Anglican Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki

The Chrism Eucharist

The Reaffirmation of Ministerial Commitment and The Blessing of the Oils

Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter
Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato

1 April 2026, 5.30pm

GRATEFUL HEARTS SERVANT HANDS

Welcome to Waikato Cathedral

To prepare for Easter, we come together as a Diocesan community at the beginning of Holy Week.

After he had turned his face towards Jerusalem, Jesus called his disciples together, to break bread and to stay with him in his Passion. In this liturgy, we make Eucharist together and bless one another on our pilgrimage into the deep journey of Easter.

As a Diocese we shall break bread and renew our calling in God's service: we shall receive holy oil for Baptism and healing in solidarity with the Christ, God's Anointed One.

Christ in Greek means **Anointed One**, from the word **Messiah** in Hebrew. This is why people are anointed with oil in the Sign of the Cross at their Baptism, the greatest healing of all. This action is called Chrismation, from the word Christ, and was originally offered by the Bishop in the early Church. The newly baptised person is now 'in Christ' and a member of 'Christ's body'.

In our liturgy today, the Bishop offers the Eucharist and the anointing of our hands to strengthen and to bless us in our ministry.

The sacramental action of breaking bread, sharing the cup of blessing, consecrating and anointing with oil, will provide an outward and visible sign of the grace we receive, so that we may be refreshed for our ministry to our sisters and brothers as we live the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Christ.

The foot washing that Jesus called us to is offered in our faith communities on Maundy Thursday.

Bishop Philip Richardson

Mihi Whakatau | Welcome

Hīmene | Processional Hymn

— 1 —

O Jesus I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

— 2 —

O let me feel thee near me;
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

— 3 —

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

— 4 —

O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heav'n receive me,
my Saviour and my friend.

Words: John Bode (1816-74)
Music: Wolvercote – William H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

The Bishop says

Toitū te rangi	*The sky is constant*
Toitū te whenua	*The earth is unchanging*
Toitū te aroha o te Atua	*The love of God is dependable*
Toitū ōna manaakitanga katoa	*The gifts of God are continuous*
Mauriora e Te Ariki	*Hail to the Lord!*
Matua, Tama, Wairua Tapu.	*Father, Son, Holy Spirit.*
Amine.	***Amen***

Grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Te Hohou-I-Te-Rongo | Act of Penitence

(please be seated or kneel / e noho, e tūturi rānei tātou)

Dean Julian Come, let us return to the Lord and say

Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop The Lord enrich you with grace,
and nourish you with blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble and
keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen**.

Reception into the Anglican Church

The candidate is presented by Dean Julian Perkins.

Dean Plex John has already been baptised and has formerly been a communicant member of the Syro Malabar Catholic Church. He now asks to be received into communicant membership of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and seeks our prayers in the fellowship of this parish.

The Bishop says to the candidate,
Do you stand by the Christian confession and commitment made at your baptism?
Candidate: I do.

Bishop Do you desire to be admitted into communicant membership of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and accept our doctrine and order?
Candidate: I do.

The bishop welcomes the person in these words, taking them by the hand.

We recognise you as a baptised and communicant member of the Christian Church

The congregation responds

ALL **We receive and welcome you into the communion of the Anglican Church.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.

ALL **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.
God of wisdom and love, source of all good,
by your Holy Spirit strengthen your servant
and guide him/her in your way of peace and love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The candidate kneels and the bishop lays hands on the candidate's head, saying

Plex John, may the Holy Spirit direct and uphold you
in the service of Christ and his kingdom
in the fellowship of this Church.
God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
bless, preserve and keep you.
Amen.

Te Īnoi o Te Rā | The Collect

Deacon Let us pray

Gracious God,
you anointed your Son Jesus Christ with
the Holy Spirit and with power to bring to the world the blessings of your kingdom: anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit, that we who share in his suffering and his victory may bear witness to the gospel of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ngā Whaikōrero | The Proclamation

(please sit for the reading / e noho ki te whakarongo ki ngā pānuitanga)

The Hebrew Scriptures Reading, *read by Vivianne Flintoff*
from the Book of the prophet Isaiah 61: 1-3,6,8-9

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 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.
but you shall be called priests of the Lord,
you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
and in their riches you shall glory.

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.

