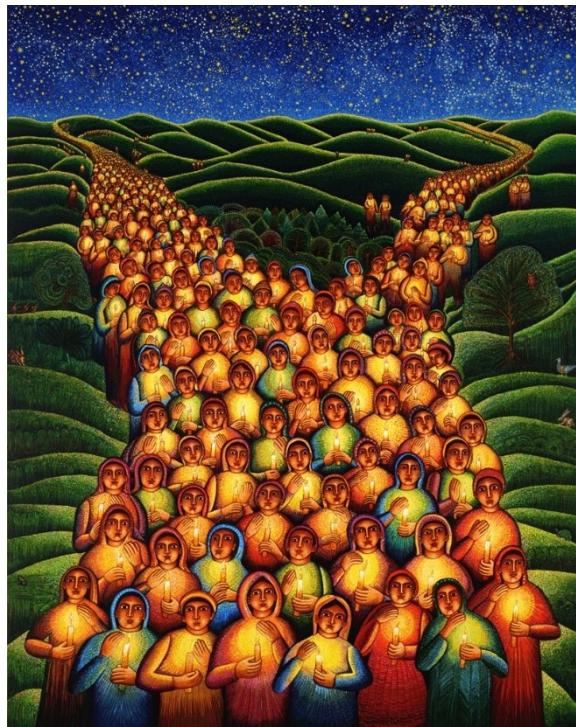




# The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato  
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Festival of Lights (2000)  
- John August Swanson  
(1938-2021)

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.      - Matthew 5.16

## 8 February 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am	<b>Said Eucharist</b>	President Preacher	The Rev'd Wendy Tyrrell The Rev'd Canon Sue Pickering
10:00am	<b>Choral Eucharist</b>	President Preacher	The Rev'd Robin Olds The Rev'd Canon Sue Pickering

## 15 February 2026 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am	<b>Said Eucharist</b>	President Preacher	The Rev'd Wendy Tyrrell Richard Swarbrick
10:00am	<b>Choral Eucharist</b>	President Preacher	The Rev'd Robin Olds Richard Swarbrick

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**Visitor guest donations can be made via the Eftpos machine at the rear of the Cathedral.**

## **We Remember with Love and Gratitude**

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**Prayers for those in need:** Joan, Alison, Ashleigh, Bruce, Steve & Jennie, Helen, Judith, Jean, Peter, Vivianne, Heather, Jan, Sal, John, Pauline, Margaret, Anne, Sarah, Malcolm, Phillip.

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**Birthdays:** Ella PG. 13, Pam M. 14.

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**Anniversaries:** Glen & Marlena P. 9.

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**In Memoriam:** Fraser McRobie 8, Roger Meyrick 9, Frances Davies 9, Ronald Knight 9, Robin Young 11, Brian Smart 11, Patricia Parkin 12, Matthew Neave 14.

## Views from the Pews – We Christians are not victims

This is a deliberately eye-catching heading which is instantly contestable. Just see Acts 9;1, which we read on 25 January. Saul was breathing threats and murder against God's disciples. The crucifixion was followed by a ruthless purge, and the Conversion is all the more remarkable because of what Saul's mission had been. But the Psalm for the same Sunday begins with a clear identification of God as all-powerful protector; "Of whom then shall I be afraid?"

God is the mountain-mover, the all-powerful, a theme that spans the whole of scripture. By presenting ourselves as victims, we are downplaying and limiting our own description of God. We cannot have it both ways. Either God is all-powerful or he isn't.

This then is the danger we fall into when we adopt a politico-religious narrative that presents Christians as victims, under perpetual threat. There is a risk attached when we use this narrative to describe other faiths, other ideas. Islam and Communism are the two most commonly described threats today, but Christians are equally prone to point the finger at other branches of Christendom; for centuries Catholics were described as the main threat (or Protestants if you were Catholic).

In the quest for solidarity and for compliance, an external threat is all too convenient. The Church has often fallen into that trap. Power can too often be solidified by the manufacture of external threats.

How then to resolve this? First, read Acts and the other scriptural narratives of post-crucifixion witness. Then get into some church history, and learn to distinguish between real threats, and those exaggerated in the name of power and influence. Be aware of those who would 'save' us as part of some secular agenda. Yes, religious persecution is real and it is common, but we need to develop powers of discernment. It can well be argued that we were rescued on that first Christmas Day, rescued once and for all by a God who not only moves mountains but also moves his Son to earth to dwell with us.

We can safely end by returning to that former persecutor, as he writes to the Romans, doing his best to explain the gift of that first Christmas; "With all this in mind, what are we to say? If God is on our side, who is against us?"

