



SAINTS A & A



Worship@Home Sunday 3rd 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 3rd May 2020
Saints A & A

Birkenhead Northcote

Aotearoa New Zealand

"When we work with love we renew the spirit; that renewal is an act of self-love, it nurtures our growth." - bell hooks

How do you renew your spirit through acts of love?

9:30am Gathering song:

- **If you're happy and you know it**
- **I sing the mighty power of God**

Welcoming Space

Among us the spirit of Creativity God conceives new life

And we feel the life within us.

In our history Jesus the Sage makes gentle entry

And we see the light before us.

Within our dreams the truth of our God is revealed

We await the hope of the world.

At times our own light goes out
 and is rekindled by a spark from another person.
 Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude
 of those who have lighted the flame within us.¹

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



You are invited ...

Breathe deeply... unclench your hands
and let your shoulders and neck relax.
Allow your face muscles to relax and sit comfortable,
You are connected with those
who wish for you, wellness.
(Silence)

Today is the beginning of the rest of our lives
and the world awaits the emerging wonders
we are and will yet be.
(Silence)

Deep peace to you all.ⁱⁱ

Singing: put peace into each other's hands

Chat rooms for 2min – “The peace of Christ be with you”

Reflections on life with COVID-19 – other parts of the world

Reading: Matthew 26:17-30 Speed Sketch

Reflective song: Come taste the goodness of the Lord

Celebrating the Eucharist

We bring our offerings of bread and wine ourselves and all we have for the
celebration of life in our homes and beyond.

Spirit of God, among the streets of business
and in places of healing and learning:
May the face of the earth be renewed.

Among the new opportunities
and in the grassless paddocks:
May the face of the earth be renewed.

Among the tired and broken families:
May the face of the earth be renewed.

Among these people and with these gifts:
May the face of the earth be renewed.

At our tables we give thanks for justice, love, peace and freedom.

MEN: *At our table we give thanks for friends and strangers together in community.*

Women: *At our table we make a place and welcome all ages and graces.*

We give thanks for the unfolding of matter, mind, intelligence, and life that has brought us to this moment in time.

We celebrate our common origin with everything that exists.

We celebrate the mystery we experience and address as 'God', ground and sustainer of everything that exists, in whom we live and move and have our being. We acknowledge this mystery embodied in every human person, aware that each one of us gives God unique and personal expression.

God is everywhere present.

In grace-filled moments of sharing.

In carefully created communities of loving solidarity.

We are one with everything, living and non-living, on this planet and throughout the universe.

Connected.

Interrelated.

Interdependent.

We remember the stories from our tradition ...

How on many occasions Jesus would share a meal with friends.

Bread and wine shared in community.

For everyone born, there is a place at the table ...

How the bread would be taken, a blessing offered, and then shared between them.

And all of them ate.

How some wine would be poured out, a blessing offered, and then passed between them.

And all of them drank.

The bread and the wine symbolised human lives interconnected with other human lives, and the power of giving and receiving.

May the passion for life as seen in Jesus, and in the lives and struggles of many other committed and faithful people then and now, enable us to be bold to dream and risk ...

Together may we re-imagine the world.

Together may we work to make all things new.

Together may we celebrate the possibilities and hope we each have and are called to share.

For everyone born, a place at the table ...

Bread and Wine (*you will be breaking your bread and pouring wine in your home at your table*)

We break the bread for the broken earth,
ravaged and plundered for greed.

May there be healing of our beautiful blue and green planet.

We break this bread for our broken humanity,
for the powerful and the powerless
trapped by exploitation and oppression.

May there be the healing of humanity.

We break this bread
for the unhealed hurts and wounds that lie within us all.

May we be healed.

Wine is poured.

This is the cup of peace and of new life for all.

A sign of love for the community of hope.

**A reminder of the call to live fully,
to love wastefully, and
to be all that we can be.**

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

Holy Being,

whom we call by many different names,

Blessed are you.

Blessed are we in you.

May we create with you a realm of mercy, peace and justice.

May love be done in the here and now as it is in the infinite.

May we share life in bread and hope.

For our failures to love, we need forgiveness.

May we find the paths of reconciliation.

In the midst of evil's every incarnation,

From the powers that possess our spirits and our structures,

May we find liberation.

In the power that is love, we seek to live and move and have our being.

May it be so, now and forever. ⁱⁱⁱ

The Communion

To eat and drink together reminds us

of the deeper aspects of human fellowship,

from time immemorial

the sharing of bread and wine

has been the most universal of all symbols of community.

In our own homes at our own tables this day we celebrate community not absent from each other but present in spirit (and virtual reality) Bread and wine for the journey.

Concluding Song: Shine Jesus shine

Words of Blessing

Fall in love with living
 Wrestling with the chaos and the pain
 Within yourself and within the world.
 Join the celebration of life,
 Dancing with the angels and the clowns.
 And may the God of peace and joy,
 Who is continually making all things new,
 Embrace you
 As a partner
 In the divine creating.^{iv}
Amen! May it be so!

NOTICES –

Birthdays and anniversaries
Significant events
Greetings to one another

Following the singing and blessing 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.



NEXT WEEK - May 10th

Mothering Sunday,
Mothers day.

Matthew 26:17-30 New
Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Passover with the Disciples

¹⁷ On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸ He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

²⁰ When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve;ⁱ ²¹ and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²² And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” ²³ He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” ²⁵ Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

The Institution of the Lord’s Supper

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is my blood of theⁱⁱ covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

³⁰ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

ⁱ (Albert Schweitzer)

ⁱⁱ (Adapted. Rob Kleinheksel/C3Exchange, 2012)

ⁱⁱⁱ (Nancy L Steeves)

^{iv} (Joyce Boyce-Tillman/wb)