[Translation: New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)]

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church **Thanks be to God.**

Hīmene | Gradual Hymn

(please stand / e tū tatou)

— 1 —

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King.
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

— 2 —

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
by your humble birth: *refrain*

— 3 —

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified: *refrain*

— 4 —

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love: *refrain*

— 5 —

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song: *refrain*

Michael Saward (b.1932)

Te Rongopai | The Gospel *(we remain standing and turn to face the gospel | Ka tū tonu tātou ki te whakarongo ki te Rongopai)*

Reader: The Rev'd Robin Olds

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke Chapter 4, beginning at verse 16 (-21)
Praise and glory to God

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth
When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:
'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'
And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.
The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say
to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

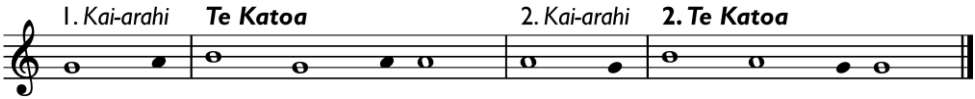
[NRSVA]

This is the Gospel of Christ **Praise to Christ the Word**

Te Kauhau | Sermon

He Tikanga Whakapono | The Affirmation of Faith

Deacon: Let us stand and together affirm our faith.



1. Ko koe, e te Atua tapu, **te tino Atua,**	*You, the holy God, the absolute God,*
2. Nōu te mana, te ihi, **te wehi.**	*Yours are authority, dignity, awe.*
1. Nōu te ao, te mauri, **te ora.**	*Yours is the world, its life principle, its wholeness.*
2. Nāu te katoa, i te rangi, i te whenua.	*Yours is everything in the heavens and on earth.*
Ko koe tonu **te Atua.**	*You are constant God.*
1. Ko koe te māramatanga **o te ao,**	*You are the light of the world.*
2. I tīaho rā koe i roto i **te pōuri,**	*you shine through the darkness,*
1. Kia puta ake tāu Tama ko **Ihu Karaiti**	*to reveal your son Jesus Christ as the central pillar of faith for the world.*
2. Hei pou tokomanawa mō te ao. Ko koe tonu **te Atua.**	*You are constant God.*
1. Ko koe te Wairua Tapu, Ko koe taku **rākau,**	*You are the Holy Spirit you are my staff,*
2. Ko koe taku tokotoko**,** Ko koe taku oranga **ngākau e,**	*you are my walking stick, you are my heart's life*
1. Ko koe tonu rā **te Atua.**	*You are constant God.*
2. Korōria **ki a koe.**	*Glory to you.*

Tr. By Bishop G. Conner

The Reaffirmation of Commitment to Ministry

Bishop My brothers and sisters, at his Last Supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the sacrament of bread and wine.

He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant.

I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service, as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of his grace.

*The Bishop addresses the **laos (laity)**, who stand while others are seated*

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God, whose service is perfect freedom. From the beginning, believers have continued in the apostles' teaching and community life, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer. Will you commit yourself to this life?

Laity **With the help of God, I will.**

*The Bishop addresses the **lay ministers,** who stand while others are seated*

When you were commissioned, you undertook to be faithful in prayer and by word and example to minister to those for whom Christ died. Will you do all that is in your power to witness to God's love for his people?

Lay ministers **With the help of God, I will.**

*The Bishop addresses the **deacons,** who stand while others are seated*

At your ordination as a deacon, you received the yoke of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, to build up God's people in his truth and serve them in his name?

Deacons **With the help of God, I will.**

*The Bishop addresses the **priests,** who stand while others are seated*

At your ordination to the priesthood, you took authority to watch over and care for God's people, to absolve and bless them in his name, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and to minister the sacraments of his New Covenant. Will you continue as faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, preaching the gospel of Christ and ministering his holy sacraments?

Priests **With the help of God, I will.**

*A lay person addresses the **Bishop,** who stands while others are seated*

At your ordination as bishop, you received the gift of the Spirit, that you might lead the Church in mission, and send out ministers in Christ's name; that you might promote its unity, uphold its discipline, and guard its faith; and that you might teach and govern the people committed to your charge.

Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, watching over Christ's own flock, and building them up in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace?

Bishop **With the help of God, I will.**

The congregation stands and Dean Julian invites prayer for the clergy, laity and their families.

Let us pray for all disciples of Jesus Christ and their commitment to serve him and proclaim his holy word.

Let us pray for our lay ministers, our deacons and priests, that the Lord will bless them with the fullness of his love. May they be faithful servants of Christ, our great high priest, serving the Church with gifts that encourage and equip the people of God to make Christ known to our generation.

All **Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.**

Let us pray also for our Bishop, that the Holy Spirit may sustain him in the apostolic ministry which Jesus Christ has entrusted to him.

All **Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.**

Let us pray for our families, that the Lord will bless them, and that Christ's presence may be found in their homes.

All **Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.**

Let us pray for all those in our communities who share in the task of ministry, rejoicing at the gifts which God has given us, and asking that we may walk together in the way of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve.

