

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7th Sunday of Easter



Taken by Trish Gosper at Catalina Bay, Hobsonville Point

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Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I was contemplating what to write in notes for this newsletter and thought about this being **Ascension Day** (14th May), my mind kept drifting back to Maya Angelou, one of my favourite writers. In *Wouldn't Take for My Journey Now*, she recalls her memories of her grandmother (Mamma), who raised her and her siblings in the little town in Arkansas. Angelou witnessed Mamma's difficult life caused her to rely utterly on the power of God. Angelou writes; "*Mamma would clasp her hands behind her back, look up into a distant sky and declare, 'I will step out on the word of God'.*" She continues; "*I could see her flung into space, moons at her feet and stars at her head, comets swirling around her. Naturally it wasn't difficult for me to have faith. I grew up knowing that the word of God has power.*"

I can clearly visualize the scene; the little girl deepening her faith by observing how Mamma looks up into a distant sky! It may be coincidence, but I found it quite fascinating to know that Angelou left this planet just one day before the Ascension Day in 2014.

The photo on the cover of this newsletter was taken by Trish Gosper this week. It was sent when I was looking for an appropriate image for Ascension Day (without being fully aware of what I was doing)! The photo captures the image of Ascension so beautifully!

Have a blessed Ascension Day!

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events

Our next **Settler's Morning Tea** will be happening **Wednesday, 20th May at 10 am** at Settler's Lounge.

Space Programme

This year, our whanau is fairly large, consisting of 19 families. It is ethnically and culturally diverse (Pakeha, Chinese, Thailand, Japanese, Bulgarians, Fijians, Indians...) I enjoy getting to know each one. One of the participants was raised in Hiroshima (her mum is from there) and I enjoy having a conversation in Hiroshima dialect with her!

We pray for:

- Bishop Ross who has had to return to New Zealand early from his sabbatical because of an injury his wife suffered while they were in the UK.
- Farmers, fishermen, and workers whose livelihoods are being squeezed by rising costs, that they would be sustained and protected;
- peace in the Middle East, and that the wider human cost of conflict would not be overlooked by the world.

This Week's Bible Question

1. What was the specific place from which Jesus ascended into heaven after His resurrection?

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| A. Mount Sinai | B. Garden of Gethsemane |
| C. Sea of Galilee | D. Mount of Olives |

Ascension Day Quiz

Who appeared beside the disciples as they were watching Jesus taken up into the sky?

- A. Moses and Elijah B. Lucifer
C. An angel of the Lord D: 2 men dressed in white

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Immortal, Invisible
Gospel: Lord of the dance
Offertory: Be still
Recession: I, the Lord of sea and sky

Sentence for the day

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Readings

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
1 st Reading:	Acts 1:6-14	Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm	68:1-10,32-35	-----
2 nd Reading:	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	-----
Gospel:	John 17:1-11	TBA

Summary of the Scriptures

1st Reading: Luke's 2nd account of the ascension of Christ occurs at the time of the Jewish feast of Pentecost. Here, it marks a new chapter in the early church's mission.

2nd Reading: Peter encourages the Christians as they face derision and hardship during Nero's persecution.

Gospel: John explores the unique relationship of Jesus with the Father and the deep desire for unity among the disciples.

Collect for the Day

Redeeming God,

You call us to be one with you, as you are one with Christ.

