

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Morrinsville

April 25th, 2021

Theme for Sunday:

Love Is A Verb



Readings: Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

John 10:11-18

Sentence: I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. *John 10:14*

Collect: God of Love, we turn ourselves this day to the Good Shepherd as our inspiration and model for the sacrificial love for one another to which we are called. Fill us with the power of your name and embolden us in our acts of love. Amen.

Preparation for Sunday from “Love to the World”

Acts 4:5-12

Q: Jesus: “there is no other name ... by which we must be saved” (v12). How do you celebrate Peter’s insight?

Prayer– God of firm foundations, help me build my life on you.

Psalm 23

Q: When has God nourished you in times of darkness and fear? How can you encourage others who find themselves in dark valleys?

Prayer – God of grace, in you I find my example of love and care.

John 10:11-18

Q: Who has shepherded you along life’s way? What motivated them and how did they do it? Thank them.

Prayer: God of welcome, today may I welcome all who seek to enter your fold.

SPECIFIC PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

- **Pray for** people travelling between Australia and New Zealand catching up with family again quarantine free.
- **Pray for** parents and children during the school holidays, especially those from broken families that parents don't cause friction between each other, for the sake of the children.
- **Pray for** children in families in emergency housing like motels in towns other than they normally live, that the situations can be resolved soon.
- **Pray for** those who are sick, especially Lynda and Caleb and others we may know.
- **Pray for** those who are mourning the loss of a loved one especially the Cordes family in the loss of their mother.

GIVE THANKS

- **For** our own homes and families.
- **For** the quarantine free bubble between Australia and New Zealand.
- **For** all the people leading our ANZAC services
- **For** those who experience personal sacrifice for justice

Focus

The Good Shepherd image is one that inspires trust and confidence that we are loved. Our call then is to love, to exercise our power in acts of love to one another. The power of the Resurrection was what emboldened Peter to act and speak of the healing power of Jesus name because death could not hold him. God raised Jesus from the dead out of love for all humankind provided a saving grace that is for all.

**What if the disciples had not accepted and preached the Resurrection?
How do we live Love as a Verb individually and as a church?**

Prayer: Fill us with the power of your name, Jesus, and embolden us in our acts of love. Amen

Next Sunday: May 2nd (Beloved, Be Loved, Be Love)

Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1John 4:7-1; John 51-8

2nd May	Sidespeople Vince	Welcomer Melanie	Data Janice	MOW Margie	1st reading Trish M	2nd reading Diane	Intercessions Margie	Morning Tea R Churton & S Hunter
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Next Week

Saturday May 1st - Devonshire Teas in St Matthew's.

We Will Remember Them

Anglican Action is hosting an exhibition that is reflecting on the cost of War.

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