

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
CHRISTCHURCH



The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascensiontide
29 May 2022

From the Priest-in-Charge....

Dear Parish Family
Kia Ora e Te Whanau

I don't know about you, but I don't think that the Ascension account is something to be taken literally. I think that misses the point. Like many of the metaphorical stories in the Scriptures it is trying to point us toward something bigger than itself, toward meaning, toward Truth with a capital T.

For instance it is interesting that Jesus led his disciples out to Bethany, where he had spent a lot of time with Mary and Martha and Lazarus, to say their final good-byes. Bethany was outside the city walls, just out of sight of the Temple. The name Bethany means something like "the house of affliction." It was where people were sent who were poor or sick. There was a homeless shelter there, and a leper hospital. Bethany was built out of sight of the Temple so that those coming into the city to worship wouldn't have to see all that ugliness, that poverty and desperation. And that is precisely where Jesus chose to spend a lot of his time with the people there. He poured out his life in love for them. And Bethany is the last place on earth that Jesus chose to be seen, among the poor and the suffering. You could say that this is the truth of the Ascension: that Jesus went from that house of affliction into every place and time, carrying in his heart the reality of the resurrection, that all that separates and injures and destroys is and will be overcome by all that unites and heals and creates.

Next week we celebrate his divine Spirit of power and love and grace coming upon his disciples, his Church, on the Day of Pentecost. It is the Spirit of God calling us to live such a love that will challenge all that is unjust and unlovely in our world. That for me is what the truth of the Ascension points to.

Amen.

Blessings

Fr Peter



Online Services

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Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass

Orange Traffic Light—Covid information

- Please wear a mask to cover your nose and mouth.
- Hand sanitizer is available for you to use on entering the church, during the service and after the service.
- There will be congregational singing. **It is very important that you keep your mask on and observe social distancing. If you are unwell please do not attend.**
- Communion will be one kind only (bread).
- **Morning tea will be held in the hall today.**
- We are not able to pass the collection plates around therefore the collection bowls are at the back of the church and you can place your donation there as you come in or leave. Otherwise you can use electronic banking. Account information in the pew sheet.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter—Ascensiontide

29 May 2022

Celebrant 8.00 am:	Mother Meg Harvey		
Celebrant 10.00 am:	Fr Peter Beck	Organ:	Eric Apperley & Paul Ellis
Cantor:	Philip Richards		
Mass Setting:	Mass of S. Cedd		Peter Nardone
Organ Voluntary:	O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen		Johannes Brahms
Introit Hymn:	362		

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa ✠ o te Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Amine.
(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)
Grace and peace to you from God. **God fill you with truth and joy.**

We have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens—
Jesus the Son of God.

The people are invited to call to mind their sins.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence.

Let us confess our sins.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

All:

**Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison, Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, eleison.**

Priest:

Through the cross of Christ, ✠ God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. Amen.

All: 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.

Priest:

Eternal God, you have given your Son authority in heaven and in earth; grant that we may never lose the vision of his kingdom but serve him with hope and joy.
Amen.

First Reading: *(sit)* Acts 1: 1–11

Peter Troon

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judæa and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

Psalm: Cantor 47

1. Clap your hands, all you peoples, cry out to God with shouts of joy. For the Lord most high is to be feared, and is the great sovereign over all the earth.
2. God has gone up with shouts of triumph, the Lord has gone up with a fanfare of trumpets. Sing praises, sing praises to God: sing praises, sing praises to our king.
3. For God is the king of all the earth: sing praises with your utmost skill. God reigns over the nations, God is seated on a holy throne.

Second Reading: *(sit)* Ephesians 1: 15–23

Joshua Wilson Black

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Cantor: **Gospel Acclamation:** *(stand)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing praises to God's holy name: make a highway for the one who rides on the clouds, whose name is the Lord, in whose presence exult.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: Luke 24: 44–53

Fr Peter Beck

Jesus said to the disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Sermon: Mother Meg Harvey

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human (*all genuflect or bow*).

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions: Rachel Watson

The Peace

Priest:

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

At the Peace all may exchange a non physical greeting with those near them.