All **Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.**

Bishop Almighty God, who has given us the will to undertake all these things, give us also the strength to perform them, that he may complete that work which he has begun in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The oils are brought forward, during which a chant is sung:

Ubi caritas, et amor	*Where true charity and love abide*
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est (x4)	*God is dwelling there*

Blessing of the oils

Rev'd Dr Plex John The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

Bishop Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful,
creator of heaven and earth.
Your Word brought light out of darkness,
and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.
Your anointed Son brought healing
to those in weakness and distress.
He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death
that we might praise your name for ever.

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this oil in your name;
may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit,
restored in your image, renewed in your love,
and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Rev'd Robyn Olds The oil for making the sign of the cross at baptism.

Bishop Blessed are you, sovereign God,
the protector of all who believe in you.
Your anointed Son overcame the powers of evil
when he was lifted high upon the cross.
By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this oil in your name;
as they come to the waters of baptism,
may it be for them a sign of your defence in their fight
against sin, the world and the devil,
and bring them to share in Christ's victory.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Heather Powell The oil for anointing at ordinations.

Bishop Blessed are you, sovereign God,
upholding by your grace all who hear your call.
Under your Old Covenant priests and kings were anointed to serve you and in the fullness of time you anointed your Son by the Holy Spirit to be the Christ, the Saviour and Servant of all. By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this chrism in your name; let it be for them a sign of joy and gladness as they share in the royal priesthood of the New Covenant and make known the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices of thanks and praise.

All **Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever. Amen**

Te Minitatanga O Te Hākarameta
The Ministry of the Sacrament

Te Maungārongo | The Peace *(please stand / e tū tatou)*

Bishop God has made us one in Christ,
has set the seal upon us and as a pledge of what is to come has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

Kia tau tonu te rangimārie o te Atua ki a koutou.
The peace of God be always with you.

All **and also with you.**

Dean Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, as the altar is prepared.

Hīmene | Offertory Hymn
When I survey the wondrous cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an off'ring far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Te Whakatikatika I Te Ohaoha
The Preparation of the Gifts

Bishop As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

Te Whakawhetai Nui | The Great Thanksgiving

(please stand, sit or kneel as you are most comfortable throughout the following prayer | mō tēnei inoi katoa, e noho, e tū, tūturi rānei i runga anō i tāu e pai nei)

Kei konei te Ariki.
The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Kia ara ō koutou ngākau.
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Kia whakapai tātou ki tō tātou Ariki ki te Atua.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the pioneer of our salvation, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. Your love is shown to us, for while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

By Christ's journey into darkness are we all brought home;
by his agony and death, we come finally to life;
the tree of shame is now the tree of glory.

Through Christ you gather us,
new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and say:

Holy, holy, holy:
God of mercy, giver of life;
earth and sea and sky and all that lives,
declare your presence and your glory.

Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who on the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, 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; and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory.

Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way,
in him we offer ourselves to do your will.

