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Verger:

A wheelchair, walker and baby changing facilities are available, please ask for them.

YOUNG CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS

We want children to feel welcome here. There is a basket at the back of the church with bags for pre-schoolers 2+ years of age. They contain items for quiet activities. Feel free to help yourselves to one. We hope this will help you and your family enjoy your Sunday morning worship.



The Waikato Cathedral Church Of St Peter

Sunday 14 December 2008

8.00 am Eucharist and 9.45 am Choral Eucharist

President: The Dean, Jan Joustra

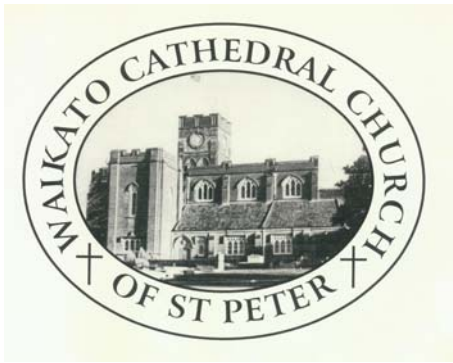
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson

11.30 am Informal Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson

7.00 pm Taizé

Please join us for refreshments after the morning services



Dear friends,

Today is the final session of Sunday School for 2008 and as per usual we are going to be treated to a very special service written by Lyn Jamieson our Sunday school coordinator. This is a good opportunity to express my thanks, that of the Vestry and the whole congregation to Lyn and her team of Sunday school teachers for their work for the past year, it has been great to see the Sunday school grow and develop and more importantly to see our young people grow and develop in the faith.

One thing I have been very aware of over the past year is the big commitment required of our Sunday School leaders especially our coordinator. Lyn indicated late last year that she wished to step down as coordinator because of her other family, teaching and community commitments. A replacement could not be found and Lyn has valiantly continued through this year. Vestry recently decided that this position was now too great a responsibility to expect of a volunteer and gave permission to seek for a paid part-time coordinator. Some of you may have noticed an advertisement in the Waikato Times last Saturday and yesterday for the position. If any of you know of a suitable candidate please ask them to contact the Cathedral office as soon as possible for a full position description.

To close, again many thanks to all involved in the Sunday School, this is an essential ministry at the Cathedral.

Blessings, Jan

Introduction: My friends, we come together on this Lord's day to hear again the message and piercing cry of John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. May we who were once baptised in the living waters of Christ's salvation renew our commitment to live according to his truth and life.

CALLING ALL THOSE WHO LOVE ORGAN MUSIC

Carlo Curley

American Organist
In
Hamilton

Tuesday 17 February, 2009 at 7.30pm
Cathedral Church of St Peter,
Victoria Street.

\$20 if you order now \$25 on the night

Tickets are available by: Email - Rachaelgh@clear.net.nz or Phone - 838 4469

CARLO CURLEY is one of the world's foremost concert organists. Born into a musical family in North Carolina (USA) in 1952, he attended the North Carolina School of the Arts and coached privately with renowned pedagogues Arthur Poister and Robert Elmore. Ultimately, he studied with two of the world's greatest organists: America's legendary Virgil Fox and Great Britain's Sir George Thalben-Ball.

A flamboyant and popular American concert organist, Curley is sometimes characterised as the "Pavarotti of the organ". He is one of only a few concert organists world-wide who supports himself exclusively by giving organ concerts without supplementing his income by teaching or titular organ position.

Early in his career, he was invited by the President to play at the White House, and made history as the first classical organist to give a solo organ recital there. Today, he tours the world, having played in every state and province in North America and Canada, as well as Europe, Asia, Australia and Hong Kong. His recent concert tour of Japan with the King's Singers, sponsored by Rolex, was warmly received and a sell-out everywhere.

Carlo Curley records exclusively for Decca International, including CDs and the first-ever commercial video of a classical organ performance, Organ Imperial. His recordings have been voted "Best of the Month" by Stereo Review in the USA, "Record of the Year" in Scandinavia, "Laser Disc of Exception".

Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

Parish Summer Camp – Te Rau Aroha – Waihi Beach

Sunday January 4th to Sunday 11th 2009

WAIKATO CATHEDRAL



The Cathedral has booked the Diocesan Camp at Waihi Beach again giving us a wonderful opportunity to gather as a family and share some good Anglican hospitality.

