

St Columba's Church Havelock North

14 April 2019

Lent 6 Palm Sunday

Welcome to St Columba's

Rev Wayne Toleafoa is leading the service this morning.
Minister's Elder is Anne Heesterman
Duty Manager is David Schnell
Organist is Jean Jarvis
Floral artist is Helen Caley

Visitors are invited to sign the Visitors Book in the Foyer.

We Gather as God's People

A time to sit in silent reflection

GATHERING HYMN AND PROCESSION OF THE HOLY BIBLE: *Please Stand*

'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty' WOV 65

GREETING AND WELCOME:

NOTICES:

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS:

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

Children and young people are invited to meet Elma in the foyer.

THEME: The Conquest of Jerusalem

*The congregation is invited to say together words printed in **bold type**.*

OUR CANDLE LITURGY: THE CANDLE OF FAITHFULNESS:

Today we remember Jesus' triumphant ride into Jerusalem, and how a few days later, he was deserted by his disciples. We remember that in our own lives, when things go well, we often praise God, but when we are afraid, when we are at risk, we are tempted to abandon our faith in Christ.

We extinguish the candle of Faithfulness recalling our lack of trust in Christ, even when God has remained faithful.

PRAYER:

Loving God, you have journeyed with us through the valley of the shadow and will see us through to the other side. Help us to remain faithful to you, even in the dark times in our lives. Amen.

WE SING: 'All glory, laud, and honour' CH4 364

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Humble and riding on a donkey, **WE GREET YOU.**

Acclaimed by crowds and carolled by children, **WE CHEER YOU.**

Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

WE SALUTE YOU, CHRIST OUR LORD .

You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity; you are giving majesty a new face; you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

WITH THEM, WITH HEART AND VOICE, WE SHOUT 'HOSANNA!'

WE SING: 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' CH4 124

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Loving God, at this time, we remember that going up to Jerusalem cost Jesus his very life. So we come before you, conscious of the way religious words and holy phrases can slip so easily from our lips and our hardened hearts. What do we really know of your mountainous truth, your timeless integrity, the depth of your suffering for the love of us all? Forgive us for the shallowness of our faith and the timidity of our following: forgive us for the ready excuses we make for going our own way and claiming it as yours.

Turn us round again, we pray, by your Holy Spirit, active within us and among us. Show us how to be open again to your faithfulness and to your freedom, that we may live new lives and be again bearers of the seeds of the Kingdom of Jesus.

(Adapted from: - John Harvey – Eggs and Ashes)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON:

'Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come'. Rejoice in the new being that you have become and the new being that you are still becoming through your union with Christ Jesus.

Thanks and praise be to God! Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

God, source of all light, by your word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened to Christ, your word made flesh. **Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS:

Reader: Stephen Randal

Isaiah 50: 4-9 (page 594)

To the words: 'This is the word of the Lord'

Response: '**Thanks be to God**'

Philippians 2: 5-11 (page 954)

To the words: 'Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church'

Response: '**Thanks be to God**'

Reader: Rev Wayne Toleafoa:

Luke 19: 28-40 (page 854)

To the words: 'This is the Gospel of Christ'

Response: '**Praise to Christ, the Word**'

SERMON: The Conquest of Jerusalem

We Respond to God's Word

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY:

We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

WE SING: 'Tell Me the Stories of Jesus'

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OFFERING:

'What shall I give to the Lord, for all his bounty to me? I will give what I have promised in the presence of all God's people' Psalm 116:12, 14.

DEDICATION:

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *Lead by Anne Heesterman*

To the words: 'Come again now'

*Response: '**and establish your reign of love and justice**'.*

Our Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day 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 forever. Amen.

WE SING: 'Ride on! ride on in majesty!' CH4 365

FINAL BLESSING:

Go now and follow Christ in obedient love. Have the same mind as was in Christ Jesus; be humble, even in the face of hostility and do not turn back.

May Christ Jesus lead you through the gates of justice; and may the Holy Spirit keep you in God's steadfast love and fill your mouths with praise to the glory of God.

Let us go out in the peace of Christ to live, to love, and to serve

We go in the name of Christ. Amen.

Three-fold Amen. *(sung)*

EXIT OF THE HOLY BIBLE: *Please stand*

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A New Zealand Prayer Book; Nathan Nettleton's Laughing Bird Liturgical Resources 2019. Weekly Worship – Church of Scotland, March 2019. Wild Goose Worship Group – *Stages on the Way*. John Harvey – *Eggs and Ashes*. Nick Fawcett- Prayers For All Seasons. Baptist Hymn Book.

