



The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato

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‘Heaven and earth will pass away,’ says the Lord, ‘but my words will not pass away.’
- Mark 13.31

7 December 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am	Said Eucharist	President Preacher	The Rev'd Wendy Tyrrell Father Ben Ong
10:00am	Choral Eucharist	President Preacher	The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins Father Ben Ong

14 December 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am	Said Eucharist	President & Preacher	Father Ben Ong
10:00am	Choral Eucharist	President Preacher	The Rev'd Robin Olds Father Ben Ong

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The Cathedral Church of St Peter

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We Remember with Love and Gratitude

Prayers for those in need: Bruce, Joan, Alison, Ashleigh, Caroline, Keira, Titan, Zaf & Cathy.

Birthdays: Warren T. 7, Stephen B. 7, Shaun H. 7, Rae B. 8, Knox B. 9, Heather H. 13, John C. 14.

Anniversaries: Bryan & Elizabeth B. 10, Shirley & Tas S. 11.

In Memoriam: Emma Ridge 3, Margaret Leigh 7, Raymond Nicholas 7, Michael Schumacher 9, Beverly Bremner 10, John Franklin 11, Betty Tasker 11, Alexander Malcolm 12.

Views from the Pews - The time they cancelled Christmas

'Merry Christmas' is a familiar phrase, but it comes freighted with more controversy than you might imagine.

The 1600s in England were a time of unprecedented upheaval in the Church. Only two things were certain; Sunday attendance was compulsory, and Catholics were banned. Control was largely exerted from above, but distance from London, coupled with growing literacy, enabled vigorous debate about worship, and about the appearance of churches. There was what we would now recognise as a culture war. This contest began with Sundays – were you allowed to play sport, drink, or indulge ancient pre-Christian traditions after Church? Many thought that those traditions – making 'merry' – were part of an ancient identity linked to one's village or county.

The other view, espoused by those we still tend to label as Puritans, held that such activity was offensive to God, and that it would attract heavenly retribution. Sunday was for long services, long sermons, and much Bible reading in between. This debate still plays out in our political and social life in this country; most of us can remember when shops were shut on Sunday, there was no public sport, and alcohol was kept out of sight.

At one stage, there were serious attempts to cancel Christmas, on account of the 'pagan' practices it encouraged. Too much eating and drinking, too much of the 'Merry', all linked to over-decorated churches. Too much fun all round.

So some church buildings were actually locked on 25 December, in an attempt to purge the day of both Pagan and Catholic influence. Many found this 'cancel culture' just too much, and the pendulum duly swung back, being one of the driving forces behind the Restoration, with its cultural re-birth, and (no doubt) the return of delights such as choral music.

This history of violent swings, bitter debate, and excessive top-down control helped form what we know as Anglicanism today; space for a spectrum of different views and practices, a preference for the middle ground, and a full role for both Bishops and laity.

So it is probably with a clear conscience that we put heart and soul into our Christmas worship, but that we sleep well after Midnight Mass (now there's an explosive word), and wake on the morrow to leave for the beach, our cars laden equally with outboard motor fuel, cake, and beer.

A Merry Christmas to all.

Richard Swarbrick

Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption

A New Zealand Prayer Book, page 456

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Mass Setting: Missa Aeterna Christi munera

- G.P. Palestrina (1525-1594)

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

Te Whakatikatika | The Gathering of the Community

The Introit – In Advent – Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*Let us rejoice! The redeemer is coming, whom the Lord has promised.
The name of the Lord be praised for ever. Halleluja!*

Opening Hymn (please stand / e tū tātou)

— 1 —

Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour
comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne,
and ev'ry voice a song.

— 3 —

He comes, the broken heart to
bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to bless the humble poor.

— 2 —

He comes, the pris'ners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him
burst,
the iron fetters yield.

— 4 —

Our glad hosannas, Prince of
Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.

Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Greeting (please remain standing / e tū tonu tātou)

In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life. **Amen**

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning
and without end, in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,
release for the captives,
recovery of sight for the blind
and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (*Please be seated / e noho*)

We light our second candle on the advent wreath as we remember the light that the Prophets brought into the world.

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love. Amen.

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

Psalm 72: 1-7, 19-20

(*please stand / e tū tātou*)



- 1 Give the king your ' justice · O ' God:
and your righteousness ' to a ' king's ' son,
- 2 that he may judge your ' people ' rightly:
and up'hold the ' poor with ' justice.
- 3 Let the mountains bring forth peace ' for the ' people:
and the ' hills pros'perity · with ' justice.



- 4 May the king defend the cause of the poor
a'mong the ' people:
save the children of the '
needy · and ' crush · the op'pressor.
- 5 May he live as long as the ' sun en'dures:
as long as the ' moon from ' age to ' age.
- 6 May he come down like rain up'on the ' grass:
like ' showers · that ' water · the ' earth.
- 7† In his days may ' righteous · ness ' flourish:
and abundance of peace ' till the ' moon · is no ' more.
- 19 Blessèd are you O ' Lord our ' God:
for you a'lone do ' marvel · lous ' things.
- 20 Blessèd be your glorious ' name for ' ever:
let the whole earth be filled with your glory. '
Amen. ' A'men.

**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.**

Invitation to Confession

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

Liturgist:

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith. *cf John 1.23*

The Kyries (sung by the choir)

Kyrie eleison.	E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	E te Karaiti, kia aroha mai.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.	Lord, have mercy.

Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins:
soften our proud and stubborn hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God:
teach us to forgive one another.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth:
direct us in your way of righteousness.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence before the president says:

God forgives you. Forgive others; Forgive yourself. Be at peace.