You are welcome to attend for as many nights as you wish and also to bring friends and family. Let us know if you need transport to Waihi Beach.

There is little programme, but a large range of activities we can do individually or collectively. The idea is to relax and have fun in a comfortable atmosphere with friends.

The cost is \$15.00 per night, per person, with a maximum of \$45.00 per night for a family group. If you would like to come but feel this is beyond you, talk in confidence to the Dean.

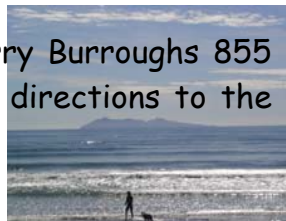
There is a day visitor charge of \$2.50 for the use of the facilities

Food is not included; we all go self sufficient but often pool our food and have shared meals. There are some good restaurants we can go to as well.

The only other items you will need to bring are pillow, bedding and your favorite game and book.

Please complete a booking form, which are on the table in reception and return it to the office.

Please ask Warren Turnwald 839 5311 or Kerry Burroughs 855 2854 if you need any further information or directions to the camp.



3rd Sunday in Advent

Opening Hymn: 50—On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

President: We have this ADVENT WREATH to remind us of the coming of Jesus Christ who is the light of the world. As we light the **third** candle let us say together:
Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

A young person asks: Why do we light the **third** candle?

A parent replies: We light the **third** candle to remind us of the people of God who in every age waited for the coming of the Messiah.

Liturgist: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them has light shined. For a child has been born for us, a son has been given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:2b, 6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

President: Let us say together:
Our Father who is in heaven we need the light of peace and love to shine in our world. Help us to prepare our lives and homes to receive the Messiah. Come Lord Jesus come. Amen.

INTROIT: Rejoice in the Lord, always—Redford/Anon

President: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Liturgist: To prepare ourselves for this celebration we pray together.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your holy name;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Liturgist

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. In the light we confess our sins.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

THE ABSOLUTION

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins so that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT: Eternal God, you sent us John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

After the end of the Babylonian exile in the 6th century BC an anonymous prophet who added to Isaiah's book looks to a time when Jerusalem will be rebuilt, and God's spirit poured out.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (61: 1-4, 8-11)

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of

A WEEK AWAY CAMP FOR SENIORS **Friday 6 February—Friday 13 February 2009**

The Anglican Diocese of Waikato helps to administer this annual camp for older people at their facility, Te Rau Aroha in Waihi Beach. This is an Ecumenical Venture planned by Methodists and Anglicans. Registration forms are in the foyer of the Cathedral.

'TREES AT THE METEOR' is a new community mission from Incedo - the people that brought you Stations of the Cross. Trees at the Meteor kicks off at the Meteor with art Christmas trees and World Vision interactive stalls all mixed up in the theatre. Viewers then follow the stars up Cathedral lawn and engaging with reflective art and ambience surrounding the HOPE of Christ's birth. Woven choir sings too.

Open from Tuesday 16 - 20th, from 7.30 pm till 10.30. \$5.00/or \$12.00 family concession

Volunteers are needed each and every night if you are able to help out at the Cathedral go to www.treesatmeteor.co.nz to enlist



All Saints Matamata Centennial History 1908-2008, a 100 page book with many photographs (described by Bishop David in the new edition of Church Alive), is available from All Saints Church Matamata, 20 Hohaia St, Matamata, email allsaints@maxnet.co.nz or ring 07 888 6775 - \$15 plus \$3 handling.



CHRISTMAS TREE

We will be collecting presents for needy children, if you would like to donate a gift, please indicate whether the gift is for a girl or boy and the age range. Please place your gift under the Christmas tree which will be in place next weekend.



ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

We have a selection of Christmas Cards, and blank cards for your own messages, Christmas and other CDs and books.

New stock has recently arrived—prayer cubes, candles and icons.



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

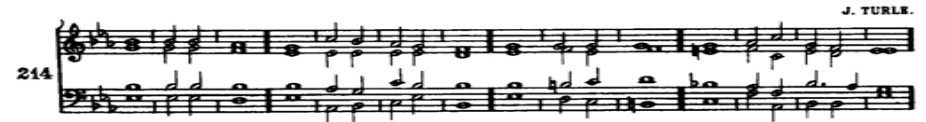
Part One Level 1 (3-6) Monday 19 to Friday 23 January 2009
(9.00am—5.00 pm) Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street
Ponsonby, Auckland.