Priest:

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Priest:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**
By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share
in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Offertory Hymn: 332

Priest:

Pray, sisters and brothers,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.
**May the Lord receive the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Priest:

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his ascended life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

God's Spirit is with us.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Priest:

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ your only Son.
In his risen body he plainly showed himself to his disciples, and was taken up to heaven in their sight, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be.
The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory:

Sanctus & Benedictus:

**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.**

Priest:

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father.
Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine
which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.
On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread;
when he had given 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;
when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Deacon:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we
show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await. Amen! Come,
Lord Jesus.**

Priest:

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his
suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his
coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this
cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we
offer through Christ, our great high priest.
Hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy
and love unite all your children, wherever they may be.
Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have
left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory
through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

Silence

Priest:

As Christ teaches us we pray:

**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.**

Priest:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Agnus Dei:

**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.**

Priest:

Jesus said, "I am with you always, to the end of the world".

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Communion in one kind will be administered from the front step at the centre of the aisle. Please leave your seat by the side aisle, and approach the centre aisle from the rear crossing. Please leave a 2m distance between yourself and others and please use the hand sanitizer. when receiving the sacrament, please stretch your arms horizontally as much as possible.

Communion Hymn: (Cantor) Come down O love devine

William Harris

Plainsong: (Cantor) Eternal Monarch King most high.

Prayer after Communion:

Eternal God, you have given us heavenly food to sustain us on our journey.
May we remain faithful to your word and know your presence with us always.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord.
And may the blessing of God, Creator, Christ ✠ and the Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Deacon:

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

Recessional Hymn: 134

Organ Voluntary: March on Handel's 'Lift up your heads' Alexandre Guilmant

From Fr Peter

- Next Sunday we celebrate the birthday of the Church, Pentecost when 'the disciples were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke of the great things God has done' [Acts 2] How about wearing something red to mark this great festival?
- June 19th marks the 171st anniversary of the founding of our school – Founders' Day. It is an occasion when school and parish join together for a 10am Festival Mass to celebrate our establishment in 1851. We will be welcoming a full church of parishioners, school students with parents, staff and board, followed by celebratory cake! All adults, please wear a mask.

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

THIS WEEK**Notices**

- **Meditation Group**—will not meet in person while we remain cautious regarding the spread of Covid. Instead, we invite everyone to meditate for twenty minutes at home as close to midday on a Wednesday as possible in a virtual group. Contact: Margaret Maclagan 0275599216.
- **Bible Study**— Thurs 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.
- **Pray the Rosary**—Thurs noon, Church. Contact: Gilbert Wealleans on 021338380.
- **Sunday Lunch** - at the Pegasus Arms Sunday June 5th at 12 noon. Please RSVP to Ros Calvert-Griffin on 027 242 8282 or roscaulvert@xtra.co.nz by June 1st.
- **Inasmuch Basket**—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

NEXT WEEK**PENTECOST**

5 June 2022

8:00 am Mass**Celebrant:**

Mother Meg Harvey

10:00 am Mass**Celebrant:**

Fr Peter Beck

Servers:**MC:** Lawrence Watson **Th:** Robert Calvert**Ac:** Jack Barrie, Thomas Visakan**First Reading:**

Acts 2: 1-21

Joshua Wilson Black

Second Reading:

Romans 8: 14-17

Rachel Watson

Gospel:

John 14: 8-17

Mother Meg Harvey

Sermon:

Fr Peter Beck

Sides people:Jane Ellis, Andrew Moorhouse **Live Streaming:** Rachel Watson**Intercessions:**

Margaret Maclagan

Offertory:**Morning Tea:**

Joy Coulter, Vince Moreton

Sacristan:

Simon Green

Sacristy:

Shirley Richards

Flowers:

Toni Stewart

Please pray for...**The Sick:**

Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, John McNally, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Bert Riseley, Shirley Kember.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Matt Head, Geraldine Mullions, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Mary Lazarus, Ongloon Yee, Raylene Coochey, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

Anniversaries: (Sat) Jenny Harrison (Priest)

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This Sunday	The Sunday after the Ascension
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Mass
Monday	Apolo Kivebulaya of Uganda, Priest and Missionary, 1933
12:35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
Wednesday	Justin, Martyr at Rome, c 165
12:35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Feria
12:35 pm	Mass
Friday	The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886
12:35 pm	Mass
Saturday	Feria
Next Sunday	The Day of Pentecost
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Mass

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