



St. Barnabas Roseneath

Sunday Eucharist

Sunday 19th May 2024 The Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)
Te Rā o te Petekoha / Penetiko (Fijian)

WELCOME

Welcome to Mass today. It is the Day of Pentecost, when we remember the Holy Spirit coming upon the Disciples for the first time. We also hear the story in Ezekiel of the dry bones coming to life. We might like to pray:

*Almighty God,
at the feast of Pentecost
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness
to preach the gospel;
send us out in the power of the same Spirit
to witness to your redeeming love
and draw all people to you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.*



Together in Prayer, Melani Pyke, Canada

Vestry met on Monday 13 May and discussed recent and upcoming events; fundraising, planning and publicity for the 125 year anniversary; zooming of services and ongoing website improvements (including the addition of written sermons). Finances were also discussed: the monthly accounts and financial position, costs for external users of hall and church, plumbing work on recent water leak, upcoming vicarage maintenance, and upcoming sewer maintenance. Approved minutes are available from Carole Hicks on request.

Winter Wednesdays continue on 22nd May 4pm to 5.30pm in the lounge, week 2 of 6. The group starts with drinks and snacks, and then discusses a chapter of the book 'The Undoing of Death' by Fleming Rutledge. All are welcome. Please contact Kathryn Ennis-Carter or Rev Cath if you are interested, or turn up on the day.

Alex Johnston and Kate Day (part of the wider Diocese) lead an organisation called **Common Grace Aotearoa**. Please think about signing up to their email distribution list to join in their work of challenging unjust structures. Current issues are climate and creation injustice, economic injustice and Te Tiriti injustice. They say: "we advocate together in many varied and creative ways. We raise awareness in our communities, we meet with leaders and MPs, we engage in letter-writing campaigns, and we sign petitions. In doing so, we seek to confidently and graciously influence the attitudes, beliefs, and policies of those in power, whose decisions can help create a more just future." <https://www.commongrace.nz/involved>; or contact@commongrace.nz

Please contact Kay if you would like to have a role on Sunday rosters kantabkay@gmail.com; please contact Rev Cath if you would like to be involved in the parish in other ways priestatroseneath@gmail.com; please contact Toni office@stpeterwillis.org if you would like to be on the parish email distribution list (to receive weekly emails of the pewsheets).

Rev Cath's St Barnabas days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. If you would like to catch up for a cuppa and chat or prayer please contact me, 0212 952 150 or priestatroseneath@gmail.com.

Dates Coming Up:

22nd May (Wednesday) 4-5.30pm: Week 2 of 6 Winter Wednesdays in the lounge
9th June (Sunday) 10am: St Barnabas Day plus celebratory morning tea
16th/17th November: St Barnabas 125th Anniversary Celebrations

Love and blessings,
Rev Cath

The Readings

A Reading from the Prophecy of Ezekiel Chapter 37 Verses 1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' 4 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' 7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11 Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." 12 Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Hear what the spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 104

Send out your spi-rit O Lord, and re - new the face_ of the earth.



- 1 May your glory O Lord endure for ever:
may you rejoice O Lord in your works.
When you look at the earth it trembles:
when you touch the mountains they smoke. R
- 2 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May my meditation please the Lord
as I show my joy in God. R
- 3 Let sinners vanish from the earth:
and the wicked come to an end.
Bless the Lord O my soul:
O praise the Lord. R

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2, Verses 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own

native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ 13 But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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Gradual Hymn

Wairua Tapu, kuhu mai,	<i>(Holy Spirit, welcome</i>
nau mai ki konei.	<i>You are welcome here</i>
Wairua Tapu arahia,	<i>Guide us, Holy Spirit</i>
kōrero mai anō.	<i>Speak to us again)</i>

Gospel Acclamation



All Alleluia!

Cantor Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful:
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

All Alleluia!

Te Rongopai Tapu ki te ritenga a Hoani 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Te whakamoemiti, te korōria ki te Atua

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. 27 You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. 4 But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. ‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: 9 about sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; 11 about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 12 ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Te Rongopai tēnei a te karaiti

Whakamoemititia ia, te kupu Mana

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Ezekiel 37.1-14.

