

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20th Ordinary time



Taken by Yukiko at Browns Bay

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Notes from Yukiiko's Desk



Dear friends of Christ,

The readings assigned for this Sunday remind us that God's house is open to **all people**. Isaiah glimpsed one united humanity, gather together in God's temple: 'And foreigners who join themselves to the Lord...these I will bring to my holy mountain...for my house shall be called a house of prayer for **all peoples**' (56:6-7). Psalm 67 also repeatedly sings that God's blessings are not restricted to any one group, rather they are for **everyone**. In Romans, Paul assures his readers that God wants to show mercy 'to **all**' (11:32). The theme of Gospel revolves around welcoming of outsider and the inclusivity of Jesus' ministry.

As we look around the world today, we struggle to see the reality of such a promise. The headlines are more about division than unity. Closer to home we know how easily family life can fracture, the tendency for communities to divide, the power of social media to stir up hatred, and the way people are made into scapegoats. Such reality grieves our hearts deeply.

As I was checking the music slides (which Trish Gosper has chosen) for this Sunday at Holy Cross, the second verse of the third song, "**we are many, we are one,**" caught my eyes.

*All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me.*

What a beautiful vision! This song was written by Collin Gibson in Methodist Church in NZ in 1998, but it has been widely used since

then. As we contemplate the readings and worship, let's hope and pray that "*all divisions will be made whole*." The photo of the cover of this newsletter was taken at Browns Bay when I was walking one morning. It was created by someone; the heart shape was made with many shells, which reminded me of the song; "***we are many we are one.***"

Embracing the faith,

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events

The Lord's Prayer in Te Reo this Sunday

We will chant the Lord's Prayer in Te Reo during the communion. Here are three lines for you to learn before this Sunday!

<i>Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga</i>	<i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>
<i>Kia meatia e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua</i>	<i>Thy will be done</i>
<i>Kia rite ano ki te rangi.</i>	<i>On earth, as in heaven</i>

<i>Rangatiratanga:</i> chief, Kingdom	<i>Tae mai:</i> arrive come,	
<i>Meatia:</i> done	<i>pai:</i> good	<i>runga:</i> on
<i>whenua:</i> land, earth	<i>rite:</i> like	<i>rangi:</i> sky, heaven



"Where was your favourite place to play outdoors as a child, and what would be your favourite place outdoors now?" was the question for this week. This discussion reminded us that we are fortunate to have so many outdoor places in Aotearoa.



Settler's Morning Tea: Next meeting: at **10am** Wednesday **19 Aug** at Settler's Lounge.



Do you have a **sewing machine** that is no longer in use? Some of the Albany Senior Highschool students (including Yohane) are involved in the project which needs extra sewing machines. They are making clothes for homeless people. If you can donate an old sewing machine or you can lend them temporarily, please let Yukiko know.

We pray for:

- Truthfulness, discernment, and kindness as New Zealand prepares for a general election, and for all who work to increase engagement and participation in the process.
- Colombia where a 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck; those who have lost their lives, for the persons who are still missing; for the injured, and for the affected families.
- Street whanau living with increased tension, fear, and cold, and the work of agencies who are trying to support their needs despite a lack of emergency housing.

This Week's Bible Question

How did the Canaanite woman address Jesus when she approached him?

- a) Rabbi
- b) Prophet of the Most High
- c) Lord, Son of David
- d) Master

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening:	Praise my soul the wondrous beauty
Gradual:	In the singing in the silence
Offertory:	We are many we are one
Recession:	All my hope on God is founded

Sentence for the day

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. Isaiah 56.1

Readings

	<u>This week</u>	<u>Next week</u>
1 st Reading:	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8	Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalms	67	138
2 nd Reading:	Romans 11:1-2,29-32	Romans 12: 1-8
Gospel:	Matt 15: 21-28	Matt 16:13-20

Summary of the Scriptures

- 1st Reading: God promises that foreigners who join themselves to the Lord will be brought to his holy mountain, for his house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. God's welcome extends to all.
- 2nd Reading: Paul affirms that God has not rejected his people, and that the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable. God's mercy is extended to all.
- Gospel: A Canaanite woman pleads with Jesus on behalf of her tormented daughter. Her persistence and faith move him, and her daughter is healed.

