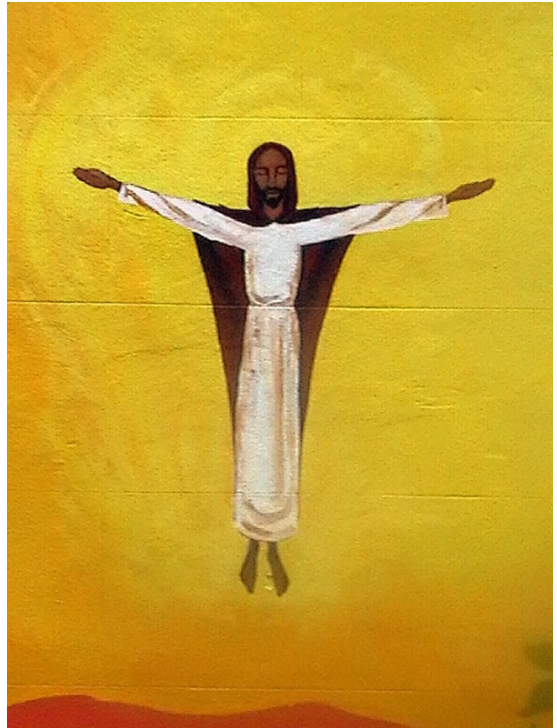




# The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

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*Ascension (2003) Bristol,  
England*



This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

*John 17.3*

## 17 May 2026 – Sunday After Ascension

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

## 24 May 2026 – The Day of Pentecost

8:00am	<b>Said Eucharist</b>	President & Preacher	The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins
10:00am	<b>Choral Eucharist</b>	President & Preacher	The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins
5:00pm	<b>Evensong</b>	Officiant	The Rev'd Peter Lord Cowell

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#### **The Cathedral Church of St Peter**

The ministry of the cathedral is paid for by our church members. If you can be a part of this it greatly helps the life of the church.

**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, Sophia, Keira, Natasha, Jessica, Nathan, Bryan, Lara, Sarah, Michelle, Margaret, Pauline, Paula, Grant, Helen, Judith, Jean, Elizabeth, John, Sandra, Dean, Audrey, Nicole, Emily.

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**Birthdays:** Glenda S. 20, Susan A. 22, Evelyn P. 23

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**Anniversaries:** Eddie & Kate W. 18.

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**In Memoriam:** Mary Ridley 19, Mary Dragten 20, Kenneth Wilson 21.

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## Views from the Pews - Compare and contrast

### Don't just do something – be there

“Compare and contrast” is frequently used exam question:

I was struck by what is possibly the worldly view in Bette Midler's song, that “God is watching us – From A Distance”. As opposed to “...the very hairs of your head are all numbered” *Luke 12: 7* and “In him we live and move and have our being.” *Acts 17.28* God is by no means remote or absent from even the smallest stresses of our everyday lives. Many of us are perpetually harried “doing something” in our professional roles. God is the author of the very mechanism of Time, thus has the advantage of not being constrained by it! - but as a loving parent is concerned with the trials of his children.

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” *Matt 11:28*. More than a temporary standstill, a better word for “rest” might have been “Shalom”, or restoration, bringing back to the original intended purpose, a rebuilding rather than a fix. A return to his presence. Julian has talked a lot about “being there” in its fullest sense - a listening, participatory, unhurried, responsive act. As straightforward perhaps as the “I Am” of the Lord himself.

Bette's lyrics contain a description of the earth seen from afar – blue and green, white snow-capped mountains – an apparent Eden compared to the vast storm systems of Jupiter or Mercury's searing aridity. She “cannot comprehend” why, given such natural beauty, our race is so prone to warfare – we probably can't either! But we can have faith that ultimately God plans a worldwide peace so profound that

“... God will wipe away every tear from their eyes;  
there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying.  
There shall be no more pain...” *Rev 21:4*

In the meantime, we seek a microcosm of this in our Sunday “holy convocation” *Lev 23:3*.

Because when “The Lord your God is in your midst;  
The mighty One will save.  
He will rejoice over you with gladness,  
He will quiet you with his love,  
He will rejoice over you with singing.” *Zeph 3:17*

So be it!

