

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 6 October 2024

OT 27

Liturgy: p.456

Greetings:

This week we had a choice of themes; the 27th week in Ordinary Time, and the Feast of Dedication/Consecration. While I have chosen the former (we don't get to preach on Mark very often) the Feast of Dedication has an interesting history.

The reading from John 10 suggests that this festival is the Feast of Hannukah (Lights) when Jews celebrate the rededication of the Temple after it was liberated from Syrian occupation during the Maccabean Revolt. This is the time when Jews light the candles of the *menorah* (nine headed candelabra) over an eight-day period, remembering a miracle at the time of the liberation when the candles of the Temple burned continuously for eight days without fuel. The Jewish festival is usually celebrated in early December or late November.

Our reading tells us that Jesus is walking in the Temple, in the portico of Solomon. He is asked by Jewish leaders to say plainly if He is the Messiah. He responds by saying: "I have told you and you do not believe." Several commentators feel that this day should therefore be called

'Messiah Day.' I note that this feast has been in our calendar since the 1600's, but I prefer our Christian tradition of celebrating the Transfiguration (6 August) because it immediately follows Peter's declaration of that fact.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 6 October 2024

Sentence:

Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. *Mark 10:15*

Collect:

Almighty God, You have created families and love of every kind. Give us courage to listen to each other and to learn; grant us the gentle blessing which a home can give. Praise to You our God; You answer prayer. Amen.

OT Reading *Genesis 2: 18-24*

NT Reading *Hebrews 1: 1-4 and 2:5-12*

Gospel *Mark 10: 2-16*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the Anglican Church in Melanesia and for Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o te Wheke: Bishop Ngarahu Katene & the Rohe of Tauranga, Te Puke, Whakatāne / Ruatoki, Te Kaha, Ohinemutu, Te Ngae, Murupara, Taupō.

We pray also for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Reece, Viv, James F, Hazel, Lynda, Lawrence, Adam, Sheryl T.

Prayers for World Peace

Tauranga Moana Interfaith Council is once again hosting the Prayers for World Peace this year. This will be held on Tuesday October 15th at 7 pm at the Wesley Methodist Church, 100 Thirteenth Ave. Sue Genner is looking for volunteers to assist with the Anglican section of the evening. Please email or text Sue if you are interested. We have some volunteers from the Mount Parish already.

This Week Beginning: 7 October

Tuesday 7.00 pm St John's Women's Fellowship meeting

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Eucharist
2.00 pm SAYGo
3.15 pm Service at Radius Matua

Friday 9.00 am Senior Chef

Op Shop 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday
10.00 am - 1.00 pm Saturday

Playgroup Closed for school holidays

Toy Library 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Service for Sunday 13 October –

9.30 am Holy Communion

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