

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

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### YOUNG CHILDREN ACTIVITY BAGS

We want children to feel welcome at St Peter's Cathedral. There is a basket at the back of the church with bags for pre-schoolers 2+ years of age. It contains 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.

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



*The Angel Gabriel greets Mary*

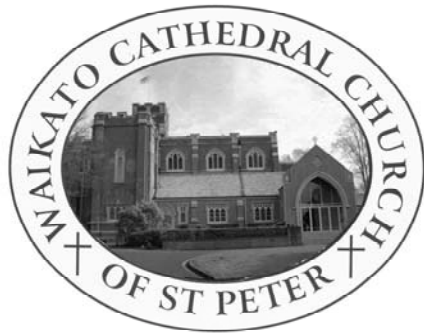
## THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER

### SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER

8.00 am	<b>Eucharist</b>	President Preacher
9.45 am	<b>Choral Eucharist</b>	President Preacher
11.30 am	<b>Informal Eucharist</b>	President
7.00 pm	<b>Carol Service</b>	Officiant

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson
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Dear Friends,

Christmas will soon be with us, for most people the happiest time of the year. That is not the case for all, as Christmas often reminds us of our loved ones who live far away or who have died. I often recall my first solo Christmas service in Australia where a young woman, sitting just in front of me cried the whole way through the service. At the end of the service I approached her and asked if I could help her in any way. She said, 'no, I am just very sad that my two children are with my ex-husband in Darwin for Christmas, and I am left here by myself'. Christmas often has a way of highlighting problems and difficulties such as this and the pain feels even more acute. At 2.00pm on Christmas Eve the Cathedral holds a Blue Christmas Service for those who want to celebrate Christmas in a quiet way, without the usual carols and jollity.

For those of you who might be going away to the bach at Christmas, special service packs are available from the office with a simple Christmas liturgy that you can use.

I hope that you all have a happy and holy Christmas.

Blessings, Jan.

THIS WEEK			
<b>MONDAY 21 DECEMBER</b>			
7.30 pm	LOFT		699 River Road
<b>TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER</b>			
8.45 am	Morning Prayer		Saint Anne's Chapel
5.30 pm	Eucharist ( <i>with laying on of hands and prayer for healing</i> )		
<b>WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER</b>			
8.45 am	Morning Prayer		Saint Anne's Chapel
10.00 am	Eucharist		
10.00 am	Music and Movement ( <i>during term time</i> )		Cathedral Centre
7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice		Tower
<b>THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER</b>			
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>			
8.45 am	Morning Prayer		Saint Anne's Chapel
2.00 pm	<b>Blue Christmas Service</b>		
5.30 pm	<b>Christingle Service</b>		
11.00 pm	<b>Midnight Mass (with incense)</b>		
<b>FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER</b>			
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>			
8.00 am	<b>Eucharist (with Carols)</b>		
9.45 am	<b>Choral Eucharist</b>		
<b>SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER</b>			
<b>SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER</b>			
<b>FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</b>			
8.00 am	<b>Eucharist</b>	President	The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson
		Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Pine Campbell
9.45 am	<b>Choral Eucharist</b>	President	The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson
		Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Pine Campbell
11.30 am	<b>Informal Eucharist</b>	President	The Rev'd Bryan Smith

Roster for Sunday 20 December	
<b>8.00 am</b>	
Liturgist	Bryan Bang
Welcoming	Margaret James Andrea Haines
Readers	Wendy Tyrrell Rosemary Allbrook
Prayer Ministry	Shirley Wilson
<b>09.45 am</b>	
Liturgist	Pam McAdam
Welcoming	Joan Nicholson Chris Hickey
Sidespeople	Giles Brant Brigit Brant
Morning Tea	Shirley Muir Anne Burroughs
Readers	John Mitchell P Koopman-Boyden
Gospel	Lesley Hyde
Intercessor	Giles Brant
Chalice	Pam McAdam Bruce Ram Jean Redout Jean Robertons Shirley Wilson Elizabeth Bang
Prayer Ministry	Alan Parkin Petra McQuoid

Roster for Sunday 27 December	
<b>8.00 am</b>	
Liturgist	Wendy Tyrrell
Welcoming	Pat Dallinger Andrea Haines
Readers	Rosemary Allbrook Bob Allbrook
Prayer Ministry	
<b>09.45 am</b>	
Liturgist	Warren Turnwald
Welcoming	Heather Bailey Jennifer Peart
Sidespeople	David Bailey Alan Peart
Morning Tea	Tilly Campbell
Readers	Alan Simpson Pam McAdam
Gospel	Bryan Smith
Intercessor	Anne McAloon
Chalice	Warren Turnwald Min Turnwald Ann Couch Lyn Toki Joy McRobie Shirley Wilson
Prayer Ministry	

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER**  
Samuel 2:18-20,26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52.