See the notice board for full details, and booking form.

the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. (NRSV)
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126



- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes ' of this ' people:
it ' seemed • to us' like a ' dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was ' filled with ' laughter:
and our tongues ' uttered ' shouts of ' joy .
- 3 Then they said a'mong the ' nations:
'The Lord has ' done great ' things for ' them.'
- 4 Great things indeed the Lord has ' done for ' us:
and ' therefore ' we are ' glad.
- 5 Restore again our ' fortunes • O ' Lord:
as when streams re'fresh the ' southern ' dry-lands.
- 6 Those who ' sow in ' tears:
shall ' reap with ' shouts of ' joy.
- 7† Those who go out weeping with ' seed for ' sowing:
shall come back in gladness ' bringing • their ' sheaves ' with them.

Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son:
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit;
as it was in the be'ginning • is ' now:
and shall be for ' ever.' A'men.

In 1 Thessalonians, Paul's earliest existing letter, Paul still expects the end of all things very soon. He exhorts the Thessalonians to keep to the Christian path as they await the end.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (5: 16-24)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. (NRSV)

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Gradual Hymn: 47—Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

At the beginning of his Gospel, John sets the coming of Christ in the context of eternity, but then links it with the role of John the Baptist as a witness to the light of Christ.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

(1: 1-8, 19-28)

Praise and glory to God

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.' (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

WOMEN'S NIGHT SHELTER

Please let Amanda know on 834 3464 if you have excess fruit and vegetables and she will collect them for the night shelter.

**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK BBQ
THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER STARTING AT 6.00 PM
CATHEDRAL GARDENS**

Bring something to put on the BBQ and a salad or plate. Friends and family welcome for an informal gathering. Please buy a ticket in advance (gold coin donation) so that we can invite people who would otherwise be unable to join in.



Please see Annika, Dayna or the Cathedral Office for tickets.

CHURCH ALIVE AND TAONGA

Copies of Church Alive and Taonga are at the back of the Cathedral, please take your copies. If you could also take those of your near neighbours, that would be appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS

We still need **Welcomers and Sidespeople** for 9 Lessons and Carols and Midnight Mass.

This week

Monday	7.30 pm LOFT, The Deanery, 6 Tisdall Street
Tuesday	8.45 am Morning Prayer 5.30 pm Healing Eucharist (<i>St Anne's Chapel</i>)
Wednesday	8.45 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Eucharist. We welcome the ladies and gentlemen from Cascades, Wilson Carlile & Eastcare rest homes. 10.00 am Music & Movement (<i>during term time—phone Brigit Brant 855 8475</i>) 7.30 pm Bell Practice
Thursday	8.45 am Morning Prayer 12.10 pm Benedictine Mass 7.30 pm Choir Practice
Friday	8.45 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 21 December	8.00 am Eucharist and 9.45 am Choral Eucharist President: The Dean Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Pine Campbell 11.30 am Informal Eucharist President: The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson 7.00 pm Nine Lessons & Carols

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2008

24 December	2.00 pm Blue Christmas Service 5.30 pm Christingle Service 11.00 pm Midnight Mass (<i>with incense</i>) Archbishop David Moxon Bishop of Waikato
25 December	8.00 am Eucharist 9.45 am Choral Eucharist (No Informal Eucharist)
28 December	8.00 am Eucharist 9.45 am Feast of the Holy Family with a blessing of families 11.30 am Informal Eucharist

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT

THE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
All **maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
All **God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
All **Through him all things were made.**
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.
All **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
All **he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
All **the Lord, the giver of life,**
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
All **With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**
He has spoken through the prophets.
All **We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
All **We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Keep us faithful:
to your calling.

(*At the end of the prayers the minister may say*)

God of warmth and brightness, we praise you for all our many blessings, and above all for coming to save us and set us free.

Merciful Father

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
cf Luke 1.78,79

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Offertory Hymn: 53—Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness,
the power, the glory, the victory and the majesty.
**All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,
and of your own we give you.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The president says:

The Lord is here.

