

**HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
10.00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST**

1 December 2024

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
TE RĀTAPU TUATAHI O TE HAERENGA MAI
Liturgical Year C**

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Setting
St Paul's Mass, Katherine Dienes-Williams





“No one is left behind,” declares Mrs Mafi. Mrs Mafi is a wife, mother, and grandmother. She lives on the eastern coast of Tonga. High tides and rising sea levels are damaging vegetable gardens. Mrs Mafi has taken action. She and the women in her community have dug new vegetable gardens on higher ground and rotated their crops so there is always food for older adults. The 2024 CWS Christmas appeal introduces us to Mrs Mafi and to the work that communities in Oceania are doing to ensure no one is left behind.

What might it mean to watch and pray for us, for our generation?

Three suggestions as we think about living in 2024/2025.

First, learning from our neighbours in Oceania. I am inspired by the example of the Anglican Church in the Solomon Islands, turning church buildings into weather stations, watching and praying. There is much to learn from how our neighbours in Oceania live their faith in the face of “restless seas.”

Second, bringing faith and science together.

I like the wisdom of a scientist, Dr Adam Bobbette, now at Glasgow University, who was involved in setting up the weather stations in the Solomons. Dr Adam Bobbette commented, *‘The Church was involved in observing [watching] the processes of nature in the past. [The church] has historically been a scientific institution, and this is a new dimension.’* Faith and science, watching and praying in the face of ‘restless seas’.

Third, to look for redemption.

Not in a straight line trying to find past, present and future, but in a “horizoned” way. Ahead and behind and all around. Where in 2024 is God’s redemption drawing near? Where are we seeing love and justice? We can look practically for love and justice this week as we make space for people to be included in our communities. We can look practically for love and justice by reading about the CWS climate hope in action appeal this Christmas. In a time of restless seas, Watch and pray, for redemption is drawing near.

Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.

<https://cws.org.nz/get-involved/give/christmas-appeal/church-resources/>

Welcome to the Cathedral Eucharist.

Please observe silence, as the Organist offers music for reflection before the service. Following the welcome and notices, a period of silence is observed.

Please stand, when the Ambulatory Bell is rung. At any time in the service when we invite you to stand, you are welcome to remain seated if you prefer.

Processional Hymn

*Fling wide the gates, unbar the ancient doors;
salute your King in most triumphant cause!*

1

Now all the world belongs to Christ our Lord:
let all creation greet the living Word!

2

Who has the right to worship Christ today?
All those who gladly keep their watch and pray.

3

Christ comes to save all those who trust God's name,
and will declare them free from guilt and shame.

4

Who is the victor glorious from the fight?
It is the Christ, our life, our way, our light!

Text: M. Perry (adapted)

Tune: Crucifer, AM 35

The Gathering

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

Ko te rā tēnei i hangā e Ihowā. *(This is the day which the Lord has made.)*

Kia hari, kia koa tātou. *(Let us rejoice and be glad in it.)*

Let us celebrate this Advent season. A new year! A time of change!

When we are challenged with new possibilities,

we turn to you, O God.

When our lives are turned upside down,

we turn to you, O God.

When a new season gives us new signs of hope,

we turn to you, O God.

Please sit.

Blessing of the Advent wreath

Loving God, we praise you for Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Jesus is Emmanuel, the hope of all peoples;

Jesus is the wisdom that teaches and guides us;

Jesus is the Saviour of every nation.

O God, let your blessing come upon our community gathered here before you.
Bless us ✠ and our advent wreath ✠.
May the light that shines forth from them illumine our way
as we journey towards Christmas;
may the light that shines forth from them illumine our lives
as we wait in hope for the birth of the Christ-child.
We ask this through Christ who is the Light of the World.
Amen.

Lighting of the First Advent candle – Candle of Hope

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a time to walk the path towards the light of Christmas. As we walk, let us watch out for each other, sharing our love with our neighbours near and far. On this first Sunday of Advent, we remember the hope we find in God, and the gifts of hope we offer to others.

The first violet candle is lit.

**God of hope and newness of life;
May we notice the signs of your presence in all of creation.
Give us courage to offer hope to our world in word and in action.
We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Advent Wreath Prayers 1, Malcolm Archer, sung by the Cathedral Choir

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory forever! You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and salvation. Blessed be God forever.

The Confession

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.

Kyrie is sung by the Choir in Greek.