*Tiffany Sayer*

# ***Te Whakawhetai me te Whakamoemiti*** ***Thanksgiving and Praise***

*A New Zealand Prayer Book, page 476*

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**Mass Setting:** Noon

## **Te Minitatanga O Te Kupu Me Ngā Īnoi** **The Ministry of Word and Prayer**

### **Te Whakatikatika | The Gathering of the Community**

#### **The Introit:** *Coelos ascendit hodie – Stanford (1852-1924)*

*Today, Jesus Christ, the King of glory, has ascended into the heavens.  
Alleluia! He sits at the Father's right hand, ruling heaven and earth,  
Alleluia! Now are David's songs fulfilled, now is the Lord with his Lord,  
Alleluia! He sits upon the royal throne of God, in this his greatest triumph,  
Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord: let the Holy Trinity be praised, let us give  
thanks to the Lord, Alleluia! Amen.*

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

— 1 —

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name,  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

— 2 —

O prophets faithful to his word,  
in matters great and small,  
who made his voice of justice heard,  
now crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

— 3 —

All sinners, now redeemed by grace,  
who heard our Saviour's call,  
now robed in light before his face,  
O crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

— 4 —

Let ev'ry people, ev'ry tongue  
to him their heart enthral:  
lift high the universal song  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

*Edward Perronet (c. 1726-1792) adapt. Michael Forster (b.1946)*

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

E te whānau a te Karaiti, welcome to this holy table;  
welcome to you, for we are Christ's body, Christ's work in the world.  
Welcome to you whose baptism makes you  
salt of the earth and light to the world.

Rejoice and be glad. Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

**Amen. Christ is our light, the joy of our salvation.**

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

**Love and loyalty to Christ, who gives us the gospel.**

**Praise to Christ who calls us to holiness.**

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

Korōria ki te Atua | The Gloria

(*sung by the choir, please remain standing / e tū tonu tātou*)

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

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

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Te Hohou-i-te-rongo | Forgiveness

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

*Liturgist:*

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

*Silence*

In God there is forgiveness.

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

*The presiding priest says*

God forgives us; be at peace.

*Silence*

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

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

Te Rārangi | The Collect

**Christ our great high priest, you understand our weakness; you  
pray for us while we are sinners. Help us, through you, to find a  
new and living way to God; for the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

# Ngā Karaipiture | The Readings

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

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:6-14)

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. *[Translation – New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)]*

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

Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36 *(please stand in body or spirit / e tū tātou)*

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- 1 Arise O God and let your ' enemies · be ' scattered:  
let those who ' hate you ' flee be'fore you.
- 2 As smoke vanishes before the wind, and as wax ' melts · in the ' fire:  
so let the wicked ' perish · at the ' presence · of ' God.



- 3 But let the righteous be glad and ex'ult be fore ' God:  
let them re'joice · with ex'ceeding ' joy.
- 4 Sing praises to God's ' holy ' name:  
make a highway for the one who rides on the clouds,  
whose name is the Lord, ' in whose ' presence · ex'ult.
- 5 Guardian of orphans and pro'tector · of ' widows:  
such are you O God ' in your ' holy ' dwelling-place.
- 6 You give the lonely a home to live in,  
and lead out the prisoners ' into · pros'perity:  
but the re'bellious · must ' live · in the ' wasteland.
- 7 O God when you went out at the ' head · of your ' people:  
when you ' marched a'cross the ' wilderness,
- 8 the earth quaked, the heavens ' poured down ' rain:  
before God the Lord of Sinai, before ' God the ' Lord most ' high.
- 9 You sent down a generous ' rain O ' God:  
to refresh the wilting ' land of ' your pos'session.
- 10 There your people ' found a ' home:  
which in your goodness you pro'vided ' for the ' poor.



- 33 Sing to God you ' kingdoms · of the ' earth:  
sing ' praises ' to the ' Lord,
- 34 who rides on the heavens, the ' ancient ' heavens:  
who speaks aloud ' with a ' mighty ' voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is ' over · our ' people:  
and whose ' strength is ' in the ' skies.

36 Terrible are you O God, as you come from your ' holy ' place:  
you give power and strength to your people. ' Blessèd ' be ' God.

**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 Peter (4:12-14; 5:6-11)

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever.  
Amen. [NRSVA]

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

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

— 1 —	— 2 —
Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne; ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.	'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry, 'to be exalted thus.' 'Worthy the Lamb,' our hearts reply, 'for he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and pow'r divine;  
and blessings, more than we can  
be, Lord, forever thine.

Let all creation join in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of him that sits upon the throne,  
give, and to adore the Lamb.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1758) alt.*

**Te Rongopai | The Gospel – John (17:1-11)** *(we remain standing and turn to face the gospel | Ka tū tonu tātou ki te whakarongo ki te Rongopai)*



**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

[NRSVA]

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

## Te Kauwhau | The Sermon

### He Tikanga Whakapono | The Affirmation of Faith (please stand in body or spirit / e tū tatou)

#### **8am Service:**

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

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

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

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

#### **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 **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**.

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.

