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Liturgist:
Ria Sandberg
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1st Reading:
Isa 51: 1-6
Ps 138
2nd Reading:
Rom 12: 1-8

Gospel:
Matt 16: 13-20
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Sentence Of The Day

Martha said, Yes Lord, I believe that
you are the Messiah, the Son of God,
the one coming into the world.
John 11:27

Collect Of The Day

**Almighty and everlasting God,
by your Spirit the whole body of
the Church is governed and
sanctified; hear the prayer we
offer for all your faithful people,
that in the ministry to which you
have called us we may serve you
in holiness and truth; through our
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

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Readings For The Week

Monday 24 August 2020

Ps 86,117
Gen 28:10-17
John 1:43-51

Tuesday 25 August 2020

Ps (87);89:1-18
2 Sam 5:1-12
Acts 7:1-16

Wednesday 26 August 2020

Ps 119:105-128
2 Sam 6:1-19
Acts 7:17-43

Thursday 27 August 2020

Ps (90),92
2 Sam 7:1-17
Acts 7:44-53

Friday 28 August 2020

Ps 88,(95)
2 Sam 7:18-end
Acts 7:54-8:3

Saturday 29 August 2020

Ps (96),97,(100)
2 Sam 9
Acts 8:4-25

St Luke's Anglican Church



23 August 2020 Ordinary 21

9am : Holy Communion Services Pg. 476

Presider and Preacher: Rev Anne Chrisp

Liturgist: Ria Sandberg

Reflection for OS21, Sunday August 23 2020.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.13-20 – Peter and the keys of the kingdom.

Last week we left Jesus and the disciples in the region of Tyre and Sidon. This week's Gospel has them at Caesarea Philippi which was their destination. It would appear that Jesus was seeking some quiet away from the crowds of the Galilee mission and the constant requests for healing. Caesarea Philippi is a particularly beautiful area in northern Israel. It is now dedicated as a Nature reserve. The area is at the foot of Mt. Hermon and melting snow feeds numerous springs and streams. It is an ideal place for a group to go and talk together. The question for discussion concerns the identity of Jesus. He asks the disciples who people say He is. Peter has the right answer. *"You are the Christ the Son of the living God."* Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the promised one who fulfils the OT prophesies. He is Son of the living God. God has life in Himself and Jesus can promise that the power of death will never prevail. This leads to the naming of Peter as the Rock – the name means rock. This can be viewed as a prophetic statement by Jesus regarding Peter's future and the shape of the church of the future. This is Jesus' declaration about Peter just as Peter has made a declaration about Jesus and His identity. The church in the same way finds a parallel in the OT congregation as Paul shows at 1 Corinthians 10.1ff. The Gates of Hell will not prevail against it. In the 1st century AD Hades was the place of the ungodly dead. The picture is of the church rock suffering an onslaught of the forces of evil. But Peter has the keys of the kingdom of God and evil cannot prevail.

The authority of binding and loosing brings us to perhaps the most obscure verses in the NT. It is safest to regard the authority as applied to teaching as well as to the forgiveness of sin. The authority is given to Peter (all the verbs are singular), and thus Jesus ensured dependable leadership and development of teaching and personal spiritual growth. What is quite clear is that Jesus intended to found a church and provided an example of community life in the OT church and rock-like leadership. The keys will open the doors to the future as it develops.

Historical Note: The city of Caesarea Philippi in the time of Jesus was the capital of the kingdom of Herod Philip, one of the sons of Herod the Great, and later of Herod Agrippa II. Recent excavations have revealed the foundations of several large buildings and part of the cardo or main street. To the west rising ground held the shrine of Pan and a splendid temple dedicated to the Emperor Augustus.

Reverend Dr Calum Gilmour

This Week

ST LUKES PROGRAMME:

Sunday 23 August 2020

9am Holy Communion

Wednesday 26 August 2020

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 30 August 2020

9am Holy Communion

Notices

Hospital Chaplaincy Quiz Night

The Rotorua Chaplaincy Trust is planning a fundraising quiz night, on September 3rd, 7pm, at the Rotorua Citizens Club, and wonders if St Luke's could put together a table of 8 people, at \$10 a head, all proceeds going to the trust. Are you Interested? Gather some fellow parishioners together for a fun evening! Please send your names into the parish office. And if you can't attend - the trust would appreciate your prayers for the event!

Service Times

A number of responses were received to the question of whether to continue with the 9 am service or return to 8 and 10 o'clock services. In addition, Charmaine Carr and Liz Ryan rang around regular attendees. Both of these indicated that the parish is evenly split in its views. Vestry discussed the quandary last week, and after much discussion on the pros and cons made the decision to continue one service at 9 am, leaving a future resumption of the usual pattern to the new vicar, who may also have other views about worship services. Priest in Charge Rev Anne Chrisp

Upcoming Events



Next Messy Church

To Be advised

Bishop's announcement

Welcome to Bruce & Leanne

Allport: it is traditional to welcome a new vicar with a well-stocked pantry. We plan to buy grocery vouchers - please drop in your cash donations towards this gift to the parish office.

Rev Anne Chrisp

Evensong at St Luke's on Sunday 30 August at 5pm led by the choir, with both traditional and contemporary music (If Covid levels permit)

Sunday 30 August 2020 is Rev Anne Chrisp last Sunday and also her last day at St Luke's. We are hoping to farewell Anne with a morning tea after the 9am service to thank her for her time here as Priest in charge. We are asking that you bring a plate for our morning tea.

Many thanks

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We thank you for your generous contributions.

We are at Level 2:

No singing -

Maintain physical distancing

Keep contact tracing information

No physical contact in sharing the Peace

Communion served as wafer only, standing

No morning tea

Healing at St Luke's

There is an active Healing Group in St Luke's (Order of St Luke the physician). They meet at 12pm in the Chapel on the 4th Sunday of the Month, (from January to November) followed by a shared lunch. About 3 times a year there is a healing service.

All who are interested in Christian Healing are welcome, whether to ask for healing - or to pray for healing for others. There is also anointing for healing (for yourself or someone else) during communion at the 9am service on the first Sunday.

There is also prayer in the chapel at every 9am Service except the first Sunday.

To find out more contact Rev. Gary Husband 2160074

Thought for the week

Be grateful for small things, big things, and everything in between. Count your blessings, not your problems.