



SAINTS A & A



Sunday 12th July 2020

Saints A & A

Birkenhead Northcote

Aotearoa New Zealand

Matariki

9:30am @ St Andrews

Gong is sounded three times

Singing: Thank you for giving me this morning

Welcome and singing:

'Today is a day the Lord has made',
says an old religious writer,
'let us therefore rejoice and be glad in it'.
It is indeed!

For it is a sacred time, this.

And a sacred place, this.

So let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

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

Singing: Silver and Gold have I none

Welcoming Space: *Lighting the community candle*

We light this flame to affirm
that new truth is ever waiting
to break through to illumine our minds,
May we be always open
to the rich possibilities
such an experience brings us

Singing: Come alive, come alive in the joy of the Lord'

Prayer:

Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

"Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church."

Reflections:

Offertory/Singing: Christ be our light

Offertory prayer :

Collaborating God, you call us to join in the work of love in the world equipped with all we need to be co-creators. As you are unreservedly generous, may we also be generous of hand, heart, voice and mind. We return a portion of all your gifts, we pray they will be used for your unending love, as we again commit ourselves to collaborating with you, seeking abundant life for all. **Amen.**

Prayers for others:

Following with: "Spirit of Life"ⁱ

Out of the ordinariness of the bare earth,
you brought the extra ordinariness of human life
Your spirit lives within us, O God.

In the ordinariness of the bare earth
we plant grain from last year's harvest
Your spirit lives within us, O God.

Out of the ordinariness of water
comes the life of the seed
Your spirit lives within the water, O God.

In human life and in the life of the seed
lies the life of this community
Your spirit lives within this community, O God.

From the life of God
comes creation and recreation
Your spirit lives within creation, O God.

Out of the heart of God comes peace and hope
Your spirit lives within us, O God.

Singing: I the Lord of sea and sky

Notices / Celebrations:

Singing: Shine Jesus shine

Sending out:

E hoa ma, Friends lets us go now in joy and service –
Scattering like tiny seeds.
Trusting that we are in the right place.
Rooted in the soil of infinite love.
Accepting the invitation to emerge.
Breaking up the pavement of war and oppression.
And blooming in joyful bunches.
We are the irrepressible weeds of peace. Amene.

Finish with singing as background: Shine Jesus shine

NOTICES – for ALL folk of Saints A & A and beyond**Tuesday** @ 10:30am ET St Aidans**Wednesday** @ 7:15am Parish Council St Aidans**NEXT WEEKS SERVICE:** @ our respective Churches followed by Congregational Meetings.**Thank you to those who participated in the Consultation process:**

- **Due to the conversations through the consultation another paper is** being drawn up for the Congregational meetings Sunday 19th July.

NOTICE: Congregational meetings for St Andrews and St Aidans in their respective worship centres 19th July 2020.**NEWSLETTER** – is now ready for distribution**ZOOM will be operating each and every Sunday for those far-away and close-by:**

Topic: Saints A & A Worship Service

Time: 9am – 11am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81451789516?pwd=UWkwVVV4RUhrbnFaYmRDOTNKS0Fvdz09>**Meeting ID: 814 5178 9516****Password: 518373**

Dial by your location

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Matthew 13:1-23 New International Version (NIV)

The Parable of the Sower

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

¹⁰The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?”

¹¹He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. ¹²Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ¹³This is why I speak to them in parables: “Though seeing, they do not see;

though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

¹⁴In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

¹⁵For this people’s heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,

and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,

hear with their ears,

understand with their hearts

and turn, and I would heal them.' ^[a]

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. ¹⁷ For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Organ Recital

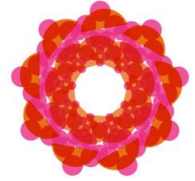
Rebecca-Soojung Lee

**Sunday 19 July 4pm
Takapuna Methodist
Church**

427 Lake Road Takapuna

Entry by programme, suggested donation \$25
Proceeds to organ refurbishment. All welcome.

INTERFAITH
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FOOD**



The Mountains *of Life*

Soul Food is a 1 hour program celebrating our diversity, where people of all backgrounds and religions can come together to reflect on the common threads and principles that tie all of humanity together.

The program is free and includes live music, audio-visual pieces readings and prayers from different faiths and philosophers, poets and indigenous cultures from all over the world.

Saturday, 18 July 4.30 pm

Ellen Melville Centre, 2 Freyberg Place, Auckland CBD (off High Str)

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ⁱ By Pam Wyley. **Gentle Rain on Parched Earth/89.**