All **God's spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Rota this week (8.00 am)		Rota next week (8.00 am)	
Liturgist:	Nancy Burroughs	Liturgist:	Wendy Tyrrell
Readers:	Rosemary Allbrook Bob Allbrook	Readers:	Ross McRobie Joy McRobie
Prayer Ministry:	Andrea Haines	Prayer Ministry:	Shirley Wilson

Rota this week (9.45 am)		Rota next week (9.45 am)	
Liturgist:	Bryan Bang	Liturgist:	Nancy Burroughs
Welcoming:	Heather Bailey Joan Nicholson	Welcoming:	Carolyn Knight Bev Yendell
Sidespeople:	Mary Dougan Fred Rohorua	Sidespeople:	Rosemary Allbrook Bob Allbrook
Morning Tea:	Alex Fahey Jean Redout	Morning Tea:	Shirley Muir Anne Burroughs
Readers:	Jackie Crush Sue MacLean	Readers:	Bob Allbrook Rosemary Allbrook
Gospel:	Clergy	Gospel:	Clergy
Intercessor:	Giles Brant	Intercessor:	Bryan Bang
Chalice:	Bryan Bang Elizabeth Bang Shirley Wilson Bruce Binnie Alison Binnie	Chalice:	Annika Hinze Andrew McKean Bruce Binnie Alison Binnie Kim Ayers
Prayer Ministry:	Ann Couch Alan Parkin	Prayer Ministry:	Tricia McQuoid Jean Robertson

SHOP AND CATHEDRAL OFFICE CLOSURE

The Cathedral Bookstore will be closed from Wednesday 24 December, and re-open Monday 2 February.

The Cathedral Office will be closed from Monday 29 December and re-open Monday 5 February 2009.

Please note, there will be no 10.00 am service on Wednesday 31 December.

Those for whom prayers have been requested

- **For those in need:** Nicholas, David, Elizabeth, Len, Helen, Lesley, Matthew, Vernon, Helga, Maurice, Pearl, Danae, Sylvia, Jenny, Lane, Denis, David, Bill, Bruce, Janet.
- **Birthdays:** John Campbell (14), Molly Brant, Dilip Kurien (15), Kim Ayers, Sarah Burroughs, (16), Tom Hodgson, Kiri Moxon, Nigel Kapoor (18), Nariko McDonnell (19), Fraser McRobie (20).
- **Wedding Anniversaries:** Amy & Craig Hacker-Cary (17), Janice & Russell Blewden (20).
- **In Memoriam:** Margery Hardy, Mary Barnett (14), Esther Rogers (15), Mary Simmers, Mavis Gaylard (16), Ena Stevens (17), Charmain Mouton, Thelma O'Brien (20)

In our Prayers Today:

Today as we pray for the Anglican Communion around the world we remember especially:

DIOCESE OF KUCHING:	St Augustine's, Betong
Provincial:	
NZ Anglican Pension Board:	Staff and Board
Anglican Taonga:	Brian Thomas (P) & Chris Church
DIOCESE OF WAIKATO:	
Taumarunui-Ohura:	Archdeacon of Waitomo Val Richies (P) & Lance (P) - Sarah-Anne 1991 Pam Holdgate (P) & Ian Christine Hunn (TD)
Te Aroha:	Archdeacon of Piako Lois Symes (P) Ian Harrop (P) & Liz Joan Power (D) Jean Signal (P) & Tony
COMMUNITY:	Social Service Agencies

HAMILTON CITY BRASS BAND

This afternoon, Sunday 14 December at 2.30 pm, there is a concert by the Hamilton City Brass Band, entry by donation. Join us this afternoon for popular tunes, Christmas music and Christmas Carols.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the Last Supper,

All **Glory to you Lord Christ:
Your death we show forth;
Your resurrection we proclaim;
Your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER—Gillard

As we look for the coming of the Kingdom we pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in
the one bread.**

THE AGNUS DEI—Victoria

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

ANTHEM: How lovely are the messengers—Mendelssohn

THE INVITATION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The president and people receive communion.

An invitation is extended to members of other denomination, to come forward to receive communion.

Prayer after Communion: We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

The post-communion prayer is said by the president, then all say:

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

During each of the four weeks of Advent an extra verse of the hymn “O come, O come, Emmanuel”, will be sung unaccompanied by the organ. The service concludes in silence as we await the coming of our Lord.

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel!
And ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*
2. O come, thou branch of Jesse! free
thine own from Satan’s tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save,
and give them victory o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...
3. O come, O dayspring come and cheer!
Our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...
4. O come, thou key of David,
come and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...
5. O come, O come, great Lord of might
who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height
in ancient times did’st give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...