

St. Luke's Anglican Church

Where all are welcome!

*If visiting today, we are pleased to share in worship together.
Children are welcome to either remain in our services or use
children's activity packs in the Parish Lounge.
Baby-change facilities are available in the unisex toilet.*



18 April 2021

8am & 10am Holy Communion Services

Thanksgiving for Creation & Redemption—page 456

Presider & Preacher The Reverend Bruce Allport

Liturgist Taine Harvey

Readings

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

Sentence of the Day

Then he said to them,

“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you
—that everything written about me in the law of Moses,
the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”

Luke 24:44

Collect of the Day

Alleluia!

**Holy God, you set the example for us to follow;
as we fulfil your call to care for your world make us
faithful shepherds of your love.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with you,**

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Notices

- ◆ Please continue to be respectful of people's personal space during this time of Covid-19
- ◆ **Friday 23 April ACE BRASS at Rotorua Baptist Church 7.30pm**
—see poster on noticeboard for ticketing details
- ◆ **Sunday 25 April—ANZAC day.** Services as usual with remembrance to our brave ANZACs
- ◆ **Thursday 29 April at 4pm the Anglican Parish of Gate Pā** invites us to remember those who fought and died in the **Battle of Pukehinahina.** See poster on noticeboard for details
- ◆ **Annual Tax Certificates**—please collect from back of the church
- ◆ **Foodbank**—nonperishable items of food are sought and greatly appreciated for this community cause



*Thank
you*

Next Sunday

- ◆ **Thanksgiving & Praise—Page 476**
- ◆ Acts 4:5-12
- ◆ Psalm 23
- ◆ 1 John 3:16-24
- ◆ John 10:11-18

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Meditation 12, Acts 3.12-19, Peter's miracle sermon.

The healing of a lame man and its aftermath.

It was the period just after the Resurrection when the apostles were dealing with the fast developing Church in Jerusalem and Christianity was still regarded as a branch of Judaism. The Christians were meeting in the Temple, in the Stoa of Solomon. This was a long colonnaded area which Josephus says was inside the Beautiful Gate where the lame man habitually sought alms from those entering the Temple. Peter told the man that they did not have silver or gold, but they offered what they had – 'In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth walk' and the man leaped up and began to walk, at the same time he was praising God. The healed man accompanied Peter and John to the stoa all the while leaping and praising God. The noise attracted a crowd and Peter decided to make the most of the opportunity and addressed the people.

First Peter pointed his hearers away from himself to God, the true source of the power of healing; it was not any inherent goodness of the apostles that had achieved the miracle, but the power of God. Peter refers to God as 'The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob', and to Jesus as the Son, thus expressing the continuity of the Old and New Testaments. Peter does not mince his words, it was the Jews who failed to recognize the connection and who were responsible for the betrayal and death of the divine Son. 'You killed the author of life whom God raised from the dead, of whom we are witnesses. It is by faith in this power that this man stands before you completely whole'. As we explore the Acts readings this Eastertide we will notice time and again that the Resurrection is seen as a mighty act of the power of God. It is this power that is shown in the miracles.

The response sought is conversion, expressed here as turning from the old sinful way of life, and repenting. This is not a single act; what is required is a process of repentance and turning towards God as we are filled with the power of the Resurrection.

Reverend Dr Calum Gilmour



THANK YOU to all who have donated to this year's Lenten Appeal.

Your generosity has raised to date \$2,485 for St Luke's, Nablus; \$2,335 for the Diocese of Egypt and \$4,995 for the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Every year, much of the appeal funding comes in during the months after Easter (particularly from parishes) so these totals will grow.



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 please note; his day off is **Monday***