

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 12 July 2015

Sea Sunday

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Worship at 8.00am

This month we are using the service beginning on page 404 of the NZ Prayer Book. At the end of the month we can decide on its future use. Nothing is 'set in concrete' and it will be over to the parish and the new vicar to make a longer-term arrangement. In the meantime it is good to have some variety.

Sea Sunday

This is our annual opportunity to give thanks for the sea, to pray for 'all who go down to the sea in ships' and for the Mission to Seafarers who work in over 260 ports (including Auckland) in 71 countries, caring for the world's 1.5m seafarers. We pray also for the Chaplains in the RNZN who lead worship and provide pastoral care, each acting a friend to all on board.

Nelson's Prayer

As we pray today, let us remember that on the morning of Trafalgar, the day on which he was to die, Lord Nelson was found kneeling in his cabin, saying this prayer, which he also wrote down:

May the great God, whom I worship, grant to my country and for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious victory: and may no misconduct, in any one, tarnish it: and may humanity after victory be the predominant feature in the British fleet.

For myself individually, I commit my life to Him who made me and may His blessing light upon my endeavours for serving my country faithfully.

To Him I resign myself and the just cause which is entrusted to me to defend.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP

Sentence:

The sea is yours, O God, and you made it; the dry land also which your hands have fashioned. *Psalm 95:5*

Collect:

Eternal Lord God,
you alone have spread out the heavens
and rule the raging of the sea;
bless and keep all who go down to the sea in ships;
preserve them in all dangers
and bring them in safety to the haven where they would be,
with a thankful remembrance of your mercies,
to praise and glorify your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Readings

Lesson The Book of Job, ch.38, verses 1,4-11

Psalm 107:23-32 (on p.327 NZPB)

Epistle The Acts of the Apostles, ch.27: verse 27 to ch.28: v.2

Gospel The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, ch.4: verses 35-41

After Communion

Sentence

Your path, O God, was in the sea and your way was through the great waters.
Psalm 77:19

Prayer (instead of prayer on p.428)

Lord Jesus Christ who sailed the Syrian sea, you have fed us with your body and your blood, strengthen our hearts and minds that we may pass safely through the seas of life as ambassadors of your eternal Kingdom. Amen.

Today's Hymns

Introit	497	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Gradual	235	Eternal Father, strong to save
Offertory	633	I, the Lord of sea and sky
Dismissal	668	Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS

Teach us to look after your creation and value the seas you have made.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, remembering that you were a seafarer, we pray for all who work on the sea. Especially we remember those in hardship or danger and pray for their safety.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Bless the work of the Mission to Seafarers, especially in the Port of Auckland, and Chaplains in the Royal New Zealand Navy and all who minister to seafarers

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Holy Spirit, we pray that you would stir our hearts and the hearts of all seafarers, that we may have courage and wisdom in the storms of life. Make us aware of your presence and thankful for your grace.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for the Church in this parish, especially the clergy and all who work for the good of this congregation. We pray for the parish nominators as they go about their task. We pray for Bishops Ross and Jim, and today for the parishes of Henderson, Te Atatu, and Massey. We also pray for the Diocese of Peru, and in particular for Bishop Bill Godfrey (who has strong family links with New Zealand)

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for this community and for all with whom we share life, remembering especially those living in Castor Bay Road, Eastcliffe Road, Gamons Way, Heathcote Road.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for all who are sick or in need especially remembering all seafarers in need. We pray for pray for Robin Norris, Amanda, Hope, Bob, Gabriel, Hilda and Jack Hutchinson

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for the bereaved and for our own grief.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for the souls of the faithful departed, praying that they may rest in peace and rise in glory.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Tuesday 14	Selwyn Centre 9.30-12.00. Fun, friendship, activities and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 15	10.00am Holy Communion. Morning tea.
Thursday 16	No Mainly Music. School Holidays. 7pm setting up hall for garage sale.
Friday 17	9.00am setting up stalls for garage sale.
Saturday 18	Garage sale 8am until 11am. Stall holders 7.30am please.
Sunday 19	Bible Sunday. Services: 8am and 9.30am.

This Week

Next Sunday

19 July is observed as Bible Sunday

Readings (at both services):

Isaiah 55: 1-11

2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5

John 5: 36b-47

Coming up

July 26 **Social Service Sunday** will give us an opportunity to help the City Mission's One Can-Two Can appeal. Details in the monthly magazine



Garage sale this Saturday 18 July 8am to 11am.

People working on a stall 7.30am start.

Help needed Thursday 16th 7pm and Friday 17th

9am for setting up stalls.



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