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

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.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence

God of all peoples, increase our strength of will for doing good, that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to our place in the kingdom of heaven; where he reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 25:1-9

The congregation repeats the response R. after the Cantor, and between each verse.



Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your co - ve - nant.

To you Lord I lift up my soul, my God I have put my trust in you:
let me not be disappointed, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
For all those who hope in you shall not be ashamed:
but only those who wantonly break faith. **R.**

Make known to me your ways O Lord: and teach me your paths.
Lead me in the way of your truth and teach me:
you are God my saviour, for you have I waited all the day long.
Call to remembrance O Lord your tender care:
and the unfailing love which you have shown from of old. **R.**

Do not remember the sins and offences of my youth:
but according to your mercy, remember me Lord in your goodness.
You O Lord are upright and good:
therefore you show the path to those who go astray. **R.**

You guide the humble to do what is right:
and those who are gentle you teach your way.
All your ways are loving and sure:
to those who keep your covenant and your commandments. *R.*

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

1

Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

3

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

2

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

4

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

Text: P. Doddridge (adapted)

Tune: Bristol, AM 36

Gospel Acclamation - all repeat after the Choir.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.



Praise and glo - ry to God.

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Sermon Fr Ivica Gregurec

Following the Sermon, we pause to discern what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please remain seated as the altar party processes to the font and is joined by the candidate for baptism and his godparent.

Precentor 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

The Precentor asks the candidate:

Aaron, what do you ask of God's Church?

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

Precentor From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. 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."
Aaron, how do you respond to this promise?

Candidate I hear God's call and ask for baptism.

The Precentor asks the candidate:

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

Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness, freedom and life?
In faith I turn to Christ, my way, my truth, my life.

All May God keep you in the way you have chosen!

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

Precentor Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All whose promise endures forever.

Precentor 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.

All Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Precentor 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.

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

The Precentor baptises the candidate by pouring water on him, saying:

Aaron, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Congregation responds:

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

With Chrism Oil, the Precentor makes the sign of the Cross on the newly baptised's forehead saying:

We sign you with the Cross, the sign of Christ.

The Affirmation

Please stand.

Precentor Praise to God who has given us life.

All Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Precentor Praise to God who forgives our sin.

All Blessed be God who sets us free.

Precentor Praise to God who kindles our faith.

All Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

The Precentor offers the following invitation to the congregation:

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

All respond:

Blessed be God. Jesus is Lord!

The Precentor then asks the newly baptised:

What is your faith?

He responds:

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

The Precentor addresses the newly baptized:

Aaron, you are now a pilgrim with us.
As a member of Christ's body, the Church,
you will be challenged to affirm your faith in God
and receive the laying on of hands in Confirmation.
May you grow in the Holy Spirit, fulfil your ministry
and follow Christ your whole life long.

Celebration of Faith

The Precentor leads the congregation in the affirming the faith of their baptism.

Precentor Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Precentor 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.**

Precentor 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.**

The Prayers are lead by the liturgist.

Faithful and loving God, bless upon our newly baptised brother Aaron your
blessing and grant him your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon him your
healing and reconciling love, and protect his home and loved ones from all evil.
Fill him with the light of your presence and establish him in the joy of your
kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God of grace and life, in your love you have given us a place among your
people; keep all of us faithful to our baptism and prepare us for that glorious
day, when the whole creation will be made perfect in your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Aaron, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The newly baptised returns to his seat.

The altar party returns to their seats, while the Precentor asperges the congregation with holy water, in remembrance of their baptism.

The Peace

Please stand.

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.

*Please turn and acknowledge those around you by offering a greeting of Peace.
During the Offertory Hymn, the bread and wine are prepared for the Eucharist.
A Collection is taken at this stage.*

Offertory Hymn

1

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding;
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say.
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

2

Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

3

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven.

4

That when next he comes in glory
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us
and with words of love draw near.

5

Honour, glory, might and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit
while eternal ages run! Amen.