Te Īnoi o te Rā | The Collect

**Almighty God,
you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for
the coming of your Son;
grant that those who proclaim your word may so guide our feet
into the way of peace,
that we may stand with confidence before him
when he comes in his glorious kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. Amen.**

Ngā Karaipiture | The Readings

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

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (11:1-10)

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

[Translation – New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)]

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

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (15:4-13)

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name’;

and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him’;

and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. [NRSVA]

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Gradual Hymn (*please stand / e tū tatou*)

— 1 —

— 2 —

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry	Then cleansed be ev'ry breast from
announces that the Lord is nigh;	sin;
awake, and hearken, for he brings	make straight the way for God within;
glad tidings of the King of kings.	prepare we in our hearts a home,
	where such a mighty guest may come.

— 3 —

— 4 —

For thou art our salvation, Lord, To heal the sick stretch out thine
our refuge and our great reward; hand,
without thy grace we waste away, and bid the fallen sinner stand;
like flow'rs that wither and decay. shine forth and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

— 5 —

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

C. Coffin (1676-1749) tr. J. Chandler (1806-1876) alt.

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

The holy Gospel according to Matthew (3:1-12)

Praise and glory to God.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ [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)

8am Service:

Liturgist: Let us stand and together affirm our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

10am Service:

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

The intercessor may use one of the following responses:

God of grace you hear our prayer.	God of love grant our prayer.	Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.
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The intercessor may end with the following responses or a collect:

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you.
Hear the prayers of your people.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace
receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Te Minitatanga o te Hākarameta

The Ministry of the Sacrament

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

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

E te whānau, we are the body of Christ.

By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

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

Offertory Hymn

— 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 rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

— 3 —

O come, thou dayspring come and
cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to
flight.

— 4 —

O come, O come, great Lord of
might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the Law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Tr. J M Neale (1818-1866)

Te Whakatikatika i te Ohaoa | Preparation of the Gifts

God of all creation, you bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.

By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine will be for us
the body and blood of Christ.

All you have made is good. Your love endures for ever.

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)*

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

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 right indeed to give you thanks most loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead,
the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always,
one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your
unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and
stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

**God's love is shown to us:
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.

We give you thanks because
Christ the Sun of Righteousness has dawned as our deliverance,
and as your power to renew the word in love and justice.

In your mercy you are now our God.
Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit,
a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you,
for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

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

<p><i>For said service:</i></p> <p>Holy, holy, holy: God of mercy, giver of life; earth and sea and sky and all that lives, declare your presence and your glory.</p>	<p><i>For choral service the choir sing:</i></p> <p>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</p>
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All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in 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.

We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name.

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, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life.

In Christ 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.**

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.*)

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.**

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka ĭnoi 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 āiane
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:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga,
te kaha, me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

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 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

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.

The minister says the following to each person.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you.

Ko te tinana o tō tātou Ariki, i tukua nei mōu.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for you.

Ko ngā toto o tō tātou Ariki, i whakahekea nei mōu.

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 O thou the central orb – Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Ngā Īnoi mō muri i te Hapa | Prayer After Communion

Most loving God, creator and redeemer,
we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

**Through Christ, and with all your saints,
we offer ourselves and our lives to your service.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to stand with you in your world.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,
our friend and brother. Amen.**

Gathering of the children

The Blessing (*please stand / e tū tātou*)

The Lord open your eyes to his coming, open your ears to his voice, open your hearts to 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

— 1 —

The Lord will come and not be
slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

— 3 —

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in
might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

— 2 —

Truth from the earth, like to a
flow'r,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heav'nly bow'r,
look down on mortal men.

— 4 —

The nations all whom thou hast
made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.

— 5 —

For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done;
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

John Milton (1608-1674)

Te Haerenga Atu | The Dismissal of the Community

Liturgist

Grace be with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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

The 10 am service concludes with the organ voluntary, for which you are warmly invited to remain. If you wish to leave following the recession of clergy and choir, please do so quietly so that the voluntary may be fully appreciated.

Voluntary: Gottes Sohn ist kommen - *Heinrich Buttstedt (1666-1727)*

Please join us for refreshments

after both services, 8.00am and 10.00am.

	Second Sunday of Advent 7 December 2025	Third Sunday of Advent 14 December 2025
First Reading	Isa 11:1-10	Isa 35:1-10
Second Reading	Rom 15:4-13	James 5:7-10
Gospel Reading	Matt 3:1-12	Matt 11:2-11
	8.00 am	8.00 am
Liturgist	Plex John	Andrea Haines
First Reader	Faith Stewart	Giles Brant
Second Reader	John Stewart	Kerry Burroughs
Intercessions	Plex John	Andrea Haines
	10.00 am	10.00 am
Liturgist	Lynn Jamieson	Evelyn Masoka
Crucifer	Sophia Khouri	Sairah George
Acolytes		
First Reader	Ann Bennett	Antoinette Ankersmit
Second Reader	Kate Terry	Sam Edwards
Intercessor	Rev'd Robin Olds	Fred Rohorua
Ciborium	Dean Julian Perkins & Fr Ben Ong	Fr Ben Ong & Rev'd Robin Olds
Chalice DB	Franny Edwards & Plex John	Warren & Min Turnwald
Chalice LW	Brian Dingwall & Greg Fahey	Dianne Cameron & Binny Matthew
Welcomers	Liz Gilling & David Wilson	Sandi & Glenn Te Kahu
Morning Tea	Marie-Therese & Graham Borland	Hala & Fred Rohorua

Cantata Vespers - Third Saturday of the month
Next Vespers: 21 February 2026 at 5:00pm

Choral Evensong - Fourth Sunday of the month
Next Evensong: 22 February 2026 at 6:00pm

Cathedral Ministry Team and Contacts

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Pastoral Care Team

Julian Perkins, Robin Olds, Vivianne Flintoff, Heather Powell, Plex John
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Cathedral Office

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