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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 14 April 2019

CALENDAR:

Tuesday 16	9.30am	Badminton and table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Wednesday 17	7.30pm	Indoor bowls, Summerset, Te Mata Rd
Thursday 18	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday
Friday 19	10.00am	Good Friday Service
Sunday 21	10.00am	Easter Sunday Service and Communion

Please wear your name badge! If you wish to have a name badge, add your name and a contact number to the list on the desk in the foyer.

IN RESPONSE TO THE CHRISTCHURCH MOSQUES MASSACRE:

There will be a special collection on Sunday 21 April 2019. There will be a box in the foyer on Sunday and in the office during the week (23 to 26 April). Your contributions will be donated from St Columba's Church Havelock North to the Give a Little Fund managed by Spark, towards victim support.

ELDERS: Elders are looking for someone to be the minute taker at Elders meetings on the first Tuesday monthly at 7.30pm to 9.00pm at the latest. If interested, please contact the office.

HOSPITAL BED PUSHING 2019: This year the dates for St Columba's have been changed to 21 and 28 April and 5 and 12 May. Please contact Ailsa Rewcastle (Phone 877 5754) if you are available on those dates. Or contact the office.

MINI MARKET:

Jams/Preserves: Contributions of white and brown sugar, malt and white vinegar and sultanas would be greatly appreciated.

Fudge: A big thank you for your goodwill. **No more contributions are required until after our winter break.**

Cash donations: If you prefer to donate cash instead, please hand in at the office or put in the offering bag in an envelope marked 'Mini Market'.

White elephant stall: We need more stuff! If you're having a clear out or are decluttering, please contact Peter Kidd (877 3444) or Phil Carter (877 7204).

Craft stall: Wanted bags, knitted scarves and children's jerseys. We have lots of beanies, socks and booties.

FULLY FURNISHED HOME TO LET: Fully furnished home available to let in Havelock North, from 8 June to 28 August. Please contact, Sam and Janet Browne. 021 458 378 or the.brownes141c@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: There will not be a meeting on Easter Monday (22 April).

CRANFORD HOSPICE STREET APPEAL: Amanda Aitken, Volunteer Co-ordinator (Street Appeal), has thanked the St Columba's team for their efforts during the recent appeal and reports the final result is \$28,150.80 which is a plus on the 2018 appeal. Just over 400 volunteers helped this year.

RESTAURANT INDONESIA: Visit Restaurant Indonesia and support one of our own: Chandra and Susan Liem. The restaurant is open Wednesday to Monday, 5.30 – 9.00pm at 409 Marine Parade, Napier. Phone: 835 8303/ 021 1070265; email: indonesianapier@gmail.com; website: www.restaurantindonesia.co.nz

Hawkes Bay Muslim community invites the public to join it in prayer as a show of support, at the Hastings Sports Centre, Railway Road from 4pm on Sunday 14 April. The prayers finish with traditional food from the different ethnic communities.

Come and see the movie Vai which is filmed in seven Pacific Islands and shows the journey of one woman's story of empowerment through her culture over her lifetime. The character of Vai is played by a different indigenous actress from the islands of Fiji, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Kuki Airani (Cook Islands), Samoa, Niue and Aotearoa (New Zealand). This is a St Andrews Church Fundraiser and it will be a great night! Wednesday 1 May at 5.15pm at Focal Point Cinema, Hastings for drinks and nibbles. Tickets are \$22 and include a complimentary drink of your choice. Movie starts at 6pm. Great raffles too. Tickets available from Wendy at the Office 878 8247 or info@standrewshastings.org.nz

ROSTER: Sunday 21 April 2019

Minister's Elder:	Beth Neilson
Elders:	John Taylor, Anne Keown, Scott Henderson
Door Duty:	Rex Bartlett, Janice Hopkinson, Judy Hausler
Organist:	Nolan Martin
Sound System:	Graeme Mueller
Bible Reading:	Elma Pienaar
Morning Tea:	Jan Peake, Arthur Peake, Kevin Rose, Elma Pienaar
Flower Arrangements:	Barbara Hodgson

LECTIONARY READINGS:

 Acts 10: 34-43
 1 Cor 15: 19-26

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 Ps 118: 1-2, 14-24
 Jn 20: 1-18