

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 3 May 2026

Liturgy: p456

Easter 5

Psalm 31:1-6,16-18

Greetings:

We are more than halfway through the 50 days of Easter – a season to celebrate and reflect on the resurrection and how we are to live resurrection lives today. We have finished with the rousing stories of Jesus' resurrection and will spend the next 3 weeks in Jesus' final pep talk to the disciples as they and he prepare for the horrors that lie ahead. And we hear of Stephen being stoned. It seems wrong. And is also more real. Confusion is at play in both John and Acts. The disciples are confused by what Jesus is talking about. They are afraid and want straightforward answers. Where is Jesus going and how can they follow? What is the way? And Jesus does not give straightforward answers. And yet so often we read this as if he is.

Angela N. Parker says, "We must be people of the way (*that Jesus lived*), being the dream and hope of God, as we participate in abundant life while here on earth together.... Our greater works must exhibit the way, the truth, and the life for communities that continue to be disconnected and denied access to all of the areas that can bring abundant life such as quality food, access to medical care, affordable housing, and continued dignity no matter what their identities are. That is the way, the truth, and the life for a collective people with a singular heart." (www.workingpreacher.org)

How does this help us see the risen Christ among us active today?

John Hebert TSSF.

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 3 May 2026

Sentence:

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.'

John 14:6

Collect:

Eternal God,
your Son Jesus Christ
is the way, the truth and the life for all creation;
grant us grace to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

OT Reading *Acts 7:55-60*

NT Reading *1 Peter 2:2-10*

Gospel *John 14:1-14*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the people of Tonga and the staff and clergy of the Tonga Episcopal Unit, and we pray for the Standing Committee & its members.

We pray also for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Viv, Lynda, Lawrence, Reg, Jon.

Choral Evensong

All Parishioners are invited to attend the liturgy of Choral Evensong at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Mount Maunganui on the first Sunday of every month at 4.00pm. May - Music of Henry Purcell.

Invitation to Archdeacon Ceremony

You are warmly invited by Bishop Andrew Hedge to the Collation and Commissioning of the Reverend Christopher Tweddell, and the Farewell to the Venerable Peter Bargh.

Sunday, 10 May at 3pm, St George's, Gate Pā, followed by light refreshments. Please RSVP to Erica by Wednesday, 6 May.

Sunday Morning Tea Helpers Needed

We're looking for a few extra people to help with Sunday morning tea. It's very light duties, and someone will always be there to show you what's involved. Many hands make light work!

If you're able to help, please let Erica or Frances know.

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are available in the receipt box on the pew under the name tags. For those that prefer their receipts via email you should have received your receipt last week.

This Week Beginning: 4 May

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Communion
2.00 pm SAYGo in the hall

Thursday 12:30 pm Books and Friends and Kunul

Sunday 9.30 am Holy Communion

Op Shop 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday to Friday
10:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday

Playgroup 9:30 – 11:30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Toy Library 9:30 – 11:30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

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