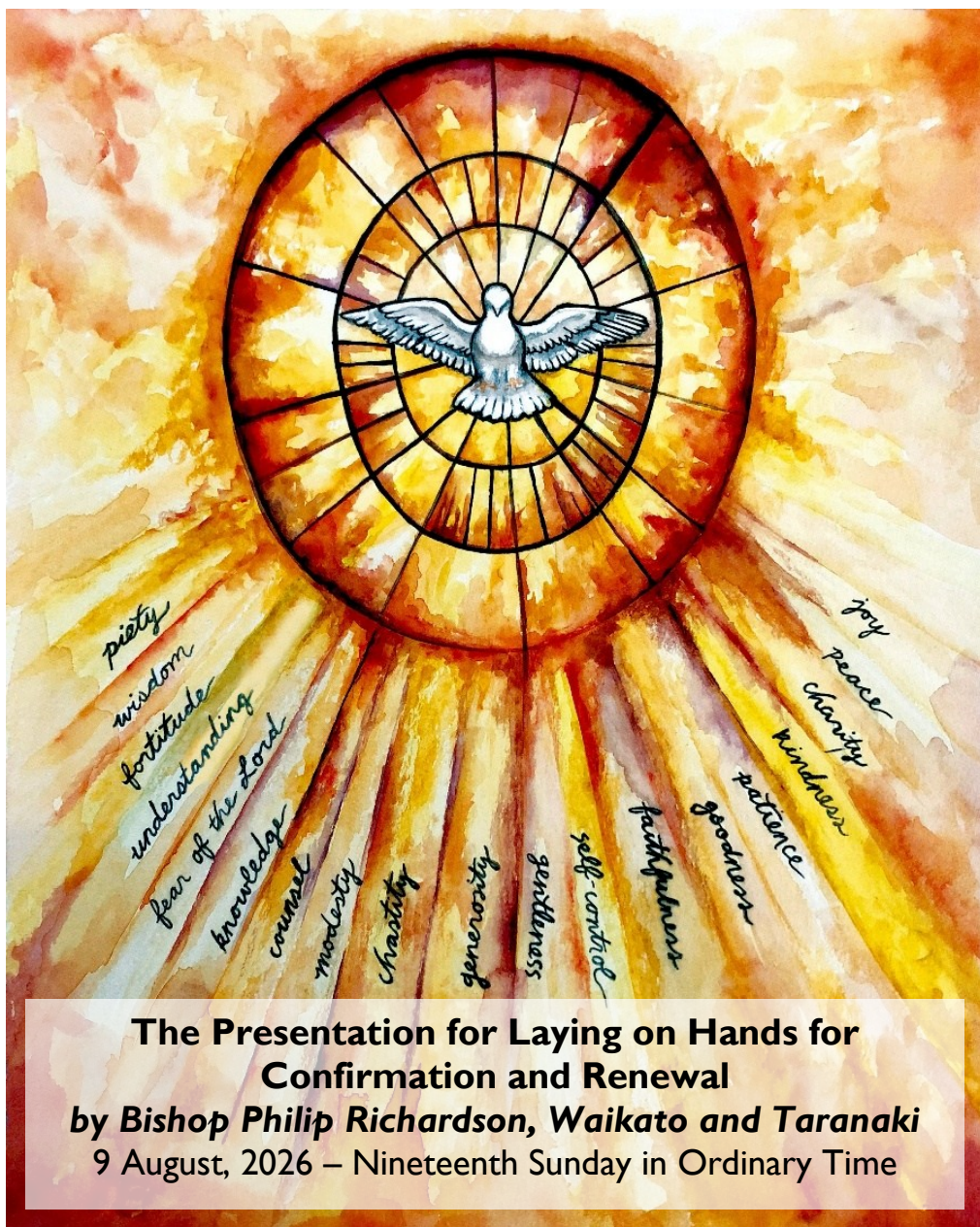




The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

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**The Presentation for Laying on Hands for
Confirmation and Renewal**

by Bishop Philip Richardson, Waikato and Taranaki

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

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

Te Whakatikatika | The Gathering of the Community

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

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.

Korōria ki te Atua | The Gloria - said
(in body or spirit, please stand / e tū tātou)

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

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

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

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

Te Hohou i te Rongo | Forgiveness

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

Liturgist

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

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

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

The bishop 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.**

Sentence

They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Matthew 14.26-27

Te Īnoi o te Rā | The Collect

**Jesus, Saviour in storm,
when the waters of the deep are broken up,
when the landmarks are washed away or drowned,
come to us across the water;
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 First book of Kings (19:9-18)

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I

alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.’ *[Translation – New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)]*

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

A reading from the letter to the Romans (10:5-15)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

‘The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’ *[NRSVA]*

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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 (14:22-33)

Praise and glory to God.

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

[NRSVA]

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

Te Kauwhau | The Sermon

The Liturgy of Baptism and
The Laying on of Hands for Confirmation and Renewal

God's Call

Bishop E te whānau a te Karaiti, God is love, God gives us life.
We love because God first loves us.
In baptism God declares that love;
in Christ God calls us to respond.

The Presentation for Baptism

Each candidate for baptism is presented individually by a sponsor or, in the case of a child, by a parent or godparent, who says

I present Aadila to be baptised and made a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.

