

A special welcome to our Winter Deco Weekend visitors

Nau mai, haere mai. Our liturgy begins on page 404 of
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Aotearoa*

8am

Collect:

God of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion, nourish in us all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 28:10–22

Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24 (*ANZPB-HKMoA*)

1 Lord you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit down and when I stand up,
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You mark my path, and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Even before there is a word on my tongue
you Lord know it altogether.

4 You guard me from behind and before:
and cover me with your hand.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where shall I go from your spirit:
or where shall I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the dawn:
and alight at the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 even there your hand will lead me:
and your right hand will hold me fast.

10 If I say, 'Let the darkness cover me:
and my day be turned to night,'

11 the darkness is no darkness with you,
but the night is as clear as the day:
for darkness and light to you are both alike.

12 It was you that created my inward parts:
and pieced me together in my mother's womb.

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23 Examine me O God and know my heart:
test me, and discover my thoughts.

24 Watch closely, lest I follow a path of error:
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12–25

Gospel: Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

We invite you to stay for morning tea after the service

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP THIS COMING WEEK

Tuesday to Friday: 9am, Morning Prayer in the Resurrection Chapel

Tuesday: 10.30am, Eucharist in the Resurrection Chapel, followed by morning tea.

Wednesday: 12 noon, Midday Prayer in the Resurrection Chapel.

Installation of our new Dean, the Ven Ruihana Paenga:
Saturday 1 August at 11am. Mark your diaries!

A THOUGHT FROM TODAY'S SERMON

God sees a harvest hidden within a confused and imperfect field, and within confused and imperfect people. That's partly the story of today, of this city, of the way Napier's Art Deco heritage emerged from catastrophe. After the 1931 earthquake, destruction was real, grief was real – and yet hope emerged and creativity followed. The Art Deco buildings are a sign that what looks like ruin isn't always the end of the story. It wasn't for this city, it wasn't for Jacob – flawed and failing as he was – and it isn't for us. Creation groans towards renewal: in 1931 people worked in hope for a new reality, and today we go on working and hoping, knowing that nothing can separate us from the divine. What God said to Jacob God also says to us: Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go. For God can meet us in the unlikeliest of places, in the strangest of times, and in the most improbable people.

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