

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

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

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<b>Introit</b>	This is my desire to honour you
<b>Gradual</b>	All over the world the spirit is moving
<b>Offertory</b>	Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
<b>Closing</b>	Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

**9.30am** - Spring Liturgy

## **Readings for today Sunday 14th September**

First Reading - Genesis 1: 11-13, 20-31

Gospel - John 12: 20-33

Reader - Chris and Christine

## Genesis 1: 11-13, 20-31

Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

## John 12: 20-33

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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 Newport Place, Nile Road, Pax Avenue, Quebec Road, Raines Avenue, Regal Place, Seine Road, Trevone Place.

**Dates for your diaries** – more information to follow.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Quiz night in the parish hall.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 11.30am - Op Shop thank you

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December - High tea 2.30pm.

## Readings for next Sunday 21st September

First Reading - Jeremiah 8: 18-9:1

Epistle - 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

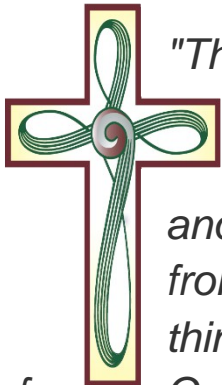
Gospel - Luke 16: 1-13

Readers - Megan and Gaylene

## Next Week

Tuesday 16th	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 17th	Holy Communion at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 18th	Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 21st	Holy Communion 9.30am.

*The Koru Cross ~ designed by Fr Mike Coleman, Christchurch.*



*"The Koru Cross brings together two images from our beautiful New Zealand nature. Koru, or baby fern frond, symbolizes new life and growth. Flax represents welcoming, respecting and caring. The koru in the cross speaks of new life coming from God. From the centre of the koru flows God's life to all things. People are created by God; they are renewed by the Son of God, Jesus. The koru connects to flax. As we are welcomed, loved and cared for by God, so we show this kindness and care to those around us. The three strands running through the entwined flax depict Father (Matua), Son (Ihu Karaiti), Holy Spirit (Wairua Tapu) flowing through every aspect of our life. The flax winds its way back to the centre of the koru; we begin and end in God."*

## **Gathering:**

This is my desire to honour you  
Lord, with all my heart I worship you  
All I have within me I give You praise  
All that I adore is in you  
Lord I give you my heart  
I give you my soul  
I live for you alone  
Every breath that I take  
Every moment I'm awake  
Lord have Your way in me

This is my desire to honour you  
Lord, with all my heart I worship you  
All I have within me I give You praise  
All that I adore is in you  
Lord I give you my heart  
I give you my soul  
I live for you alone  
Every breath that I take  
Every moment I'm awake  
Lord have Your way in me

## **Gradual:**

All over the world the Spirit is moving  
All over the world as the prophets said it would be  
All over the world there's a mighty revelation  
Of the glory of the Lord  
As the waters cover the sea

All over the church the spirit is moving  
All over the church as the prophets said it would be  
All over the church there's a mighty revelation  
Of the glory of the Lord  
As the waters cover the sea

All over us all the spirit is moving  
All over us all as the prophets  
said it would be  
All over us all there's a mighty revelation  
Of the glory of the Lord  
As the waters cover the sea

## **Offertory:**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changes not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with 10,000 beside  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

## **Sending out:**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;  
His holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore!