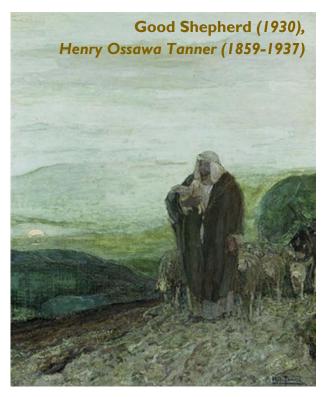


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The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7.17

II May 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter				
8:00am	Said Eucharist	President & Preacher	The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins	
10:00am	Choral Eucharist	President Preacher	The Rev'd Robin Olds The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins	
I7 May 2025 - Cantata Vespers (5pm)				
18 May 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter				
8:00am	Said Eucharist	President Preacher	The Rev'd Wendy Tyrrell The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins	
10:00am	Choral Eucharist	President & Preacher	The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins	

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Prayers for those in need:	Graeme, Anja, Kelsi, Natasha, Steph, Zaf & Cathy, Bruce.
Birthdays:	Paul Spiers II, Plex John II, Rev Canon Pine Campbell 12, Maire Neilson 14, Belinda Saunders 14, Anthony McAdam 15, Pat Clendon 15, Sonya McElhinney 15, Lynn Jamieson 16, Douglas McRobie 16, Annabelle McRobie 16.
In Memoriam:	Fay Bishop II, Ted Thompson II, Athol Bishop 12, Chris Hay 13, Jim Bennett 14, Ian Drabble 15, Heather Otton 15, Inez Smart 16, Andrew Masoica 16.

We Remember with Love and Gratitude

Views from the Pews: The story of Tabitha

In Acts 9:36, Luke's careful quotation of both names for this remarkable woman - Tabitha (Aramaic), and Dorcas (Greek) - suggests that she lived in a community including both Jewish and Hellenistic believers. Both names implied that she had the characteristics of a gazelle, a graceful person of slim, active energy. Luke also describes Tabitha as 'full of good works and acts of charity', so we can visualise her as one with a strong sense of community, always willing to help others. There are lots of people like that today, but in Biblical times, there was no social security, and no form of official support for women and children deprived of a husband's income. Most widows were desperately poor, so community concern was a matter of life and death for them. Tabitha was one of many New Testament women who, inspired by the Gospel message, immediately interpreted it as a command to construct supportive communities primarily concerned about caring for others. But with all her good works, Tabitha had no defence against her own death, and in due course it caught up with her. The consequences for her community were severe.

Peter was visiting the saints at Lydda and had healed a paralysed man there. So, Tabitha's friends sent two men to Lydda (40 km) to entreat him to 'come to us without delay'. So, Peter accompanied them back to Joppa. The grieving community there showed him Tabitha's body laid out for burial, and the clothing that she had made with her own hands, celebrating what Tabitha had done for them and why they would miss her so much. Peter knelt and prayed over the body, then commanded 'Tabitha, rise'; and she sat up.

Why should we be astonished at this? Remember what Jesus had said, in his farewell address: 'Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son'.(John 14:12-13).

Luke sums up the reactions of all concerned by stating only the simple fact that her return to life became known all over Joppa—and its result was that many people believed in the Lord because of it (v. 42).

Te Whakawhetai me te Whakamoemiti Thanksgiving and Praise

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Mass Setting: Missa de Angelis - Palestrina

Te Minitatanga o te Kupu me ngā Īnoi The Ministry of Word and Prayer

Te Whakatikatika | The Gathering of the Community

The Introit: Cantate Domino – Pitoni (165 7-1743)

Sing to the Lord a new song. His praise is in the assembly of the saints. Let Israel rejoice in him who made her, and let the daughters of Zion exult in their king.

Opening Hymn (please stand / e tū tātou)

Thine for ever! God of love, hear us from thy throne above; thine for ever may we be here and in eternity.

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----- 2 ----Thine for ever! Lord of life, shield us through our earthly strife; thou the life, the truth, the way, guide us to the realms of day.

Thine for ever! Shepherd, keep us thy frail and trembling sheep; safe within thy tender care, let us all thy goodness share.

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Thine for ever! thou our guide, all our wants by thee supplied, all our sins by thee forgiv'n, lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

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Mary Fawler Maude (1819-1913)

Greeting (please remain standing / e tū tonu tātou)

Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

E te whānau a te Karaiti, welcome to this holy table; welcome to you, for we are Christ's body, Christ's work in the world. Welcome to you whose baptism makes you salt of the earth and light to the world. Rejoice and be glad. Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope. **Amen. Christ is our light, the joy of our salvation.**

Praise and glory to Christ, God's new beginning for humanity making ritual water gospel wine, cleansing all our worship.

Love and loyalty to Christ, who gives us the gospel. Praise to Christ who calls us to holiness.

Gathering of the Children (all children are welcome to join junior church in the hall, children under five must be accompanied by a carer.)

Korōria ki te Atua | The Gloria (sung by the choir, please stand / e tū tātou)

> Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

> Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Te Hohou i te Rongo | Forgiveness

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

Liturgist:

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness. Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another and to be what we claim to be. Forgive us where we have failed to serve you; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours we ask your pardon.

The presiding priest says

God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection, reconciliation for all the human race.

Liturgist

We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together. Praise to God who has created us, praise to God who has accepted us, praise to God who sends us into the world.

Te Īnoi o te Rā | The Collect

God of peace, by the blood of the eternal covenant you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep; make us perfect in every good work, and work in us that which is pleasing and good; through Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Ngā Karaipiture | The Readings

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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:36-43)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

[Translation – New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)]

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

Psalm 23 (please stand / e tū tātou)



- I The Lord ' is my ' shepherd: therefore ' can I ' lack ' nothing.
- 2 You Lord make me lie down in ' green ' pastures: and lead me be'side the ' waters \cdot of ' peace.
- 3 You re'vive my ' spirit: and guide me in right pathways '_____ for your ' name's ' sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will ' fear no ' evil: for you are with me, your ' rod · and your ' staff · are my ' comfort.
- 5 You spread a table for me_ in the ' sight · of my ' enemies: you have anointed my head with oil, and my ' cup is ' over'flowing.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me_ all the ' days · of my ' life: and I will dwell in the ' house · of the ' Lord 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.

A reading from the Revelation to John (7:9-17)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.' [NRSVA]

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

Gradual Hymn (please stand / e tū tātou)

I — I — Faithful Shepherd, feed me in the pastures green; faithful Shepherd, lead me where thy steps are seen.

Daily bring me nearer to the heav'nly shore; may my faith grow clearer, may I love thee more. ----- 2 -----Hold me fast, and guide me in the narrow way; so, with thee beside me, I shall never stray.

Hallow ev'ry pleasure, ev'ry gift and pain; be thyself my treasure, though none else I gain. Day by day prepare me as thou seest best, then let angels bear me to thy promised rest.

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Thomas Benson Pollock (1836-1896)

Te Rongopai | The Gospel – John (10:22-30) (we remain standing and turn to face the gospel | Ka tū tonu tātou ki te whakarongo ki te Rongopai)



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The holy Gospel according to John. Praise and glory to God.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.' [NRSVA]

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

Te Kauwhau | The Sermon

He Tikanga Whakapono | The Affirmation of Faith (please stand / e tū tatou)

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God. You, O God, are infinitely generous,

good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

Ngā Īnoi a te Iwi | The Prayers of the People

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

God of grace	God of love	Lord, in your mercy
you hear our prayer.	grant our prayer.	hear our prayer.

The intercessor may end with the following responses or a collect:

God, you shape our dreams. As we put our trust in you may your hopes and desires be ours, and we your expectant people. **Amen.**

Te Minitatanga o te Hākarameta The Ministry of the Sacrament

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

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace who breaks down the walls that divide.

The peace of God be always with you. **Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.**

Liturgist: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Jesus, where'er thy people meet, there they behold thy mercy seat; where'er they seek thee thou art found,

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and ev'ry place is hallowed ground.

— 3 — Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few, thy former mercies here renew;

here to our waiting hearts proclaim the sweetness of thy saving name. For thou, within no walls confined, inhabitest the humble mind; such ever bring thee when they come,

and, going, take thee to their home.

Here may we prove the pow'r of prayer

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to strengthen faith and sweeten care, to teach our faint desires to rise, and bring all heav'n before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near; nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear; O rend the heav'ns, come quickly down, and make a thousand hearts thine own.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

Te Whakatikatika i te Ohaoha | Preparation of the Gifts

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

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed.

Lift your hearts to heaven where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God. It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin. His cross has taken our guilt away.

Christ is risen from the dead.

Love is come again: Christ is sovereign over space and time.

You send your Holy Spirit

to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts we say/sing:

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.

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.' On that night before he died he took bread and gave you 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, and gave you thanks.

He gave it to them and said:

Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Send your Holy Spirit,

that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.

Te Hākari Tapu | The Communion

The Lord's Prayer (You may wish to pray the Lord's Prayer in your own language. The Choir will sing.)

