

St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 27th April 2025

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Sentence - Jesus said to Thomas 'put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' John 20: 27

Collect - Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked: draw us beyond our doubts, so that we may see Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. We ask through Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit	398 Alleluia, alleluia! hearts to heaven
Gradual	4 Here in this place
Offertory	466 For the bread which you have broken
Closing	417 Thine be the glory! risen conquering Son

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 27th April

First Reading - Acts 5: 27-32

Epistle - Revelation 1: 4-8

Gospel - John 20: 19-31

Readers - Marion and Gaylene

Acts 5: 27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Revelation 1: 4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; eye will see him, those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Jesus and Thomas but Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of

the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

We remember in our prayers – those people in our parish in need of prayer. We remember Lyn and Megan. We also remember residents and parishioners in Trafalgar Road, Waterloo Road, Wolsey Avenue, Shakespeare Road, Aberdeen Road, Beach Road, Bevyn Street, Braemar Road.

Readings for next Sunday 4th May

First Reading - Acts 9: 1-6

Epistle - Revelations 5: 11-14

Gospel - John 21: 1-19

Readers - Megan and Karen

Next Week

Tuesday 29 th	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 30 th	Holy Communion at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 1 st	10.00am Mainly Music. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 4 th	Holy Communion 9.30am.



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