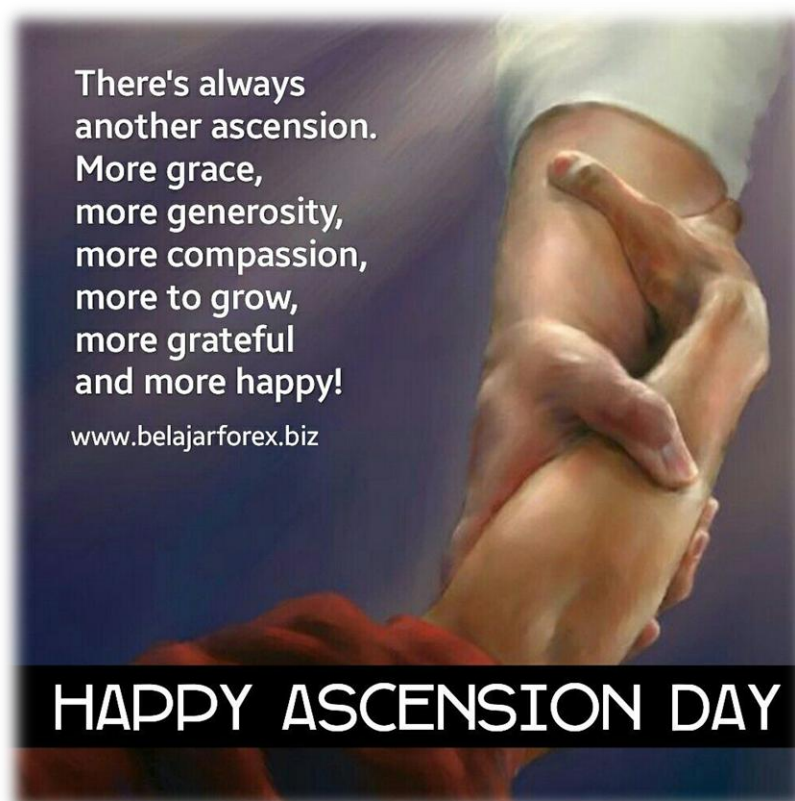
As his perfect love casts out our fear, and change it to love.

Unite us by your Spirit of peace, that we may be one with you,
as you are one with Christ. Amen.

Liturgical Colour: White

This Week's Bible Question Answer: D (Acts: 1:9-11)

Ascension Day Quiz Answer: D (Acts 1:10)



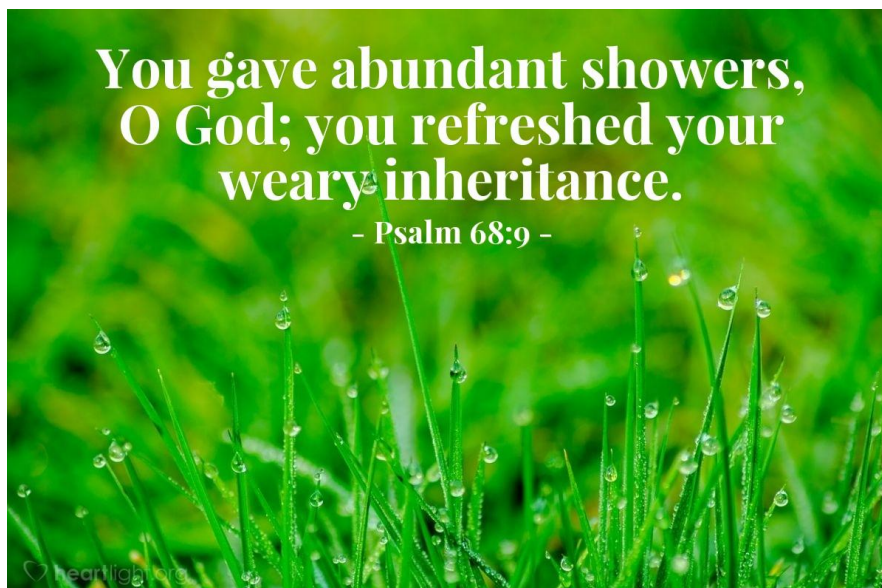
Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
Sacristan	Dorothy S	Karenne
Welcomer	Alison T	Ria
1 Readings	Valarie	-----
2 Readings	John	-----
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Robert	Yukiko
TV Setup & Slides	Christian	Graham
Morning Tea	Karenne & Trish D	Dorothy
Flowers	Diana	Ria
Music	Andrew	Karin

St Michaels

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
Prayers	Bruce	Yukiko
Readings	Brian	Brian
Presiding	Les	Yukiko



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Moments of MAGIC and FANTASY

Claude Debussy · Carl Maria von Weber
Carmen · Joe Hisaishi (Studio Ghibli)

SUNDAY 21 JUNE 6:30 PM

ST AIDAN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
97 ONEWA ROAD, NORTHCOTE
AUCKLAND, 0627

MUSIC BY
TUAKAU TRIO

KARIN KIKUNO *Piano*

GYURI MUN *Flute*

TWILA REID *Cello*



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