**\*\*JANUARY TO MARCH ROSTER\*\***  
Copies are available from the Administrator for those not on email.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*The Eucharistic Liturgy "Thanksgiving of the People of God" may be found in the New Zealand Prayer Book on page 404.*

### INTRODUCTION

My friends, we come together this day relying on the grace and peace of Christ and the strength and power of the Holy Spirit. Just as the Spirit empowered the Virgin Mary to submit her will to that of God and so become the mother of Our Lord, we pray this day that that same Spirit will strengthen our faith so that we may do God's will in all things.

### OPENING HYMN      THE ANGEL GABRIEL

(Number 33 in the red Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Hymn Book)

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Celebrant:*

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 fourth 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 fourth candle?

*A parent replies:*

We light the fourth candle to remind us of Mary who was obedient to God's command; and gave birth to the Messiah.

*Liturgist:*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a woman engaged to a man called Joseph. "Mary, do not be afraid", he said, "You have won God's favour. Listen. You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. (Luke 1:26-33)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant:*

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

*A Tender Shoot.* Goldschmidt.

*President:*

I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu.

**Amine.**

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**The Lord bless you.**

Grace and peace to you from God.

**God fill you with truth and joy.**

#### THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Liturgist:*

**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.**

#### THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

*Palestrina*



#### CHRISTINGLE MAKING

Great holiday activity for the kids. Please come and help make the Christingles at 10 am on Wednesday 23rd December in the kitchen at the Cathedral Centre.

#### CONFIRMATION

##### CLASSES

Classes will begin early next year and the Confirmations will take place on the Feast of Pentecost, 23 May 2010. Enrolment forms are available from the Cathedral Office.

#### ATHOL CHARLES CARTER

Thank you for your prayers, support and care over the last weeks.

Dad, Athol Charles Carter passed away on the 12th December at 7.30 in Cantabria very peacefully. Dad was 86 and had a birthday coming up on the 18th of Dec. He had a good and by the grace of God a relatively blessed and healthy life.

My brother and Mum were at his side to the end and Kathryn and I are returning to NZ arriving Tuesday afternoon for the celebration of his life later in the week. Thank you again for your love and care,

Donald and Kathryn.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY—HOME LITURGY PACKS

A home liturgy pack is available for Christmas Day either for those who may not be able to attend church or those who would like a brief Christmas liturgy to use at the commencement of their Christmas meal. Each pack contains an attractive altar piece, a candle and a liturgy booklet.

These packs are available from the bookstore (free of charge) after the service. If you are not able to get one from the Bookstore, please phone the office during the week as more can be made available if required.

#### SHOP AND CATHEDRAL OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

**The Cathedral Bookstore will be closed from Thursday 24 December, and re-open Monday 18 January.**

**The Cathedral Office will be closed from Thursday 24 December and re-open Tuesday 5 January 2009.**



### HYMNS FOR ALL SEASONS

Copies of Jocelyn Marshall's book, which contains over a 100 of her hymns are still available in the Cathedral Shop. These hymns are being sung world-wide from Scott Base in Antarctica to cathedrals, churches and choral groups in Canada, England, America and Australia. They are a convenient size for posting and the price is \$20.

### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

20 December	7.00 pm	Lessons and Carols
24 December	2.00 pm	Blue Christmas Service
	5.30 pm	Christingle (for the kids)
	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass (with incense)
25 December	8.00 am	Eucharist (with Carols)
	9.45 am	Choral Eucharist

### THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED

**For those in need:** Sarah, Shane, Jim & Joan, Joy, Michael, Helen, Soumaya, Matthew, Alan, Nancy, Athol, Richard, Helen, David, Chris, Elaine, Diana, Carrie, Freda, Bob, Nicholas, Lesley, Matthew, Maurice, Pearl.

