



The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato

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Pieta (1500), Giovanni Bellini (ca. 1426-1516)

We have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. *Romans 6:4*

04 April 2026 The Easter Vigil and Service of Light

7.00pm	Choral Eucharist	President Preacher	The Rev'd Sam Pullenger The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins
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The Cathedral Church of St Peter

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The Holy Triduum: The Easter Vigil and Service of Light

The Easter Vigil Liturgy is among the most ancient liturgies of the Church and symbolises the re-entry of the Light of Christ into the darkness of the world. The Paschal (Easter) Candle is lit outside the church and carried into the church in procession. This candle burns throughout the Easter Season for 50 days until Pentecost. The candle is also lit for all baptisms and funerals throughout the year. In this liturgy we recall the story of salvation and people customarily renew their baptismal vows and reaffirm their faith.

Thanksgiving and Praise

A New Zealand Prayer Book, page 476

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Mass Setting: Palestrina Missa de Angelis

The Service of Light (*The people gather on the courtyard in front of the church doors*)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which through word and sacrament we share in his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

The Blessing of the Fire

O God, who through your Son bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory, sanctify this new fire, we pray, and grant that, by these paschal celebrations, we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that with minds made pure we may attain festivities of unending splendour. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The lighting of the Paschal Candle

(The presiding priest traces the sign of the cross as he prays)

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him and all ages;
to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

(The priest inserts the five grains of incense into the Paschal Candle, which represent the five wounds of Christ, as he prays)

1	By his holy				1
2	and glorious wounds				
3	may Christ our Lord	4	2	5	
4	guard				
5	and keep us.				3

(The priest lights the Paschal Candle with the blessed fire, and he prays)

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. **Amen.**

who has saved us by his death,
paid the price of Adam's sin,
and reconciled us once again to you.

Glory to you for ever.



Glo-ry to you for e - ver.

For this is the Passover feast,
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

Glory to you for ever.

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,
freeing Israel from her slavery
and leading her safely through the sea.

Glory to you for ever.

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,
broke the chains of death
and rose triumphant from the grave.

Glory to you for ever.

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,
restored to grace and holiness,
and share the victory of Christ.

Glory to you for ever.

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;
beyond our deepest dreams
you made even our sin a happy fault.

Glory to you for ever.

Most blessed of all nights!
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Glory to you for ever.

Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth
and all creation reconciled to you.

Glory to you for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.
Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.
For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;
Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us!
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever! **Amen.**



A - men. —

The Ministry of the Word

The Great Vigil of Easter

Fellow pilgrims on the Christian way, let us now listen to the story of how God saved the people of Israel by mighty acts in their history, and in the fullness of time came among us in Christ Jesus as our Redeemer.

A reading from Genesis (7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13)

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

Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered,

male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future

generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

[Translation – New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)]

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

Psalm 46 *(please stand in body or spirit / e tū tatou. The Choir will sing.)*

A reading from Exodus (14:10-end; 15:20-21)

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in

the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

[NRSVA]

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Psalm: Song of Moses (*Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18*) (please stand in body or spirit / e tū tatou. The Choir will sing.)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (*37:1-14*)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

[NRSVA]

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Psalm 143 (*please stand in body or spirit / e tū tatou. The Choir will sing.*)

Liturgist: Let us pray,

God of steadfast love, by the power of your mighty arm you delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, giving us a sign of salvation through the waters of baptism; grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The presiding priest exclaims,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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The Gloria (*sung by the choir, please remain standing in body or spirit / e tū tātou*)

As the Gloria is sung, the Cathedral will be illuminated

**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.**

Collect

Lord of the Passover, you have lit this night with the radiance of Christ; renew in us our baptism, and bring us through the Red Sea waters to the promised land. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The New Testament Reading (*please be seated / kia tau ki raro*)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (6:3-11)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might

no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. [NRSVA]

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Psalm 114 (*please stand in body or spirit / e tū tātou*)

ANON.

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Unison

- 1 When Israel came ' out of ' Egypt:
the house of Jacob
- 2 Judah became the ' Lord's ' temple:
and ' Israel · be'came God's ' kingdom.
- 3 The sea fled ' at the ' sight of it:
and ' Jordan · turned ' back · in its ' course.
- 4 The mountains ' skipped like ' rams:
and the ' hills like ' yearling ' sheep.
- 5 Why was it that you ' fled O ' sea:
and you Jordan ' that you ' turned ' back,
- 6 you mountains that you ' skipped like ' rams:
and you ' hills like ' yearling ' sheep?
- 7 Tremble O earth at the ' presence · of the ' Lord:
at the ' presence · of the ' God of ' Jacob,
- 8 who turned the hard rock into a ' pool of ' water:
and the flint-stone ' into · a ' gushing ' spring.

Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son:

and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit;

as it was in the be'ginning . is ' now:

and shall be for ' ever. ' A- ' men.

The Gospel – Matthew 28:1-10 (*we remain standing and turn to face the gospel | Ka tū tonu tātou ki te whakarongo ki te Rongopai*)

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, - Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, - Al-le-lu-ia!

The holy Gospel according to Matthew **Praise and glory to God.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’ [NRSVA]

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

The Sermon

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Everyone is invited to gather around the font and water is poured into the font.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in Baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church.

Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our Baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Praise to God who has given us life.

