



**CrossWay Church**  
**Ala ile Satauro Ekalesia**

Methodist ~ Presbyterian

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**Queen Street, Masterton**

CrossWay Church Vision Statement  
"To know Christ and make Him known  
in the community  
*la lloa Keriso ma fa'aioa atu o ia ile komuniti*"

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

**PENTECOST 18**



**Pentecost 18 -Proper20 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024  
at CrossWay Church.**

**Theme: Eshet-Hayil: A Woman of courage.**

**Gathering:** As we gather, we acknowledge Maori, Te Tangata whenua, the people of this land, and Te Tiriti o Waitangi, (the Treaty of Waitangi) that established our nation, recognising mana (sovereignty) and rangatiratanga (chieftainship) as the right foundation to govern our people with justice and mercy. We seek to honour this commitment in our lives and in our worship.

**Introduction to Theme/ Call to Worship: Neti Petaia**

Eshet-Hayil(pronounced esh-et high-ill)! Women of courage,  
we salute you and all you do.

Eshet-Hayil are the Hebrew words that begin this week's  
reading from the book of Proverbs.

Eshet-Hayil, Women of courage.

May you receive our thanks and praise this morning and know  
your worth to all of us in this community.

**Opening Prayer: Neti**

Creator God, you have made us all in your image.

You have given us bodies of all shapes and sizes.

You have made our bodies good.

Help us to see the goodness in ourselves and in one another.

Amen.

**Hymn: BB105 Give thanks for life**

**Psalm Reading: Psalm 1**

**Family Time:**

**Prayer of Confession: Samoan member.**

Loving God, we confess that we have often held women to  
higher standards than men, we have policed their actions  
and words, we have shamed them for their bodies.

**All: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we confess that we have conformed to the misogyny of the world, requiring women to be perfect mothers wives, and daughters and reacting badly when they have expressed their feelings of hurt, anger and disappointment.

**All: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we confess times we have not listened to women's ideas, we have dismissed their expertise, and not taken them seriously.

**All: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**Words of Grace:**

Hear a word of grace; God forgives our sins and sets us free to walk in peace and love, valuing our sisters in Christ as you value yourself. Amen.

**Hymn: Samoan Hymn**

**Readings for the Day:** Proverbs 31: V10 – 31, Mark 9: v 30-37  
( Proverbs reading in English / Gospel reading in Samoan)

**Reflection:**

**Prayers for Others: ( English speaking member)**

Gracious God, we pray for all the women we know, we lift their joys and their sorrows. We recognise the hardships they face merely because of their gender.

**All: God, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for all the women who have been subject to abuse. We pray for those who are abused in their homes and for those who have abused on the streets.

We take this moment to say a silent prayer for all the women in New Zealand this year who have been killed by an intimate partner.

*( A minute of silence)*

**All: God in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all the times that women's achievements were overlooked. We pray for the times their voices went unheard. We pray for the times their needs went unnoticed. Today, O God, may we commit to working towards equality in our homes, workplaces, society and community. May this place be a witness where women are loved, valued, and seen. May every woman in this place know that she is an eshet hayil, a woman of valour because that is what God has made her to be.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

**We sing the Lord's Prayer: WOV 676**

**Hymn:** When peace like a river.....

When peace like a river attended my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,

“ It is well, it is well with my soul.”

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

A pei se vaitafe le fifilemu Pe lutia nei I le sou

I le olaga nei ou te molimau pea

E lelei, e lelei le Alii

E lelei, e lelei, e lelei, le Ali'i.

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;

praise the Lord, praise the Lord O my soul!

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

O lona satauro ma lona maliu I lona E maua ai le ola tuma  
Le toto na tafe I lona itu E ola ai e fa'avavau.

E lelei, e lelei le Alii

E lelei, e lelei, e lelei, le Ali'i

O Lord, hast the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

E fia foai le olaga nei Ma lona malosi lelei  
 la fai ma taulaga ia via ai Le Ali'i alofa lenei  
 E lelei, e lelei le Alii  
 E lelei, e lelei , e lelei le Ali'i.