**Birthdays:** Fraser McRobie 20; Ellen Barnard 22; Chris Neilson 22; Jennie Lightfoot 23; Susan Benjamin 23; Audrey Cross 23; Duncan Barnard 25; David Rushbrooke 25 Jean Barnard 26; Christie Fe'pulua'i 26.

**Wedding** Russell and Janice Blewden 20.

**Anniversaries:**

**In Memoriam:** Athol Charles Carter; Charmain Mouton 20; Thelma O'Brien 20; George Priscott 21; Gwendolen Garrick 21; Carol Pomeroy 21; Christopher Hyde 21; Jacqui Shepherd 22; Wendy Knox-Gore 22; Marjorie Addis 23; Muriel Chalke 24; Marina Lock 24; Huntly Elliott 24; Phyllis Priscott 25; Jack Derrett 26; Hedley Tremain 26.

**In the Anglican Communion and Diocese of Waikato:** House of the Epiphany, in the Diocese of Kuching, and the parishes of West Hamilton, Nawton and Whangamata in the Diocese of Waikato.

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*(please kneel or sit)*

*Liturgist*

Jesus said: There is joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.  
Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

**Merciful God,  
we have sinned in what we have thought and said,  
in the wrong we have done  
and in the good we have not done.  
We have sinned in ignorance:  
we have sinned in weakness:  
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry.  
We repent and turn to you.  
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,  
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*President:*

Through the cross of Christ,  
God have mercy on you,  
pardon you and set you free.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
God strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

### THE COLLECT

**Gracious God, you chose the Virgin Mary by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour; so fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE READINGS

*Please sit.*

*About 700 BC, when the rulers of Judah were playing power-politics with the great power of the day, Assyria, Micah looks for a true shepherd king, born, like David, in Bethlehem.*

### **A reading from the book of the prophet Micah** (5:2-5a)

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE MAGNIFICAT (Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary)



- 1 My soul proclaims the ' greatness • of the ' Lord:  
my spirit re'joices • in ' God my ' saviour,
- 2 For you Lord have looked with favour on your ' lowly ' servant:  
and from this day all gener'ations • will ' call me ' blessed.
- 3† You O Most Mighty have done ' great things ' for me:  
and ' holy ' is your ' name.
- 4 You have mercy on ' those who ' fear you:  
from gener'ation • to ' gener'ation.
- 5 You have shown the ' strength • of your ' arm:  
you have scattered the ' proud in ' their con'ceit.
- 6 You have cast down the mighty ' from their ' thrones:  
and have ' lifted ' up the ' lowly.
- 7 You have filled the hungry with ' good ' things:  
and the rich you have ' sent a'way empty.

## ARCHDEACON REG WONDERS WHAT CHRISTMAS REALLY MEANS

I have discovered a new definition for the condition known as fear of Christmas. It is Claustrophobia (think about it!).

But seriously, what does Christmas mean? I suppose it depends upon whom we are asking, for Christmas means different things to different people.

For a small child it means: presents, noise, excitement, Santa Claus.

For a school pupil it means: end of school year, holidays, gifts, summer weather.

For a mother Christmas means cooking, shopping, worrying, wrapping parcels. For a father special Christmas jobs mean tidying the garden, fitting more bottles into the 'fridge, emptying the cheque book.

For a shop assistant: Christmas means overwork, aching feet, dislike of hearing carols played over and over, tired brain.

For a teenager: Christmas means parties, presents, end-of-term exams, holidays, the beach, getting a Christmas card from a special person.

For a grandparent: Christmas means feeling warm at the family reunion; feeling astonished at how quickly the year has flown; feeling bewildered at the cost of everything.

For a lonely person, Christmas may mean sadness. For a traffic officer, the season means distress at the way some people still feel it all right to drink and drive. For a priest, Christmas means visiting the sick and a busier time to be given ministering to the faithful.

If we want to know what Christmas really means for all of us, it is this.

Christmas means God came into our world and showed compassion. God became enfleshed, so that never again should we say that creation is unworthy or that human nature is unclean.