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka īnoi tātou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi Kia tapu tōu Ingoa. Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga. Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite anō ki tō te rangi. Hōmai ki a mātou ājanei he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā. Murua ō mātou hara, Me mātou hoki e muru nei i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou. Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia: Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino: Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha. me te korōria. Āke ake ake. Āmine.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross. Christ is the bread of life.

His blood was shed for our forgiveness. Christ is risen from the dead.

Te Reme a te Atua | Agnus Dei (sung by the choir)

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. Te Pōwhiri | The Invitation

Lifting the bread and cup, the priest invites the people, saying

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

The minister says the following to each person.

The bread of life, broken for you. Te taro o te ora, i whatīa nei mōu.

The cup of blessing, poured out for you. Te kapu o te ora, i whakahekea nei mõu.

The communicant may respond each time: Amen / Āmine.

All are welcome to receive communion. If communion is not your tradition, we invite you to come forward for a blessing, simply put an arm across your chest and a blessing will be given.

Please come forward and kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive the bread and wine or a blessing. Please ask if you need a gluten free wafer.

In the Anglican tradition, we use the common cup, with wine of a high alcohol content, in a silver vessel, to minimise infection risks. If you do not wish to receive the wine, communion is fully valid in one kind, either bread or wine, or you may wish to simply lift the cup, to show reverence and receive spiritually.

Please note, the practice of intinction is not permitted.

If you would like to light a candle for someone you love, or to give thanks to God, please feel free to do so at the back of the cathedral.

Anthem These are they that follow the Lamb – Goss (1800-1880)

Ngā Īnoi mō muri i te Hapa | Prayer After Communion

Blessed be God who calls us together.
Praise to God who makes us one people.
Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.
Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.
Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.
Praise to God who is revealed as love.
Blessed be God who alone has called us.
Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.
Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.
Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.
Our hands were empty, and you filled them.

Gathering of the children

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

The faithful Shepherd protect you from all evil, strengthen you with his goodness, lead you to the fullness of his love; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life, be upon you and remain with you, with those whom you love, and with those whom you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen**

Closing Hymn -

I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me, how he left the realms of glory for the cross on Calvary.

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Refrain:

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me sing it with his saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea. ----- 2 -----I was lost, but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray, raised me up and gently led me, back into the narrow way. Refrain

Days of darkness still may meet me, sorrow's path I oft may tread, but his presence still is with me, by his guiding hand I'm led. *Refrain*

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Francis Harold Rowley (1854-1952)

Te Haerenga Atu | The Dismissal of the Community

Liturgist

Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary:

Please join us for refreshments

after both services, 8.00am and 10.00am.

	4th Sunday of Easter II May 2025	5th Sunday of Easter 18 May 2025
First Reading	Acts 9:36-43	Acts II:I-I8
Second Reading	Rev 7:9-17	Rev 21:1-6
Gospel Reading	John 10:22-30	John 13:31-35
	8.00 am	8.00 am
Liturgist	Rev'd Wendy Tyrrell	Dean Julian Perkins
First Reader	Plex John	Faith Canales-Wolter
Second Reader	Liam McCaffrey	John Stewart
Intercessions	Rev'd Wendy Tyrrell	Dean Julian Perkins
	10.00 am	10.00 am
Liturgist	Evelyn Masoka	Lynn Jamieson
Crucifer	Sophia Khouri	Krysten Mildenhall
Acalutas	Milannia Zuchetto	Jody van der Merwe
Acolytes	Alonzo Zuchetto	Kyle van der Merwe
First Reader	Kim King	Koli Jayatunge
Second Reader	Kate Terry	Mavis McNaughton
Intercessor	Fred Rohorua	Anne McAloon
Ciborium	Dean Julian Perkins & Rev Robin Olds & Richard Swarbrick	Dean Julian Perkins & Rev Robin Olds & Anne McAloon
Chalice DB	Kim King & Evelyn Masoka	Frany Edwards & Kim King
Chalice LW	Pam McAdam & Brian Dingwall	David Shearer & Susan Shearer
Chalice Font	Vivianne Flintoff	Richard Swarbrick
Welcomers	Max Basson & Yvonne Hall	Plex John & Anu Varghese
Morning Tea	Hala & Fred Rohorua	Marie-Therese & Graham Borland

Cantata Vespers - Third Saturday of the month Next Vespers: 17 May 2025 at 5.00pm

Choral Evensong - Fourth Sunday of the month Next Evensong: 25 May at 5.00pm

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