.00 am
Liturgist	Andrea Haines	Chris Chundau
First Reader	Abigail Webber	Jenevere Foreman
Second Reader	Giles Brant	Susan Allen
Intercessions	Andrea Haines	Chris Chundau
	10.00 am	10.00 am
Liturgist	Warren Turnwald	Chris Chundau
Crucifer	Sophia Khouri	
Acolytos	Remi Igat	
Acolytes	Elise Cantwell-Knight	
First Reader	Liz Phillips	Antoinette Ankersmit
Second Reader	Tiffany Sayer	Yvonne Hall
Intercessor	Kitty Storey	Garry Moore
Ciborium	Dean Julian Perkins & Rev Robin Olds & Plex John	Dean Julian Perkins & Rev Robin Olds & Sue Pickering
Chalice DB	Warren & Min Turnwald	Faith Canales Wolter & Elliot Tuck
Chalice LW	Frany Edwards & Kim King	Plex John & Pam McAdam
Chalice Font	Anu Varghese	Anne McAloon
Welcomers	Marion & Richard Francis	Plex John & Anu Varghese
Morning Tea	Vivianne Flintoff & Sue Jones	Sue Jones & Evelyn Masoka

Cantata Vespers - Third Saturday of the month Next Vespers: 21 June 2025 at 5.00pm

Choral Evensong - Fourth Sunday of the month Next Evensong: Tonight & 22 June 2025 at 5.00pm

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