Posing as victims will not do.

- Richard Swarbrick

# Thanksgiving of the People of God

A New Zealand Prayer Book, page 404

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**Mass Setting:** Gabrieli

## 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 – *Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)*

### Opening Hymn (*please stand in body or spirit / e tū tātou*)

— 1 —

Blest Creator of the light,  
making day with radiance bright,  
thou didst o'er the forming earth  
give the golden light its birth.

— 2 —

Thou didst mark the night from day  
with the dawn's first piercing ray;  
darkness now is drawing nigh;  
listen to our humble cry.

— 3 —

May we ne'er by guilt depressed  
lose the way to endless rest;  
nor with idle thoughts and vain  
bind our souls to earth again.

— 4 —

Rather may we heav'nward rise  
where eternal treasure lies;  
purified by grace within,  
hating ev'ry deed of sin.

— 5 —

Holy Father, hear our cry,  
through thy Son our Lord most high,  
whom our thankful hearts adore  
with the Spirit evermore.

*'Lucis Creator Optime' trans. unknown*

### Greeting (*please remain standing / e tū tonu tātou*)

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Ko te rā tēnei i hangā e Ihowā.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Kia hari, kia koa tātou.**

Let us pray,

**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.**

**Te Hohou i te Rongo | Forgiveness**

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

*Liturgist*

Hear the teaching of Christ:

a new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,  
and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

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.

*Silence*

Let us confess 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.**

*The presiding priest declares the absolution,*

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.**

## 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.**

*Liturgist*

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.  
Kia mau te rongo o te Karaiti ki ō tātou ngākau.

**The word of Christ dwell in us richly.  
Kia hira ake te noho o tāna kupu ki a tātou.**

## Te īnoi o te Rā | The Collect

**We praise you, God,  
that the light of Christ shines in our darkness  
and is never overcome;  
show us the way we must go to eternal day;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 (58:1-9a)

“Shout it aloud, do not hold back.

    Raise your voice like a trumpet.

Declare to my people their rebellion

    and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.

For day after day they seek me out;

    they seem eager to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that does what is right

    and has not forsaken the commands of its God.

They ask me for just decisions

    and seem eager for God to come near them.

‘Why have we fasted,’ they say,

    ‘and you have not seen it?’

Why have we humbled ourselves,

    and you have not noticed?’

“Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please

    and exploit all your workers.

Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife,

    and in striking each other with wicked fists.

You cannot fast as you do today

    and expect your voice to be heard on high.

Is this the kind of fast I have chosen,

    only a day for people to humble themselves?

Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed

    and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?

Is that what you call a fast,

    a day acceptable to the Lord?

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:

to loose the chains of injustice

    and untie the cords of the yoke,

to set the oppressed free

    and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry

    and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—

when you see the naked, to clothe them,

    and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn,

    and your healing will quickly appear;

then your righteousness will go before you,  
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.  
Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;  
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I."

[Translation – New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)]

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

Psalm 112 (*please stand in body or spirit / e tū tātou*)

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- 1 Blessèd are those who ' fear the ' Lord:  
and greatly de'light in ' God's com'mandments.
- 2 Their descendants will be ' mighty · in the ' land:  
the children of the ' upright ' will be ' blessed.
- 3 Riches and plenty shall ' fill their ' houses:  
righteousness ' shall be ' theirs for ' ever.
- 4 They are a light in the darkness ' for the ' upright:  
being ' gracious · com'passionate · and ' just.
- 5 It goes well with those who are ' generous · in ' lending:  
who con'duct · their aff'airs with ' justice.
- 6 For the righteous will ' never · be ' shaken:  
they will be ' kept · in re'membrance · for ' ever.
- 7 They will not live in fear of ' bad ' news:  
because with steadfast ' heart they ' trust · in the ' Lord.
- 8 Their heart is steady, they ' will not ' fear:  
in the end they shall ' see their ' ene'mies' ' downfall.
- 9 They give freely ' to the ' poor:  
their righteousness stands for ever,  
and they will hold ' up their ' head with ' honour.

10 The wicked will be vexed ' when they ' see it:  
they will grind their teeth and slink away,  
for the hopes of the ' wicked ' shall ' come to ' nothing.

**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 first letter of Paul  
to the Corinthians (2:1-12)

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,  
what no ear has heard,  
and what no human mind has conceived”—  
the things God has prepared for those who love him—

these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

[NRSVA]

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

## Gradual Hymn (*please stand in body or spirit / e tū tatou*)

— 1 —

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

— 2 —

Lead us, Father, into freedom,  
from despair your world release;  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and  
goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

— 3 —

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race or schooling  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.