Bishop From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers' children have also been baptised so that with help and encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of God serve Christ all the days of their life.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers

'Repent and be baptised, every one of you,
in the name of Jesus the Christ
for the forgiveness of your sins,
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For the promise is to you and to your children,
and to all who are far away, everyone whom
the Lord our God may call.'

Aadila, how do you respond to this promise?

Aadila replies

I hear God's call
and come for baptism.

The parents and godparents reply

We hear God's call
and ask for baptism.

Addressing Aadila

Bishop Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God?

Aadila replies

I renounce all evil.

Bishop Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness, freedom and life?

Aadila replies

In faith I turn to Christ
my way, my truth, my life.

Parents and godparents reply

In faith I turn to Christ,
my way, my truth, my life,
as I care for
this child/these children.

People May God keep you in the way you have chosen.

The Baptism

The bishop stands by the water for baptism, and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

People 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.

People 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.

Through your Holy Spirit,
fulfil once more your promises in this water of rebirth,
set apart in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People Amen!

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

The bishop baptises Aadila, pouring water on her, saying

*Bishop Aadila Aaliyah, I baptise you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People Amen. God receives you by baptism into the Church.
Child of God, blessed in the Spirit, welcome to the family
of Christ.**

The bishop makes the sign of the cross on each of the baptised, saying

Bishop We sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ.

A lighted candle is given by a representative of the congregation, who says

Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen.
Shine with the light of Christ.

The Presentation for the Laying on of Hands for Confirmation and Renewal

The bishop stands before the congregation.

*The baptised who come to profess (or to re-affirm) their faith and receive the
laying on of hands by the bishop are brought forward and presented to the
bishop with these words*

**Bishop N, I present N to profess their faith.
[Bishop N, I present N to re-affirm their faith].**

The bishop shall then say

*Bishop N, we welcome you as you come to profess
[and/or reaffirm] your faith.
At your baptism you were made a disciple of Christ,
and we signed you with the cross.
Come now to receive the laying on of hands with prayer,
to strengthen you for the work of God's kingdom.*

The Affirmation

The congregation, the newly baptised, and any candidates for laying on of hands, stand to respond in these affirmations.

Bishop Praise to God who has given us life.

All **Blessed be God for the gift of love.**

Bishop Praise to God who forgives our sin.

All **Blessed be God who sets us free.**

Bishop Praise to God who kindles our faith.

All **Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.**

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

All **Blessed be God,
JESUS IS LORD!**

The bishop then says to the candidates for laying on of hands and the newly baptised, and/or in the case of children, their parents and godparents

Bishop What is your faith?

They respond

I believe and trust in God the Father,
maker and sustainer of all things;
and in God the Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ;
and in God the Holy Spirit, giver of life and truth.
This is my faith.

Commitment to Christian Service

The people being seated, all the candidates for the laying on of hands stand before the bishop, who says

Bishop 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.

Bishop Will you commit yourself to this life?

Candidate I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you forgive others, as you are forgiven?

Candidate I will, with God's help.

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

Candidate I will, with God's help.

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

Candidate I will, with God's help.

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

Candidate I will, with God's help.

The Laying on of Hands

The candidates being conveniently placed, the bishop continues

Bishop Let us pray for these who have declared *their* commitment to Christ's service.

Silence

Bishop Our help is in the name of the eternal God

People **who is making the heavens and the earth.**

Bishop Come Holy Spirit

People **bearing your gifts of grace**

Bishop God of mercy and love,
new birth by water and the Spirit is your gift,
a gift that none can take away;
grant that your servants may grow
into the fulness of the stature of Christ.
Fill them with the joy of your presence.
Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of love, patience and gentleness,
the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

The bishop lays hand(s) on each candidate in silence and then prays.

For Confirmation

Creator Spirit,
strengthen *N*
with your gifts of grace,
to love and serve
as a disciple of Christ.
Guide, protect,
uphold *her/him*
that *s/he* may continue
yours forever.
Amen.

For Renewal

Creator Spirit,
rekindle in *N* your gifts of grace,
renew *her/his* life in Christ
and bring to completion
all that your calling has begun.
Amen.

*At the conclusion of the laying on of hands for all the candidates,
the bishop prays*

Bishop Living God,
empower your disciples
to bring life to the world.

People Amen!

**May we and they together
be found in Christ
and Christ in us.**

The Celebration of Faith

(Standing, in body or in spirit)

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All **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.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All **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.**

Ngā Īnoi a te Iwi | The Prayers of the People

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

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:

Thanksgiving, blessing and praise be yours, God of the incarnation,
because you care for us and for our prayer.
May our love for you and our likeness to you
be strengthened every time we pray. **Amen.**

Te Minitatanga o te Hākarameta The Ministry of the Sacrament

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

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

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

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

Te Whakatikatika i te Ohaoha |

Preparation of the Gifts

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness,
and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty.

**All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,
and of your own we give you.**

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

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 the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, ANZPB/HKMoA p. 485
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.

You invite us to be baptised by water and the Holy Spirit,
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you raise us to new life in him and renew in us the image of your glory.

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Te Hākari Tapu | The Communion

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

As Christ teaches us we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today
our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from
the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

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

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga,
te kaha, me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine.

Breaking of the Bread

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

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 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.

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.

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

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; 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.**

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.

Please join us for breakfast
after the service in the community centre hall

Cantata Vespers - Third Saturday of the month
Next Vespers: 15 August 2026 at 5:00pm

Choral Evensong - Fourth Sunday of the month
Next Evensong: 23 August 2026 at 5:00pm

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