Whakamoemititia te Atua, te Kai-homai i te ora.

Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Kia whakapaingia te Atua, mō tana oha o te aroha.

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

Whakamoemititia te Atua, e muru nei i ō tātou hara.

Blessed be God who sets us free.

Kia whakapaingia te Atua, e whakawātea nei i a tātou.

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

Whakamoemititia te Atua, te ahi kā o te whakapono.

Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

***Kia whakapaingia te Atua,
tō mātou kaha, tō mātou tūmanako.***

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

whose promise endures for ever.

We thank you God for your love in all creation,
especially for your gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

We thank you for your covenant with your people Israel;
through the Red Sea waters
you led them to freedom in the promised land.

In the waters of the Jordan
your Son was baptised by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the deep waters of death
Jesus fulfilled his baptism.

He died to set us free

and was raised to be exalted Lord of all.

It is Christ who baptises with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

We thank you that through the waters of baptism
you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit and raise us to new life.
In the new covenant
we are made members of your Church
and share in your eternal kingdom.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to Christ,
we celebrate our fellowship in him through faith.
We pray that all who pass through the waters of baptism
may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour,
power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

The paschal candle is lowered into the font three times as the priest says

May the power of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, we pray,
come down through your Son into the fullness of this font,
and, holding the candle in the water, the priest continues

So that all who have been buried with Christ
by Baptism into death may rise again to life with him.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The paschal candle is lifted out of the water, as the people acclaim:

**Springs of water, bless the Lord;
praise and exalt him above all for ever.**

Commitment to Christian Service

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. From the beginning, believers have continued in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

Will you commit yourself to this life?

I will, with God's help

Will you forgive others as you are forgiven?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek to love your neighbour as yourself,
and strive for peace and justice?

I will, with God's help.

Will you accept the cost of following Jesus Christ
in your daily life and work?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole Church will you proclaim by word and action the Good
News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help

The presiding priest says to all those present

Let us, the baptised, affirm that we renounce evil
and commit our lives to Christ.

Blessed be God, JESUS IS LORD!

The presiding priest or minister then says

Let us now celebrate the faith into which we were baptised and in which
we live and grow.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Water may now be sprinkled on the people.

Almighty Father, grant that we your children may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but continue his faithful servants to our lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen**

We return to our seats for the intercessions.

Prayers of Intercession (*please kneel or sit / e noho, e tūturi rānei tātou*)

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

Gracious God, we praise you for the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ from the dead. Shed his glorious light on all Christian people that we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

God of grace

All You hear our prayer.

We pray for those who at this season are receiving in Baptism your Son's new life by water and the Spirit. Dying with Christ, may they know the power of his resurrection.

God of grace

All You hear our prayer.

We pray for all whom we know and love, both near and far. May their eyes be opened to see the glory of the risen Lord.

God of grace

All You hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer pain and anguish. Grant them the faith to reach out towards the healing wounds of Christ and be filled with his peace.

God of grace

All You hear our prayer.

We remember before you those who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Unite us with them in your undying love.

God of grace

All **You hear our prayer.**

Join our voices, we pray, loving God, to the songs of all your saints in proclaiming that you give us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Risen Christ,
come in your victorious power, affirm in us the goodness of God,
give us new life, reconcile us in peace,
assure us of your final triumph,
make us faithful in witness, fulfil in us your promises.

All **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Peace (*please stand in body or spirit / 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

— 1 —

Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia.

— 2 —

Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia.

— 3 —

Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia.

— 4 —

Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia.

— 5 —

Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia.

Christian Gellert (1715-1769) tr. Frances Cox (1812-1897) alt

Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

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 Lord is here.

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God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

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 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; 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.**

We celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

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,
to whom we bring our songs of ever lasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,

Here and everywhere,

Now and forever. Amen.

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 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 whakaorāngia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga,

te kaha, me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine.

Breaking of the Bread

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.

Agnus Dei

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

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

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

The Invitation

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 whatia nei mōu.

The cup of blessing, poured out for you.

Te kapu o te ora, i whakahekea nei mōu.

The communicant may respond each time Amen / Āmine.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come to the altar rail to receive the bread. If you would like to receive the wine move to a chalice station at either side. Wine can be received from the Common cup or individual cups, as desired.

Please note, the practice of intinction is not permitted.

If communion is not your custom or practice, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Please, put a hand across your chest and a blessing will be given.

Gluten free wafers are offered at the Altar rail, please ask.

Candles to symbolise our prayers can be lit at the back of the Cathedral.

Anthem: Dum Transisset Sabbatum, Taverner (1490-1545)

When the Sabbath was past

Mary Magdalene and Mary wife of James and Salome

Bought perfumes so that coming they might anoint Jesus.

Alleluia

Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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.

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

The God of peace,

who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,

that great shepherd of the sheep,

through the blood of the eternal covenant,

make you perfect in every good work to do his will,

working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

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 strife is o'er, that battle done;

now is the Victor's triumph won;

O let the song of praise be sung:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

— 2 —

Death's mightiest pow'rs have done

their worst,

and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;

let shouts of praise and joy

outburst:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, by the stripes which wounded
thee
from death's dread sting thy
servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia..

Latin hymn (17th century), trans. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

The Dismissal of the Community

Liturgist -

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The 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: Postlude on "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)