— 4 —

You, creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

*Fred Kaan (1929-2010)*

## 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 (5:13-20)

**Praise and glory to God.**

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the

kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.” [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 in body or spirit / e tū tatou)*

**8am Service:**

*Liturgist: Let us stand and together affirm our faith.*

**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.**

### **10am Service:**

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

## 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                    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:*

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 in body or spirit / 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 —

God is our strength from days of old,  
the hope of ev'ry nation;  
whose pow'r conceived the universe  
and set the earth's foundation.  
Though hidden from our sight  
in uncreated light,  
his presence yet is known,  
his wondrous purpose shown,  
resplendent in creation!

— 2 —

That Word of Life, before all things  
in primal darkness spoken,  
became for us the Word made flesh  
for our redemption broken.  
His glory set aside,  
for us he lived and died,  
obedient to the death,  
renewed in life and breath,  
to endless glory woken!

That Breath of God, who brooded  
first  
upon the new creation,  
who lit with light the Virgin's womb  
to bear the world's salvation;  
that Dove whose shadow graced  
th'anointed Saviour's face,  
now challenges us all  
to recognise the call  
to hope and liberation.

O great Creator, Spirit, Word,  
the well-spring of creation,  
our Alpha and our Omega,  
our hope and our salvation;  
to Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Three for ever One,  
and One for ever Three,  
mysterious Trinity,  
be praise and adoration.

*Michael Forster (b. 1946)*

### 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 pāi nei*)

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; in all our diversity, 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.

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 saying/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 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; 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 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 for ever. Amen.**

## Te Hākari Tapu | The Communion

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

*(You may wish to pray the Lord's Prayer in your own language.)*

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 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 āianei  
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.  
Murua ū mātou hara,  
Me mātou hoki e muru nei  
i ū te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.  
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;  
Engari whakaoranga mātou i te kino:  
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga,  
te kaha, me te korōria,  
Āke ake ake. Āmine.

## 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.**

## 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

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us.

Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*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 whakahekeā 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** Above the moon earth rises      *Trad Arr. Iliff*

**Ngā īnoi mō muri i te Hapa | Prayer After Communion**

**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. Amen.**

## Te Manaakitanga | Blessing (*please stand in body or spirit / e tū tātou*)

Christ, the Son of Glory, shine upon you, that you may walk in the light as in the day and not in the night; and the blessing of Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life be with you, with those whom you love, and with those whom you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

— 1 —

Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
praise the Lord, for he is kind:  
for his mercies ay endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

— 2 —

Let us blaze his name abroad,  
for of gods he is the God;  
for his mercies ay endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

— 3 —

He, with all-commanding might,  
filled the new-made world with light;  
for his mercies ay endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

— 4 —

And the moon to shine at night  
mid her starry sisters bright;  
for his mercies ay endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

— 5 —

Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
praise the Lord, for he is kind:  
for his mercies ay endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

*John Milton (1608-1674) based on Psalm 136*

## Te Haerenga Atu | The Dismissal of the Community

*Liturgist: Go now to love and serve the Lord. 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. The voluntary is part of our communal act of worship, and applause is not felt to be appropriate. 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:** *Vater unser im Himmelreich Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

**Please join us for refreshments**

after both services, 8.00am and 10.00am.

	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 February 2026</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 February 2026</b>
First Reading	Isa 58:1-9a	Sirach 15:15-20
Second Reading	I Cor 2:1-12	I Cor 3:1-9
Gospel Reading	Matt 5:13-20	Matt 5:21-37
<b>8.00 am</b>		<b>8.00 am</b>
Liturgist	Andrea Haines	Plex John
First Reader	John Stewart	Ross McRobie
Second Reader	Faith Stewart	Joy McRobie
Intercessions	Andrea Haines	Plex John
<b>10.00 am</b>		<b>10.00 am</b>
Liturgist	Evelyn Masoka	Plex John
Crucifer	Evelyn Prentice	Sophia Khouri
Acolytes		
First Reader	Tiffany Sayer	Kim King
Second Reader	Kitty Storey	Kate Terry
Intercessor	Anne McAloon	Fred Rohorua
Ciborium	Rev'd Robin Olds & Rev'd Canon Sue Pickering	Rev'd Sam Pullenger & Richard Swarbrick
Chalice DB	Kim King & Rae Barwood	Binny Matthew & Rev'd Robin Olds
Chalice LW	Anu Varghese & Pam McAdam	Faith Stewart & Evelyn Masoka
Welcomers	David Wilson & Mavis & Don McNaughton	Sandi & Glenn Te Kahu
Morning Tea	Sue Jones & Evelyn Masoka	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**

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