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 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.

*Tr. Bishop G. Connor*

## Ngā Īnoi a Te Iwi | The Prayers of the People

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

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

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

## Te Minitatanga O Te Hākarameta The Ministry of the Sacrament

Te Maungārongo | The Peace (*please stand 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 —

Lord, enthroned in heav'nly  
splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Jesus, true and living bread.

— 3 —

Though the lowliest form doth veil  
thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flow'r of Jesse's Stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
we in worship join with them.

— 2 —

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving rev'rence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
thou art here, we ask not how.

— 4 —

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.

— 5 —

Life-imparting heav'nly manna,  
stricken rock with streaming side,  
heav'n and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
ris'n, ascended, glorified!

*George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925)*

## Te Whakatikatika | Te Ohaoa | Preparation of the Gifts

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

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

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed.**

Lift your hearts to heaven  
**where Christ in glory reigns.**

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

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

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

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

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

Christ is the universal King  
who calls his servants friends.  
He is the Lord.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet.  
'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks.  
He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks.  
He gave it to them and said:  
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all,  
to forgive sin; do this to remember me.

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

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

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.	Whakahāngia iho tōu Wairua Tapu, meatia tēnei taro, ko te tinana tonu, tēnei waina, ko ngā toto tonu o te Karaiti. Kia tūhono ki tōna tinana, Kia ū ai mātou ki roto i te aka pono.
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**Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite.  
Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.**

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

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

## 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	Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka ĭnoi tātou
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**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.**

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*

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

**Christ is the bread of life.**

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

**Christ is risen from the dead.**

## Te Reme a Te Atua | Agnus Dei (said)

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

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

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

## Te Pōwhiri | The Invitation

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

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

*The minister says the following to each person.*

The bread of life, broken for you.

Te taro o te ora, i whatia nei mou.

The cup of blessing, poured out for you.

Te kapu o te ora, i whakahekea nei mou.

*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 clap your hands - O. Gibbons (1583-1625)

Ngā Īnoi mō Muri i te Hapa | Prayer After Communion

Blessed be God who calls us together.

**Praise to God who makes us one people.**

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

**Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.**

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

**Praise to God who is revealed as love.**

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

**Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

**Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.**

**Our hands were empty, and you filled them.**

Gathering of the children

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

Rejoice this day, for Christ has ascended into heaven.

Christ has opened the gate of glory.

Christ ever prays for us at the right hand of the Father.

Christ descended to lift us up to be with him.

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 —

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King.  
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:

*yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

— 3 —

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

— 2 —

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

— 4 —

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

— 5 —

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

*Michael Saward (b.1932)*

## Te 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. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Voluntary:** Grand Choeur *Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)*

# Please join us for refreshments

after both services, 8.00am and 10.00am.

	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter 17 May 2026</b>	<b>The Day of Pentecost 24 May 2026</b>
First Reading	Acts 1:6-14	Acts 2:1-21
Second Reading	1 Pet 4:12-14; 5:6-11	1 Cor 12:3b-13
Gospel Reading	John 17:1-11	John 20:19-23
	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>
Liturgist	Yvonne Hall	Vivianne Flintoff
First Reader	Abigail Webber	Jill Bindon
Second Reader	Kerry Burroughs	Liam McCaffrey
Intercessor	Yvonne Hall	Vivianne Flintoff
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>
Liturgist	Bryan Bevege	Warren Turnwald
Crucifer	Sophia Khouri	Sophia Khouri
Acolytes		Kahu Johnson Ryan Levin
First Reader	Kate Terry	Mavis McNaughton
Second Reader	Kay Neilson	Frany Edwards
Intercessor	Kitty Storey	Fred Rohorua
Ciborium	Rev'd Robin Olds & Fr Ben Ong	Dean Julian Perkins & Rev'd Robin Olds
Chalice DB	Brian Dingwall & Evelyn Masoka	Frany Edwards & Pam McAdam
Chalice LW	Anu Varghese & Plex John	Richard Swarbrick & Min Turnwald
Welcomers	Sandi & Glenn Te Kahu	Marion & Richard Francis
Morning Tea	Min & Warren Turnwald	Spencer & Dorothy Heald

**Cantata Vespers - Third Saturday of the month**  
**Next Vespers: 20 June 2026 at 5:00pm**

**Choral Evensong - Fourth Sunday of the month**  
**Next Evensong: 24 May 2026 at 5:00pm**

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Julian Perkins, Ben Ong, Robin Olds, Vivianne Flintoff, Heather Powell,  
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or Robin (027 441 9292) or ring Julian (020 4124 6555)

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