Christmas is a reminder that it is possible for us to walk in some of the steps of Jesus, by practicing love, showing generosity, displaying gentleness and kindness, and bestowing happiness. What a marvellous season it is!

**Reg Nicholson**



### **ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE**

Christmas Cards, Christmas Music, Gifts and Nativity Sets

### **POT LUCK DINNER**

There will be a shared meal on Boxing day at 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm at 169 River Road. Please let Robyn Place know if you are able to attend. 855 5823 or pvc-u@clear.net.nz

*During the administration of Communion prayer ministry will be available in Saint Anne's Chapel.*

### ANTHEM

*Ave Maria.* Eleanor Daley.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised Saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

### BLESSING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE DISMISSAL OF THE COMMUNITY

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

### FINAL HYMN O COME , O COME EMMANUEL!

(**Number 1** in the red Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Hymn Book)

*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.*

*Please join us for refreshments after the 8.00 am and 9.45 am services.*

- 8 You have come to the help ' of your ' people:  
for you have re'membered • your ' promise • of ' mercy.  
9 The promise you ' made • to our ' forbears:  
to Abraham ' and his ' children • for ' ever.

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.

*The anonymous author of the Letter to the Hebrews writes in the 60s AD to those of a Jewish background to show that the hopes of the Jewish tradition are indeed fulfilled in Christ.*

### A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (10:5-10)

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (NRSV)  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GRADUAL HYMN

1  
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy.  
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
and they say that his name was Jesus  
*He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom (twice)  
O yes, believer, O yes believer  
He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.*

2

The angels sang when the baby born,  
 The angels sang when the baby born  
 The angels sang when the baby born  
 and proclaim him the baby Jesus  
*He come from the glory,  
 he come from the glorious kingdom (twice)  
 O yes, believer, O yes believer  
 He come from the glory,  
 he come from the glorious kingdom.*

3

The wise men saw where the baby born  
 The wise men saw where the baby born  
 The wise men saw where the baby born  
 and they say that his name was Jesus  
*He come from the glory...*

*Anon. West Indies*

### THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia!** Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke (1:39-45)

#### **Praise and glory to God.**

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of Christ.

#### **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

### THE SERMON

*(please sit)*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ teaches us we pray

**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.**

*Rimsky-Korsakov*

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread  
 to share in the body of Christ.  
**We who are many, are one body,  
 for we all share the one bread.**

### AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
 have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
 have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
 grant us your peace.**

*Victoria*

### GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The president says the invitation to communion.*

Come God's people, Come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

### THE INVITATION

*God invites everyone to gather around his table. We extend an invitation to all to come forward and receive this Holy Sacrament.*

you will make all things new when he comes in power and majesty to judge the world.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given thanks he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: 'Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me'. After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said: 'Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me'.

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

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Jesus Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## THE NICENE CREED

*(please stand)*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
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,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became fully human.  
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;  
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,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
Who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
and has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Let it be to me:

**according to your will.**

Merciful Father,

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

## THE PEACE

*(please stand)*

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou./The peace of Christ be always with you.

**A ki a koe ano hoki./And also with you.**

*Please respond in either language.*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Sing we of the blessed Mother who received the angel's word,  
And obedient to the summons bore in love the infant Lord;  
Sing we of the joys of Mary at whose breast that child was fed  
Who is Son of God eternal and the everlasting Bread.

2

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, of the sword that pierced her through,  
When beneath the cross of Jesus she his weight of suffering knew,  
Looked upon her Son and Saviour reigning high on Calvary's tree,  
Saw the price of man's redemption paid to set the sinner free.

3

Sing again the joys of Mary when she saw the risen Lord,  
And in prayer with Christ's apostles, waited on his promised word:  
from on high the blazing glory of the Spirit's presence came,  
heavenly breath of God's own being manifest through wind and flame.

4

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary, when on earth her work was done,  
And the Lord of all creation brought her to his heavenly home:  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed, raised on high and crowned with grace,  
May your Son, the world's redeemer, grant us all to see his face.

*G B Timms*

## THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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.

**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.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The president says:*

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father,  
everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness;  
through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and  
formed us in your own image; male and female you created us. When we sinned  
and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our  
human nature.

By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the  
world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant  
over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by  
sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

In his coming among us the day of our deliverance has dawned, and through him