



SAINTS A & A



## **Worship@Home Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May Meeting by Zoom Saints A & A**

Saints A & A Worship Service Zoom Meeting

Time: Sundays 9am – 11am (service actual 9:30 – 10:30am)

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**9:00am - 9:25am Welcome and settling in ...** *you are welcome to grab a cuppa and bring it into our service by getting your own ☺ so as not to bust the bubble.*



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020**  
**Saints A & A**

**Birkenhead Northcote**

**Aotearoa New Zealand**

A bicycle full of flowers is a pretty ineffective form of transportation. On the other hand, if you insist on filling

your bicycle baskets with groceries you will have no room for flowers.

*How have you given an item new life by reimagining its purpose?*

*How have you given yourself new life by reimagining your purpose?*

**We are joined as one ‘fellowship’ in worship, sharing in hospitality we the people of Saints Aidans and Andrews and beyond.**

**With this Contemplative Service you are invited to have:**

1. A journal to write in
2. Three Candles with your usual weekly candle
3. A Bowl of water

**9:30am Gathering song: Jesu Jesu**

### **Welcoming Space**

As a workman gathers his tools  
 As a poet gathers her images  
 As a musician gathers his band  
 As a scholar gathers her arguments  
 As a writer gathers his stories  
 As a preacher gathers her texts  
**So God gathers people for service.**

And together we make this a sacred time a welcoming place by greeting each other in our own languages .

**Haere Mai, Aere mai, hwan-yeong, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Afio mai, Ulu tonu mai, Talofa Lava, Foon Ying, Selamat Datang, Vitajte, Welkom, Welcome**

May we continue to create here a circle of love,  
 ever expanding,  
 ever growing.

A place of wisdom.

A place of connection.

A place of  
 hope.

**Let us light our community candle – the  
 community of God.**



### **Practicing Lectio Divina**

**“Speak Lord; your servant is listening” 1 Sam 3:10**

God speaks to us in many ways: nature, people, and events... In listening to God in prayer, Scripture is one means of listening to the Spirit. What the text meant to the original writers/ hearers, to others throughout history, may be insightful – but it can also distract from what the Spirit is saying to us **now**.

This is not trying to preach mental sermons to ourselves, nor discover insights that will be helpful to others. In any relationship, there is a great difference between hearing the words and really listening. So being attentive in this form of prayer is essential. Inner quiet, relaxation, attentiveness, total honesty: “God I feel bored, angry, excited, scared...”

Use only a small passage of scripture. This is not drinking beer it is sipping a beautiful wine. Taste God’s goodness. Ignatius of Loyola called this form of prayer an “application of the senses”.

This morning we are to use the same passage three times. You are invited to rest on the words that speak to you. Where God speaks with you. Savouring one phrase, one word. Resting “like a child quieted at its mother’s breast” (Ps 131:2) Scripture is food. It needs to be taken in, chewed over, tasted, savoured to be nourishing.

We will be listen to and dwelling on Acts 1:6-14, read it tonight before you go to bed, go to sleep with it, wake up with it...

Use imagination, picture the scene, become involved, “with whom do I identify? “That person is me” (2 Sam 12:7) Read very slowly. Ponder. Read aloud. Repeat. Read, ruminate (reflect) respond (promise), rest. If a word or phrase touches your heart, write it down, savour it, repeat it, rest in it, return to it in a later prayer period, carry it in your heart for the rest of the day – for the rest of your life. Don’t hurry. don’t try to look for lessons or profound thoughts.

### **Reading Acts 1:6-14**

- someone to read out loud
- Write down what comes to mind
- Light a candle for the thing you heard the loudest
- Reflection –

### **Reading Acts 1:6-14**

- someone to read out loud
- Look at what you wrote down – meditate upon it
- Light a candle for what you heard in meditation
- Reflection -

### **Reading Acts 1:6-14**

- someone to read out loud
- Write in your own words what you have heard
- Light a candle for the promise in what you have heard
- Reflection –

Listening Response:

May we today be touched by grace.  
May we move beyond viewing this life only through a frame,

Women: **but touch and be touched by it,**

Men: **know it and be known by it,**

Together: **Love it, and be loved by it.**<sup>i</sup>

And so we ponder upon the light from our candles, the Light of the world we remember in our –

**Prayers for others**

**The 'Abba' Prayer:**

*You are invited to pray in the spirit of the Abba/Lord's Prayer, and in your original language, as that is appropriate*

**Most compassionate Life-giver,  
may we honour and praise you:  
may we work with you to establish  
your new order of justice, peace and love.**

**Give us what we need for growth,  
and help us, through forgiving others,  
to accept forgiveness.**

**Strengthen us in the time of testing,  
that we may resist all evil.  
For all the tenderness,  
strength and love are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**<sup>ii</sup>

**Singing our way home:** I am the light of the World

## Words of Blessing

Let us embrace the wonder of this week with expectation and imagination...

*The Community Candle is extinguished*

Be still...

And let nature's peace wash over you...

like waves lapping over stones  
smoothing rough edges of insurmountable worries  
to tiny insignificant grains of sand,  
leaving smooth shining love.

May you be wholly present in your own life,  
ready to be surprised by the wonder  
of each ordinary moment.

Go in peace.

May the earth be warm under your feet,  
the rain bring the gentle flowers of the bush bright around you,  
and the wind blows as the breath of the Spirit before you.

**Amene. May it be so.**

## NOTICES –

**Birthdays and anniversaries**

**Significant events**

**Greetings to one another**

Following you are welcome to sign off or as has been happening the last couple of times a number of folks have just stayed on and chatted ... Just like on Sunday some have to get go and others stay.

## **Acts 1:6-14 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

<sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk<sup>[a]</sup> from the city. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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<sup>i</sup> (*Chinook Psalter/ep*)

<sup>ii</sup> (William L. Wallace)