

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Morrinsville

November 13th, 2022

Infinite Possibilities

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THIS SUNDAY



Readings: Isaiah 65:17–25

Isaiah 12

Luke 21:5–19

Sentence: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. *Isaiah 12:4b*

Collect: Loving and mighty creator, speak your word into our weary world and make all things new. Guide us to live into the vision of your infinite realm of peace and justice, so that all your creatures may live in the harmony you intend. Amen.

Preparation for Sunday from “Love to the World”

Isaiah 65:17–25

Question: How can you reject the destructive ways of the world and respond to the call to be a new creation?

Prayer: Lord, renew me and impart new ways of being in your world.

Isaiah 12

Question: Write a list of things or people you are grateful for. What will you thank to God for today?

Prayer: Lord God, we are thankful for you always being with us, even when we go through tough times.

Luke 21:5–19

Question: What are some of the ways you can connect your story to God's story and to earth's story in a way that reveals a truth we need to hear?

Prayer: Forgive me, Lord, for keeping silent on climate and environmental issues. Give me courage to act with integrity and truth.

SPECIFIC PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

- Pray for nations considering what they can do counteract climate changes, especially the islands of the Pacific.
- Pray for vulnerable families in New Zealand as they begin to feel the pressure of Christmas on their limited budget.
- Pray for those who are sick, especially Michael, Elaine, Sarah-Anne, Carole and Stuart.

- Pray for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one, especially the family and friends of Bryan Barker
- Pray for Lindsay and Angela Wright as they also mourn the loss of Lindsay's sister.

GIVE THANKS

- For the Fair which was enjoyed by so many and the fine weather we had for it.
- For the Ezekiel Trust Foodbank as they put together Christmas parcels for vulnerable families.

Focus

The focus scripture is believed to have been written about the time the people of Judah returned from exile in Babylon. The prophet speaks words of hope to invigorate the people to forget their past disobedience and to look forward to a "new heaven and a new earth." They are to participate in creating this new world with God. and in the second Isaiah reading we have a hymn of praise for all that God has done in their midst. In Thessalonians, the people, and us in turn are reminded that we must all be busy doing God's work and not to sit idly by. In Luke, we have to read to the end where we are reassured that despite the chaos and fear and persecution God will be with us. God will put a song in our hearts, words on our lips and wisdom and strength to persevere in the difficult times.

When you look at the future do you see possibilities or just challenges?

Are we nurturing hope in our lives, in our communities by rejoicing in God's provisions, praising God for their faithfulness and trusting God for our future?

Prayer: Creator God, may we take up the vision of your infinite realm of peace and justice, where all your creatures may live in harmony. Amen

Next Sunday: November 20th – 8.30am & 10am – Reign of Christ

Wednesday 10am

Readings – Jeremiah 23:1–6; Luke 1:68–79; Colossians 1:11–20; Luke 23:33–43

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The Morrinsville Ezekiel Trust Food Bank is preparing to gift special Christmas food parcels to local families in need again this year - and they need our support.

“We are really pushing the boat out this year, expecting the Lord to meet us on the waters, and having faith that He will provide food for the shelves, and we are hoping you and your congregations can help us meet this challenge.”

Next week we will include a list of groceries that we need to collect by Dec 14th.

Coming up!

November (13th 2pm) Concert featuring Father Chris Skinner – as a fund raiser for the St Mark's Anglican Church restoration.

Tickets available Te Aroha Stationery Supplies \$10.00 Phone 078849292.

Sunday December 4TH 4pm Following the Star - Interchurch celebration of Christmas with a Walk of witness starting at the Catholic Church and concluding at our church at **5pm with our Community Carols.**

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