

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

Sunday 9th March 2025

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Sentence - Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him. Luke 4:8

Collect - O saving God, who led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land: and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life: so guide us that, following our Saviour, we may walk through the wilderness of this world and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Introit	183 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus
Gradual	381 Forty days and forty nights
Offertory	640 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
Closing	23 All creatures of our God and king

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 9th March

First Reading - Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Epistle - Romans 10: 8b-13

Gospel - Luke 4: 1-13

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

“When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.”

Romans 10: 8b-13

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, “No one who believe in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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 Linwood Avenue, Lyttleton Avenue, Madison Place, Meadowvale Avenue, Merrifield Avenue, Newport Place, Nile Road.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 11th	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 12th	Holy Communion at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 13th	Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 16th	8.00am - Holy Communion 9.30am - Holy Communion

St Paul's AGM - Sunday 30th March

Our AGM will take place during the 9.30am Service.

Readings for next Sunday 16th March

First Reading - Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Epistle - Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel - Luke 13: 31-35

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

IMPORTANT NOTICE

At this stage Sunday 23rd March will be the last 8am service at St Paul's. This service will go into recess until further notice. This is due to the decline in numbers and there being no organist available to play at this service.