

St Columba's Church Havelock North

8 March 2020

Lent 2



Welcome to St Columba's

Rev Wayne Toleafoa is leading the service this morning.
Minister's Elder is Greg Rowe
Duty Manager is David Schnell
Organist is Stephanie Mueller
Floral artist is Wayne Rewcastle

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

Lent. The season of preparation and discipline, which began on Ash Wednesday and concludes at sun down on Holy Saturday. During the forty days and six Sundays, the church recalls the sacrificial life and ministry of Jesus leading to the cross - a time to renew our own commitment to discipleship. Liturgical Colour: Purple for 'Preparation' and 'Repentance'.

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

GREETING AND WELCOME:

NOTICES:

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

Children are invited to collect word search or colouring sheets in the back of the church.

THEME: Life in the third age

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

LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTING – The candle of 'Responsibility':

Jesus has called us to love our neighbours as ourselves, but all too often we let the social boundaries and borders of the world divide us. We build up walls rather than bridges; we keep people out who need to be invited

in. We have a responsibility to care for one another as Christ cares for us, and yet we often fail to do it.

We light this candle as a symbol of our hope in Jesus Christ to teach us again how to love, how to break down walls and to build bridges.

Prayer: Creator God, remind us again of our responsibility to care for one another, and to watch out for each other. As we journey towards the cross this Lenten season, help us to love our neighbours as ourselves. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 121 A song of ascents.

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

² **My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴ **indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ the Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷ the Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;

⁸ **the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.**

OUR PRAYER OF APPROACH:

God of Love we lift up our eyes to search for you, the One from whom our help comes.

Jesus our hope we lift up our voices praising your name. The Lord, from whom our strength comes.

Holy Spirit, our guide, we lift up our hearts seeking your presence, Maker of heaven and earth.

Three in one God, we gather together to worship you, and to praise your holy name. Amen

WE SING: 'Will you come and follow me' CH4 533

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lead us deeper into Lent, O God that we might better see the places of our lives that you wish to change. **God lead us.**

For times when we live by law legalism and judgement over and above the freedom of the spirit. **God forgive us.**

For times when we take for granted the many daily blessings we enjoy in our lives and fail to share the struggles of others. **God forgive us.**

For times when we neglect to value, include and treat with justice every person, made in Your image. **God forgive us.**

For times when we fail to acknowledge that we are our brothers' and our sisters' keeper. **God forgive us and grant us your peace.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Through the spirit of Jesus Christ our lives are being transformed. The old has passed, and the new is coming into being. Through Jesus Christ, all things are made new.

Thanks and praise be to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also in you.

We share a sign of peace with 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: Wayne Rewcastle*

First lesson: Genesis 12: 1-4 (page 8)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second lesson: Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 (page 916)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

WE SING: 'One more step along the road' CH 530

THE GOSPEL LESSON: *Reader: Rev Wayne Toleafoa*

Matthew 17: 1-9 (page 798)

This is the gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

SERMON: 'Life in the third age'.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

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 thankful hearts to offer back our gifts, that others may find life and wholeness.

OFFERING PRAYER:

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *Led by Greg Rowe*

To the words: 'Lord, in your mercy',

the congregation is invited to respond: 'Hear our prayer'

Let us sing Our Lord's Prayer: WOV 676

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(From the Iona Abbey Worship Book, 2002)

THE INVITATION:

COMMUNION HYMN: 'Christ let us come with you' AA17

THE DRAMA OF SALVATION:

Leader: When the world could wait no longer,

Women: The carpenters took up their tools,

Men: They made a cross for God's own son,

Women: Fashioned from wood and the skill of human hands,

Men: Fashioned from hate and the will of human minds,

Leader: He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief,

All: For us he grieved.

Leader: He was summoned to the judgement hall,

an enemy of the state and a danger to religion.

All: By us he was judged.

Leader: He was lashed with tongues and scourged with thongs,

All: By his stripes we are healed.