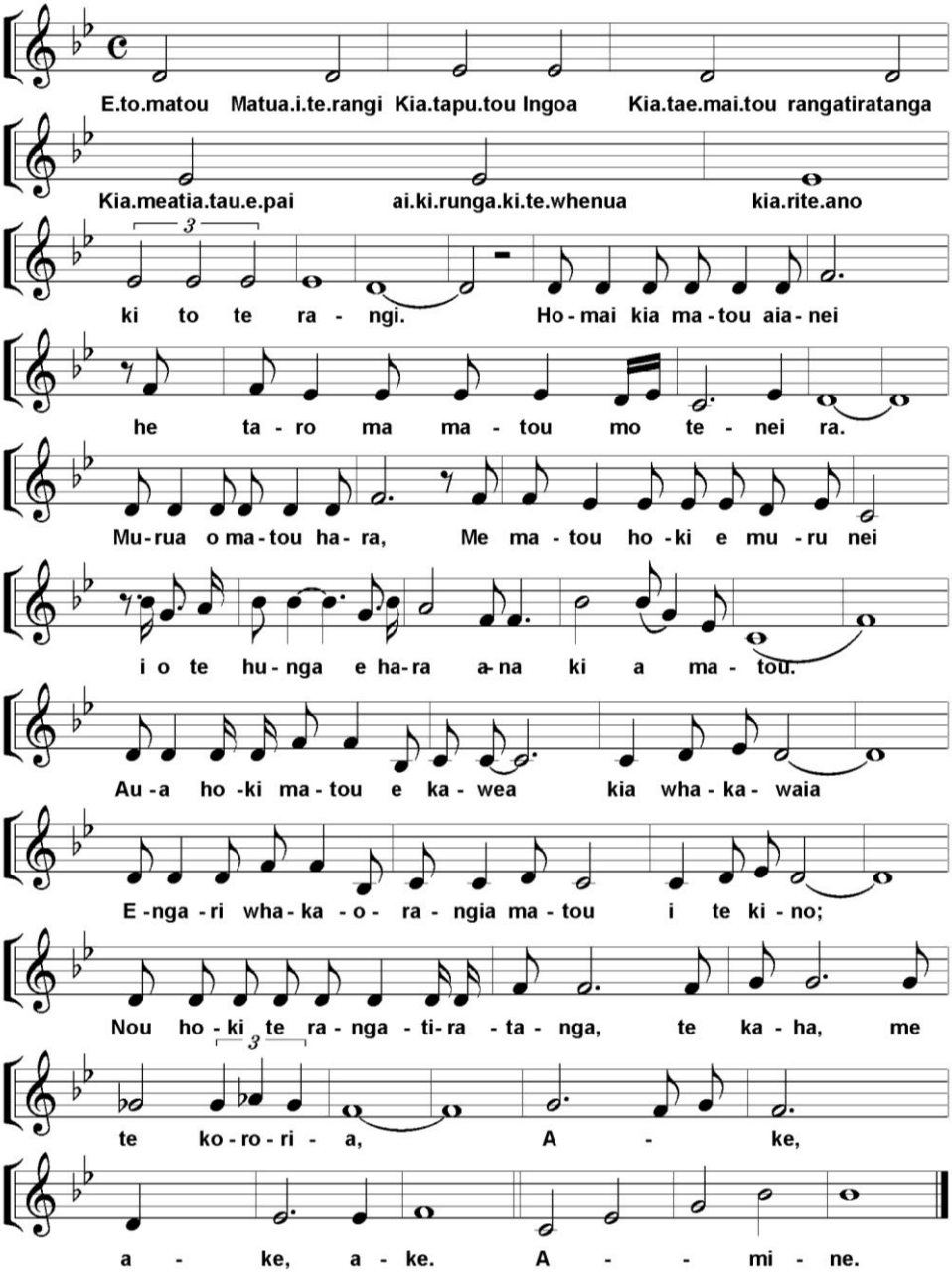
Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God.

Amen.

Hākari Tapu | The Communion

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka waiata tātou
As Christ teaches us, we pray and sing



The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Te Pōwhiri | The Invitation

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.
May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

After receiving communion, all are invited to the font for the anointing of hands with holy oil.

Communion Hymn – Brother, sister let me serve you

— 1 —

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

— 2 —

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow trav'llers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

— 3 —

I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

— 4 —

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

— 5 —

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

— 6 —

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

Ngā īnoi mō Muri I te Hapa | Prayer after Communion

All **Good Shepherd, you have welcomed us at your table**
and have anointed us with the oil of gladness:
may your goodness and mercy
follow us all the days of our life,
that we may dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Amen.

Silence is kept

We recall Christ's beatitudes for those who follow him:

Blessed are the poor in spirit
All **For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn
All **For they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek
All **For they shall inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness
All **For they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful
All **For they shall obtain mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart
All **For they shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers
All **For they shall be called children of God.**

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake
All **For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Te Manaakitanga | The Blessing (please stand / e tū tātou)

Bishop E rere e ngā Karere a Te Karaiti,
Kawea te kupu ki te tini ki te mano.
Ruia i runga i te whakaaro nui,
ruia i runga i te whakaaro pono.

Waiho ko te aroha te Atua: Matua, Tama, Wairua Tapu
hai kākahukiwi mōu, āianei ā āke tonu atu. Āmine.

Take wing O messengers of Christ carry the Word of the multitudes.
Sow it in wisdom, sow it in Truth
and may the Love of God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life
be the feathered cloak that enfolds us all, now and always. Amen

Hīmene | Recessional Hymn
Amazing Grace – Whakaaria Mai

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Whakaaria mai tōu rīpeka ki au,
Tiaho mai ki roto I te pō
Hei kona au titiro atu ai
Ora, mate, hei au koe noho ai.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Whakaaria mai…

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

Text: Carl Boberg (1859-1940)
Adapted by Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

Then sings my soul
My Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
(Repeat)

Te Haerenga Atu | The Dismissal

Dean Julian

Grace be with you
Thanks be to God

Go in peace
Amen. We go in the name of Christ

The ministers and people depart

After the service those who wish to collect oils for use in the parishes, schools and other ministry units should proceed to St Anne's Chapel (front right side of the church), following the direction of the stewards.

Please stay for tea or coffee following the service, served in the cathedral centre, turn left exiting the church.

Thank you to the Community of Waikato Cathedral
for hosting us on this significant occasion.
Thank you to all those who have travelled today
to celebrate their vocation,
recommit themselves to ministry
and receive an anointing.
May you be renewed for ministry
and wonder anew at the Paschal Mystery.