Ezekiel was the son of a priest in the temple at Jerusalem and was possibly himself a priest. When Jerusalem surrendered to Babylon in 598 BC Ezekiel was one of that unhappy group who made the tortuous trek to Mesopotamia. Some of those who survived were settled by the Canal Chebar where the Jewish community of exiles eked out a bare existence. In 593, during a thunderstorm, Ezekiel had a vision of God and received the call to be a prophet (Ezekiel, Chapters 1-3), a reluctant prophet who was subject to visionary trances. Experiencing great personal sorrow with the death of his wife he was a true pastor to the exiles in Babylon. He had spoken words of warning before the fall of Jerusalem, but in exile he looked to the future with great hope. Today's reading comes to us from that time. The prophet had been gripped by the power of God and brought, in a trance, to a valley, perhaps the plain of Ezekiel 3.22, which had been a vast battlefield, strewn everywhere with the bones of men long dead. The bones are the exiles, who have no more hope of resuscitating the kingdom of Israel than of putting flesh on a skeleton and calling it to life. But Ezekiel was commanded to prophesy, to address the people and call them to hear God's word; the power of the prophet, speaking authentically, is such that even dead men's bones can be quickened (verse 4). Ezekiel was commanded to prophesy again "to the breath" (verse 8). "Breath" here as in verse 9 translates the Hebrew word "ruah" which means "spirit", "breath" or "wind"; it is the word used in Genesis 2.7 when God breathed life into the man formed from the dust of the ground, creating a living person. The "four winds" of verse 9 refers to God's omnipresence. The bones represent Israel (verse 11); there is no suggestion of the resurrection of the individual here, it is the nation which is to be brought to life. The content of death is despair, hopelessness, the sense of being "cut off completely" (verse 11). But Israel is to rise from this state to become the living community of the future (verses 12-14), to those things which constitute true life. All this is the work of the spirit of God. We can see from this powerful vision how the work of Ezekiel brought the exiles from death to life.

Psalms 104.25-35,36b.

This is a wonderful psalm glorifying God for the creative work of his spirit. It is an early psalm and draws on material from Babylonian, Iranian and Egyptian sources. Note the triumphant joy which echoes throughout this psalm, reflecting the great joy of God in all his creation.

Acts 2.1-21.

Pentecost, meaning "fiftieth", is the Greek term for the Jewish Feast of Weeks which fell on the fiftieth day after the ceremony of the barley leaf, which was

associated with Passover and marked the beginning of the grain harvest. Originally a harvest festival, Pentecost came increasingly to celebrate the giving of the Law and was a major Jewish feast, second only to Passover, which is why there were Jewish people present in Jerusalem from all over the known world. There were other instances of the outpouring of the Spirit on the infant Church, but Luke emphasises this occasion as a replacement for, or a fulfilling of, the giving of the Law. The words of the apostles were understood by all present, so the "tongues" of verse 4 were not the ecstatic utterances common in some Pentecostal groups, but more a reversal of the confusion of Babel (Genesis 11.1-9). It is possible, however, that those who heard the message from the apostles responded by "speaking in tongues" which may have led to the sneering comment in verse 13 and provided Peter with his witty segue in verse 15. The quotation from the prophet Joel in verses 17-21 (Joel 2.28-32) is from the Septuagint version. Joel prophesied somewhere between 400 and 350 BC following a plague of locusts which devastated the land of Judah. After a vivid description of the plague (Joel 1.2-2.20) the prophet summoned the people to repentance and a solemn fast in stirring words we use each day on Ash Wednesday. Repentance, Joel believed, would be followed by forgiveness, rain and abundant growth. Then God would pour out his spirit on all flesh before the coming of the day of the Lord when Jerusalem would be restored and the Lord would be the hope of his people. Peter's speech therefore announces a new age, inaugurated by the sending of the Spirit.

John 15.26-27;16.4b-15.

The Spirit is spoken of as an Advocate, a witness, an advisor or an advocate in a legal sense. It translates the Greek word "paracletos" which signifies "one who is called to one's side" as a helper, a legal advocate or a counsellor. In the King James version the word used was "Comforter", which followed Wyclif's translation where he understood it as meaning "strengthened" (confortator) rather than consoler. It is to the disciples' advantage that Jesus will return to the Father so that the Advocate will be with them, to lead them "into all the truth" (verse 13).

*God of mission,
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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Kathryn Ennis-Carter
Mark Williams
Janet Russell
Carole Hicks
Steph Williams
Steph & Mark Williams
Ian Burgess

Next week
Rev Cath Growcott
Raewyn Berkahn
Ian Raistrick
Ian Burgess
Janet Brown
Rosemary Collins
Ann Loveridge
Maureen & Laurie Bond
Carole Hicks

Next Week readings:
Trinity Sunday :
1st Sunday after
Pentecost
/Te Rātapu o Te
Tokotoru
Isa 6:1-8
Ps 29
Rom 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

SERVICES AND PROGRAMMES

Sundays 10.00 am Mass (Healing 2nd Sunday) available on ZOOM Meeting ID: 546 227 7676
Sunday School (yr 1-6) during 10am Mass (except during school holidays)

Tuesdays 8pm Compline only on ZOOM
Email michaelvobiscum@gmail.com for the Zoom LINK

Thursdays 6pm Holy Communion

7pm Jnr Youth Group (Yr 7-9)

Fridays 7pm Snr Youth Group (Yr 10-13)

Youth groups both at All Saints Hataitai