Collect for the Day

God of the nations, to your table all are invited and in your family no one is a stranger. Satisfy the hunger of those gathered in this house of prayer, and mercifully extend to all the peoples on earth the joy of salvation and faith. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Liturgical Colour: Green

This Week's Bible Question Answer: c

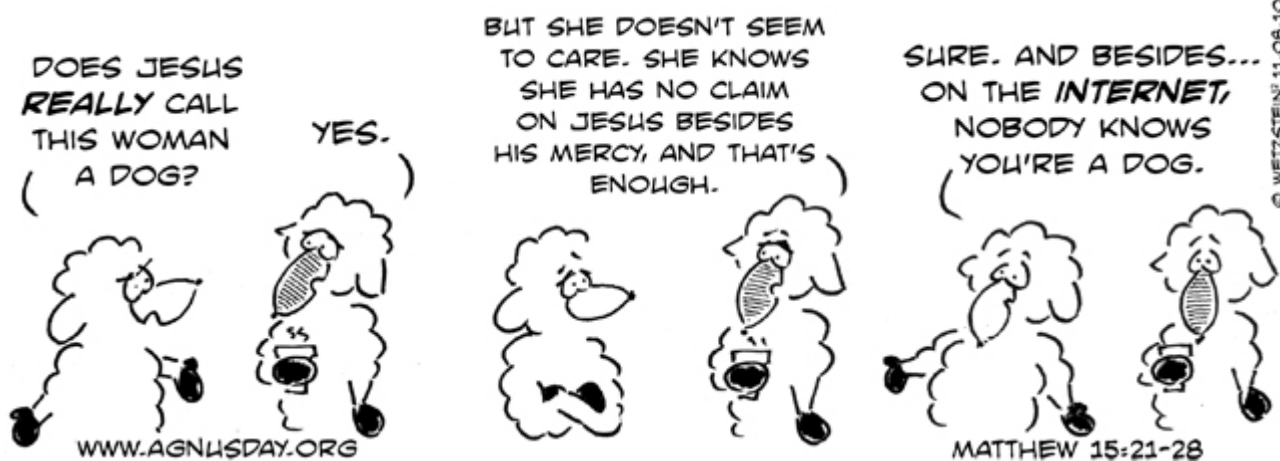
Rosters

<u>Holy Cross</u>	<u>16 Aug</u>	<u>23 Aug</u>
Sacristan	Val D	Dorothy S
Welcomer	Ria	Barry G
1 Readings	Bernadette	Valarie
2 Readings	Alison T	John
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Robert	Rhona
TV Setup & Slides	Gary	Graham
Morning Tea	Gary & Linda	Trish & Karenne
Flowers	Ria	Ria
Music	Trish G	Karin

<u>St Michaels</u>	<u>16 Aug</u>	<u>23 Aug</u>
Prayers	Bruce	Bruce
Readings	Brian	Bruce
Presiding	Yukiko	Bruce

From the Lectionary- Daily Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Psalm 80	2 Sam 3:12-end	Acts 6
Tuesday	Psalm 89:1-18	2 Sam 5:1-12	Acts 7: 1-16
Wednesday	Psalm 119:105-108	2 Sam 6:1-19	Acts 7:17-43
Thursday	Psalm 93	2 Sam 7:1-17	Acts 7:44-53
Friday	Psalm 88	2 Sam 7:18-end	Acts 7:54-8:3
Saturday	Psalm 97	2 Sa, 9	Acts 8: 4-25



*Everyone has inside of him a piece
of good news. The good news is
that you don't know how great you
can be! How much you can love!
What you can accomplish! And
what your potential is!*

internetpoem.com



Anne Frank

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Feedback welcome:

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