

St Columba's Church Havelock North



23 February 2020

Transfiguration

Welcome to St Columba's

Rev Wayne Toleafoa is leading the service this morning.
Minister's Elder is Scott Henderson
Duty Manager is Graeme Mueller
Organist is Nolan Martin
Floral artist is Helen Caley

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

On Ash Wednesday this week, we begin the season of Lent which lasts 40 days and includes six Sundays – Today is Transfiguration Sunday, last Sunday of Epiphany. Liturgical Colour: 'White', for light and joy.

WE GATHER AS PEOPLE OF GOD

INTROIT:

Please stand as the Holy Bible is carried into the church.

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

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

GREETING AND WELCOME:

NOTICES:

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

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

THEME: The Jesus I never knew

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

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Exodus 24, Matthew 17*)

As God called to Moses from the mountain,
we are called to be God's people.
As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him
to the peak of another mountain,
we are called to follow wherever he leads.
As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,
we are called to worship in wonder and praise.

OUR PRAYER OF APPROACH: (*Exodus 24, Matthew 17*)

Holy God, Light of light, God of all creation, long ago you showed yourself to the disciples in Jesus' transfiguration — his face as bright as the sun. Shine in us, around us, and through us, that the world may see your glory in the lives of your people, faces transfigured by your love. **Amen.**

WE SING: 'Immortal, invisible, God only wise' CH4 132

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*Exodus 24, Matthew 17*)

Though we want to walk with Moses and see God's holy radiance,
we hide in the mist of our own desires,
unable to perceive the presence of God's grace.
While we want a world of justice and peace,
we walk in clouds of selfishness,
unable to share God's loving-kindness.

Though we want to follow Jesus up the mountain,
we cower in fear,
unable to bear the light of God.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *(Matthew 17)*

In the blazing light of God's grace,
Jesus touches us to say,
"Get up and do not be afraid."
In the name of Christ, all is forgiven.
Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

As we share the peace of Christ with one another,
may the light of Christ shine in you always.
And also in you.

We share a sign of peace to those around us.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Open the eyes of our hearts, O God, to comprehend your words of love and life. Through your Holy Spirit, make your presence real to us, that we be truly blessed in the readings and hearing of your Word revealed in the Holy Scriptures. **Amen.**

OUR SCRIPTURE LESSONS: *Reader: Jocelyn Williams*

First lesson: Exodus 24: 12-18 (page 62)

After the reading:
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second lesson: 2 Peter 1: 16-21 (page 987)

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

WE SING: 'Here is the place' AA 60

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Here is the place, now is the time:
an inner voice has bid me come;
here in the company where Christ is known,
he claims my life, he speaks my name.

Here I declare a seed of faith,
a will to learn, a gleam of truth,
and ask for singleness of heart to speak
what God has put into my mouth.
I seek the real and face the cost,
I give away my lack of trust,
in joyful hope I take the Spirit's lead;
I go with all who follow Christ.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: *Reader: Rev Wayne Toleafoa*

Matthew 17: 1-9 (page 798)

After the reading:
This is the gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ, the Word.

SERMON: 'The Jesus I never knew'

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WE SING: 'Open our eyes, Lord' SOF 443

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Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus

Open our minds Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and know him
And say that we love him
Open our minds Lord
And help us to know you
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus.

Open our hearts Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch him
And say that we love him
Open our hearts Lord
And help us to love you
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: *(Deuteronomy 30, 1 Corinthians 3)*

God has given us growth, guided our steps on the ways that lead to life, and provided companions for our journey. Our very lives are a gift from God. With gratitude and praise, we turn to God with obedient hearts to offer back our gifts, that others may find life and wholeness.

OFFERING PRAYER:

Luminous Giver of all good things, in your presence, everything is gift. Bless these gifts that we bring today, the gifts we have received from your grace and the work of our own hands. May these gifts be used for the blessing of others and for the glory of your name. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *Led by Scott Henderson*

To the words: 'Lord, in your mercy', the congregation is invited to respond: 'Hear our prayer'

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: 'Nothing is lost on the breath of God' FFS: 50

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Nothing is lost on the breath of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.
No feather too light, no hair too fine,
no flower too brief in its glory,
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,
but is counted and told in God's story.

Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God sees with love, and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.
No journey too far, no distance too great,
no valley of darkness too blinding,
no creature too humble, no child too small
for God to be seeking and finding.

Nothing is lost to the heart of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.
No impulse of love, no office of care,
no moment of life in its fullness,
no beginning too late, no ending too soon,
but is gathered and known in its goodness.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

BLESSING: *(2 Peter 1, Matthew 17)*

Walk in light and truth.
See the light of Christ in every face.
And be the light of Christ to all you meet.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
we go in the name of Christ.

SUNG THREE-FOLD 'AMEN'

EXIT OF THE HOLY BIBLE: *Please stand as the Bible is carried from the church.*

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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2020

CALENDAR:

Tuesday 25 9.30am Badminton & table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Tuesday 25 7.30pm Church Council meeting, Millar Room
Thursday 27 9.30am 'mainly music', foyer
Thursday 27 6.30pm Women at Ease, At E's Café, Columba Way
Sunday 1 10.00am Sunday Service

MINI MARKET:

Jams/Preserves: Contributions of white and brown sugar, malt and white vinegar and sultanas would be greatly appreciated. Recycled jars can be left in the box in the foyer or in the office.

Fresh fruit to be used for jams and preserves will be much appreciated! Please ring Janet (02102345589) or Jill (877 7730) or bring to the office.

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 are filled to the rafters, so no more contributions for the time being please! Thank you for your contributions.

Fudge: Donations of butter, sugar and condensed milk (not Light) will be much appreciated for Jill to make her very popular Russian fudge!

FAITH AND REASON DISCUSSION GROUP: No meeting today. The first meeting for the year is on Sunday 29 March.

WOMEN AT EASE: The first gathering of the year is on Thursday 27 February at At E's Café, Columba Way at 6.30pm. The cost is \$20. Please let the office know if you wish to attend, before Tuesday 25 February at 12.00 noon.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday is this year held at St Luke's Church on Wednesday 26 February 2020 at 7.00 pm. We are invited to attend for time of prayer and reflection. **Please confirm your attendance asap** to Thea Kloppenburg, St Luke's Church Administrator – phone 877 7366 or email admin.havelocknorth@waiapu.com

PASSOVER SUPPER: Wednesday, 8 April, in the Function Centre. Members of the Havelock North Talmidei Messanic Ministry will share and explain the significance of the Passover Supper which Jesus shared with his disciples during 'Holy Week' and afterwards we will share supper @ \$25 per person. If you would like to take part, please contact Elma/Lorraine in the office or speak with Rev Wayne.

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

UPMARKET, PRE-LOVED CLOTHING AND JEWELLERY SALES EVENING AT ST LUKE'S CHURCH: This is a fundraiser in conjunction with their Annual Fair on Sat 7 March. Please donate clothes, shoes, handbags, jewellery. Drop off at St Luke's Church. Information on the notice board in the foyer.

A GARAGE SALE will be held on Saturday 29 February at 8.00am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 85 Te Mata Road. There will be furniture - desks, chairs etc, children's toys, assorted clothing, books, knick knacks etc. This garage sale is to raise funds to purchase thermal clothing for children in need at primary schools throughout Hastings, Havelock North and Flaxmere.

ORGAN RECITAL: The renowned organist Christopher Hainsworth is presenting another interesting and entertaining organ recital on Sunday 8 March at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Tickets (Adults: \$15, Students \$10) are available NOW from Wardini's in Havelock North and Napier and from Margaret Armstrong (877 7758/ 027 343 4504 or margaretandgraeme@gmail.com) and Eileen von Dadelszen (027 600 0987 or emvond@outlook.com). Profits from this concert will go to Thermals 2020 – a project for needy children in the Hastings area.

ROSTER: Sunday 1 March 2020

Minister's Elder: Sally Russell
Elders: Elma Pienaar, Greg Rowe
Door duty: Phil Carter, John Bark, David McDonald
Organist: Ngaire Anderson
Sound: Louis Pienaar
Bible reading: Greg Rowe
Morning tea: Sally Russell, Mike Earle, Ngaire Holford, Ian Holford
Children: Elma Pienaar
Flower arrangements: Anne Heesterman/Janet Browne

LECTIONARY READINGS:

 Gen 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7
 Rom 5: 12-19

SUNDAY 1 March 2020

 Ps 32
 Mt 4: 1-11