Leader: He was nailed to the cross by human hands,

All: Bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh.

Leader: He died declaring God's forgiveness, He rose on the third day,

transforming death. He ascended into heaven, that he might be

everywhere present. He sent his Holy Spirit as the seal of his intention.

He sets before us bread and wine and invites us to his table. This is the

place where all are made well again

All: And all will be made well.

Leader: For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world,

All: But that the world through him might be saved.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION:

THE COMMUNION:

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

Have mercy on us

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

Have mercy on us

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

Grant us your peace.

Look, the body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.

Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE:

The Body of Christ broken for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

The Distribution

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

We thank you O God, that through Word and Sacrament, you make us one with all your people in heaven and one earth. You feed us on the Living Bread Jesus Christ, and through your Spirit you renew us for your service. So strengthen us, that our daily lives may be part of the life of Christ lived in the world. Amen.

WE SING: 'Forth in your name' CH4 529

FINAL BLESSING: *From Psalm 121*

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Let us go in the peace of Christ to love and to serve.

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.*

Acknowledgements:

Weekly Worship – Church of Scotland, March 2020. The Iona Abbey

Worship Book 2002.

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2020

CALENDAR:

Monday 9	2.00pm	Bible Study Group, Millar Room
Tuesday 10	9.30am	Badminton & table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Tuesday 10	1.45pm	Duart Singers, Duart Hospital
Tuesday 10	5.00pm	Communication and Leadership – Week 4
Tuesday 10	7.30pm	Board of Managers meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 11	10.00am	Women's Coffee Club, foyer
Thursday 12	9.30am	'mainly music', foyer
Sunday 15	10.00am	Sunday Service and Congregational meeting

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Church Council is calling a congregational meeting on Sunday 15 March 2020 after the service to put a recommendation to the congregation that St Columba's should incorporate as a Charitable Trust Board under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957.

An introduction to the proposal, as well as proposed rules were emailed to parishioners. There are also copies available in the foyer.

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 or Jill 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'.

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

Cake stall: Please leave your contributions in the office or bring it to the cake stall on Saturday morning before 9.00am. If you need your contribution to be collected, please ring Elma. Thank you for your contributions.

DUART SINGERS: Duart singing resumes for the year on Tuesday 10 March at Duart Hospital at 1.45 pm. Singers welcome.

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.

HOSPITAL CHAPEL SERVICE ROSTER: Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist with taking patients to the Chapel services in March. My sincere apologies for this, but contrary to what I announced in church some time ago, we are required in APRIL and MAY, not March!. The rostered dates for St Columba's H Nth are: 19 and 26 APRIL and 3 and 10 MAY. If anyone is able and willing to help with this, please leave your name and phone number/s at the Office or contact me on 877 5754 (can leave a message), to find out more, or let me know which dates you could be available, and I will ring you back. With thanks, Ailsa Rewcastle.

MAINTENANCE: If you notice something that needs attention in and around the church, please ring David Schnell or leave a message in the office.

Please contact the office if:

- you would like a pastoral visit, or know someone who would
- you, or anyone you are aware of, is in need of transport to get to church, or would appreciate a copy of the sermon
- you would like information regarding freewill offering
- you wish to receive the newsletter

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ROSTER: Sunday 15 March 2020

Minister's Elder: Anne Keown
Elders: John Taylor, Anne Keown, Scott Henderson
Door duty: Rex Bartlett, Janice Hopkinson, Judy Hausler, Hugh Thornton
Organist: Ngaire Anderson
Sound: Graeme Mueller
Technology: Jenny Malcolm
Bible reading: Jocelyn Kirkwood
Morning tea: Janet Browne, Sam Browne, Jan Jenkins
Children: Anne Keown
Flower arrangements: Cheryl Lattey

LECTIONARY READINGS:

SUNDAY 15 March 2020

 Ex 17: 1-7
 Rom 5: 1-11

 Ps 95
 Jn 4: 5-42