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*"God honouring, Christ following, Holy Spirit led"*

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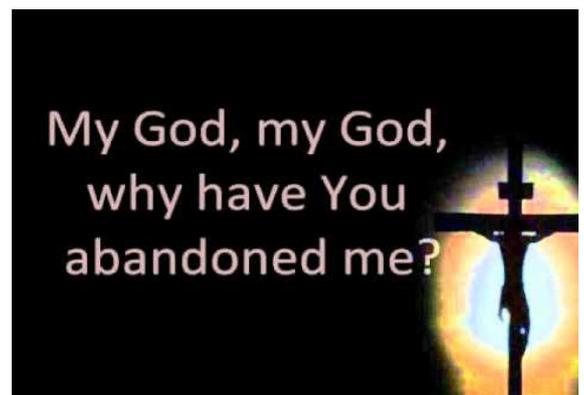
## When life spins out of control - hold on to God

We are rarely as in control of life as we think or would like to be. We find times when things go wrong very difficult. We feel the impact in our bodies, on an emotional and social level, and on a spiritual level.

Psalm 22's author wrestles with the dire situation he is in, to the point of calling out: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" He cringes as people mockingly uses his misfortune to question God's love and abilities. That is when we need to remember and hold on to the fact that God is God and God never abandons us. God loves us so much that Jesus was abandoned on the cross so that we never will be. Think back over your life. Remember all the times God blessed you beyond expectation and the times when God carried you through difficult and trying times. Our faith and relationship with God do not equate to quick and easy fixes to life's challenges – it gives us the comfort that we are safe in God's loving, gracious and caring hands. We are never alone.

After the crisis, with a heart filled with gratitude, the author proclaims that God has ultimate authority and power and that there will be no end to God's Kingdom. Thank God that we are part of his Kingdom.

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Welcome*

*Bible brought in*

*Call to Worship*                    **Galatians 3: 23-29**

*Song*                                    **Praise to the Lord**

*Prayer*

*Song*                                    **The Lord's my shepherd  
How great is our God**

*Reading*                            **Psalm 22**

*Message*

*Song*                                    **Be still, my soul**

*Prayer*

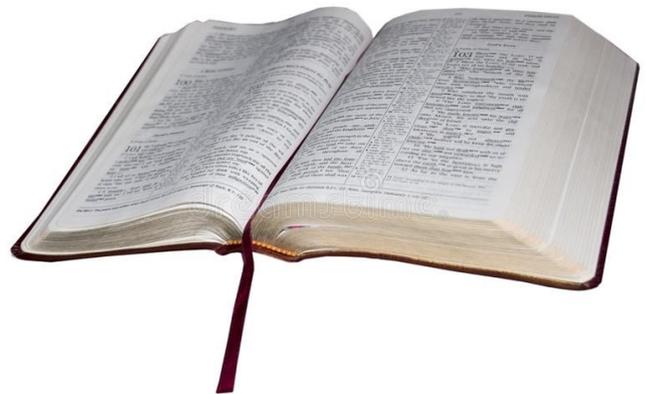
*Offering*                            **It is well**

*Prayer*

*Notices and Celebrations*

*Song*                                    **Still**

*Benediction*



*Prayer available after Service at the front of the Church*

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**Join us for refreshments in the lounge**

**Spiritual Growth Group:** On Wednesday 6 July at 13:00 we get together in the lounge to discuss the Lord's Prayer. Everybody is welcome to join in and use the opportunity to grow together with others.



Let's sensibly continue to do everything we can to prevent Covid infections.  
*Stay home if you are feeling unwell or may have had contact  
with a Covid-19 positive person.*  
*Wear a mask at least until you have taken your seat.*  
*Sanitise your hands*

**Home Groups:** Please consider prayerfully if you are able to host/lead a home group of sorts once a month and talk to Jaco about it. It does not need to be arduous or stressful for the host/leader, and it has the potential to make a big difference for those attending and for the Kingdom.

**Youth/Sunday School Midwinter Dinner** is being planned for 2 July at 18:00 in the hall. We hope all the families can come and enjoy a fun night.

**Under the Stars:** Our next volunteer days to prepare and serve food to the homeless and needy with this great trust are Thursday 21 July and 25 August. Please talk to Louise if you want to get involved.

**Readers' Group** Readers' Group meets on the last Wednesday of each month from 1.30pm - 3pm at a private home. Next meeting is Wednesday 29th June and will be at the home of Tricia Brown, 10 Golden Heights, Hairini (544 0317). Share a favourite Scripture verse or passage as well as what you are reading.

**Men's Coffee Group** invites you to join them on a Tuesday at 10:00 in the Mitre 10 Mega Columbus Café for a nice chat and some laughter. (Contact Rex: 027 284 2317)

**Ladies Coffee Group** Tuesday at 10:00. All ladies are welcome to join this lovely group at Columbus Café at Gate Pa. On the last Tuesday of each month the ladies will go to Broomtree Café (next to 11th Ave Petrol Station). Contact Cynthia for more information on 027 324 1027.

**St. Enoch's Working Women (STEWV) home group** meets every first Thursday of the month. Let Anel know if you want to join them for their meeting on 7 July:  
021 268 3064

**Have-a-Go** is an opportunity to bring your craft along to the lounge on a Wednesday morning from 09:30, have a chat and a few laughs and a lovely morning tea.



## ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

**MORNING TEA:** Gerald & Yvonne Krohn  
**DOOR / OFFERING:** Gloria Mouatt  
**PRAYER PARTNER:** Lesley Ayers

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Sunday 26th June**

**MORNING TEA:** Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell  
**DOOR / OFFERING:** John & Ngaire Foote  
**PRAYER PARTNER:** Gail Walker



# Prayer

After each service someone will be sitting in one of the front pews. Go to them to **have them pray for you** or **pray with them for someone or something**. If you would like the **Prayer Chain** to pray for you, or for your prayer need to be made known on the Sunday bulletin, talk to Gail Walker or Jaco.

### **Please pray for:**

Bethlehem College and other Christian schools as they navigate the current media storm – may they receive wisdom to deal with the matter in a way that is God honouring and bring people closer to God; a stop to gang related violence and criminality; Ukraine and all the suffering and destruction; New Zealand's economic recovery; Bethlehem Community Church; St. Columba and Evans Road Community Church as they seek ministers to serve their congregations.

### **Individual Needs:**

Ron Arnett; Lester Gray; Helen Temple; Kim Cleary; Jean Sutton; Gloria Mouatt; Brian Walker; Steve Gurney; Ralph Morris; Gloria Mouatt's daughter; Verena Brungger and her daughter; Joan Bryant; Iris Dudson; Lois Rout; Susan de Beer.

### **Give thanks:**

Helen's operation went well and recovering well; Lester is more mobile with less backpain; Jean Sutton is getting better; Minette got a temporary teaching job for the last two terms; for daily privileges and blessings great and small.