**Offertory Prayer – (All together)**

For all the gifts that have been offered here today, we say  
 thank you and offer them back for the work in this place.  
 Amen.

**Notices:** Robin

**Hymn:** BB 138 I the Lord of sea and sky.....

**Benediction:** Youth member

Eshet Hayill Women of courage, thank you for all that you do  
 and all that you are. May you know God's blessing today and  
 every day to come. Amen

**Sung Blessing:** BB 45....May the Lord....

May the lord, Gracious God, love and keep you forever.  
 May his power and his grace, bless your every endeavour.  
 Lift up your eyes and seek his face and his grace forever.  
 May the Lord, Gracious God, love and keep you for ever..

**3 Fold Amen**

## KNOW YOUR BIBLE WOMEN

A daughter of Job (*Job 42:14*) K \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ruth's mother in law (*Ru 1:3-4*) N \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ruth's sister-in-law (*Ru 1:3-4*) O \_\_\_\_\_  
 Elkanah had two \_\_\_\_ (*1Sm 1 1-2*) W \_\_\_\_\_

Mother of Jesus (*Mt 1:18*) \_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_\_  
 A female deacon (*Rm 16:1, RSV*) \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_  
 A wife of Esau (*Gn 26:34*) \_\_\_\_\_ U \_\_\_\_\_  
 Isaac's wife (*Gn 25:20*) R \_\_\_\_\_

*The given letter ends one name and begins the next.*

A Jericho prostitute (*Js 2:1*) \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_

Rachael's servant (*Gn 29:29*)

Wife of King Ahasuerus (*Es 1:9*) \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter of Haran [sr. of Lot] (*Gn 11:27-29*)

Daughter of King Saul (*1Sm 18:17*) \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter of Pharaoh (*1Chr 4:17*)

A wife of Jacob (*Gn 29:20*) \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_

Seller of purple goods (*Ac 16:14*)

Mother of all living (*Gn 3:20*) \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_

A beautiful orphan (*Es 2:7*)

This \_\_\_\_ gave all she had (*Mk 12:43*) \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_

Known as The \_\_\_\_ of Samaria (*Jn 4:7*)

Follower of Jesus, shortened form (*Lk 8:1-3*) \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_

Roman friend of Paul's (*Rm 16:15*)

Sister of Aaron (*Ex 15:20*) \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_

A woman of Bethany (*Jn 11:1*)

Watched the crucifixion (*Mk 15:40*) \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_

Mother of Timothy (*2Tm 1:5*)

Mary was called a \_\_\_\_\_. (*Lk 1:27*) \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

Church met in her house (*Col 4:15*)

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Possibles: Bilhah, Bithiah, Eunice, Esther, Eve, Isaac, Iscah, Joanna, Jochebed, Judith, Keziah, Kelurah, Leah, Lydia, Martha, Mary, Merab, Michal, Miriam, Naomi, Naarah, Nympha, Orpah, Olympas, Phoebe, Rachel, Rahab, Rebekah, Salome, Vashti, Veronica, Virgin, Woman, Widow, Wives.

**KEEP THIS DATE FREE**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**CrossWay Fashion Parade  
at Ballentynes  
Queen Street, Masterton**

**7pm**

**Tickets \$15 each on sale now.**

**We are having a grocery raffle.  
Would you like to donate an item?**

**Donations of Finger Food for  
supper at Fashion Show required**

**See: Shirley Graham, Jude Clark,  
Esther Tafa or Ivan Rose.**

## CrossWay Church Office Hours

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### **OUR THANKS GO TO**

**Neti Petaia** for leading our service

Audrey Fleury on the organ

Our Sound & Power Point Technicians

and all who assisted this morning.

### **ON DUTY NEXT WEEK 29. 09.24**

**Cafe Church:** Volunteers required