Text: E. Caswall

Tune: Merton, AM 38

The Preparation of the Gifts

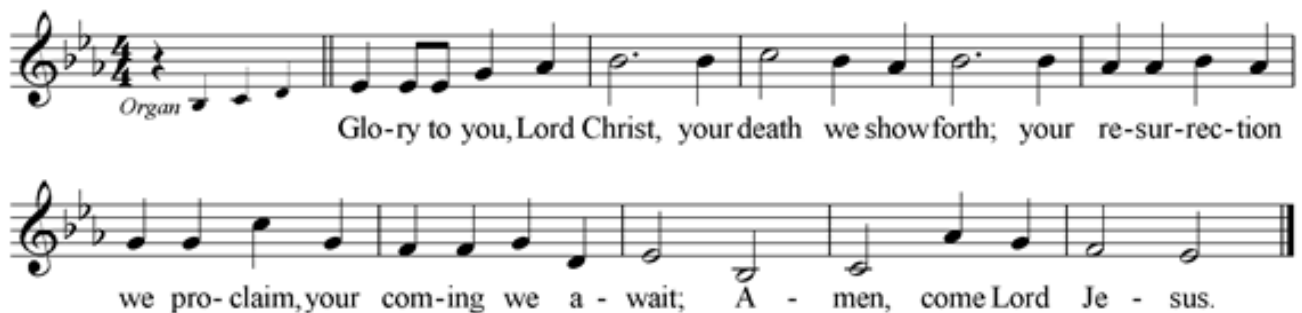
Blessed are you, God of all creation,
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

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.

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.

With thanksgiving and hope we sing:



The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is an organ introduction in 4/4 time, marked 'Organ'. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The second staff is a vocal line in the same key and time signature, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ, your death we show forth; your re-sur-rec-tion we pro-claim, your com-ing we a - wait; A - men, come Lord Je - sus.'

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.

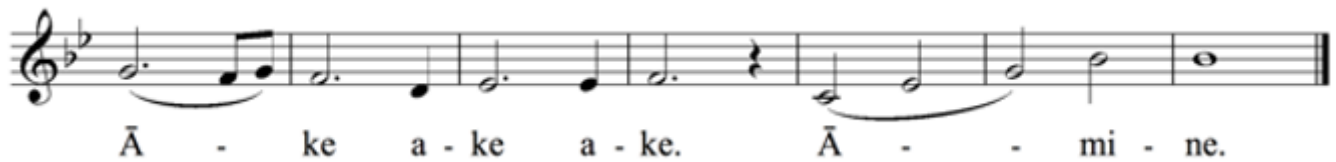
Organ Bless - ing, ho - nour and glo - ry be yours,
here and ev'-ry-where, now and for ev - er, A - - men.

Silence may be kept.

The Communion

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka waiata tatou:

E tō mā-tou 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 ra - ngi.
Hō-mai ki a mā-tou āia-nei he ta-ro mā mā-tou mō tē - nei rā.
Mu-rua ō mā-tou ha - ra, Me mā-tou ho-ki e mu-ru nei i ō te hu-nga e ha
ra a-na ki a mā- tou. Au-a ho-ki mā-tou e ka-wea.
kia whaka-waia; E-nga - ri wha-ka - ō - ra-ngia mā-tou i te ki-no;
Nōu ho-ki te ra-nga-ti-ra - ta-nga, te ka-ha, me te ko-rō ri - a,



Bread is broken in silence.

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.**

The Invitation

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua, tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

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.

Agnus Dei is sung by the Choir in Latin.

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.

All those who are baptised are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. If you feel uncertain about sharing a common cup, to receive the bread only is to receive a full Communion.

Please indicate to the administrant if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please fold your arms across your chest.

As you wait to receive and after returning to your seat, please observe silence and pray for those around you. The Presider will distribute communion at the seats of those who have reduced mobility.

Communion Motet

Wachet auf, Johann Sebastian Bach

Zion hört die Wächter singen,
das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,
sie wachet und steht eilend auf.
Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmel prächtig,
von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,
ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.
Nun komm, du werthe Kron,
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn! Hosanna!
Wir folgen all zum Freudensaal
und halten mit das Abendmahl.
Gloria sei dir gesungen
mit Menschen - und englischen Zungen,
mit Harfen und mit Zimbeln schon.
Von zwölf Perlen sind die Pforten,
an deiner Stadt sind wir Konsorten
der Engel hoch um deinen Thron.
Kein Aug hat je gespürt,
kein Ohr hat je gehört solche Freude.

*Zion hears the watchmen sing,
her heart leaps for joy,
she awakes and gets up in haste.
Her friend comes from heaven in his
splendour, strong in mercy, mighty in truth.
Her light becomes bright, her star rises.
Now come, you worthy crown,
Lord Jesus, God's son! Hosanna!
We all follow to the hall of joy
and share in the Lord's supper.
May gloria be sung to you
with the tongues of men and angels,
with harps and with cymbals.
The gates are made of twelve pearls,
in your city we are companions
of the angels on high around your throne.
No eye has ever perceived,
no ear has ever heard such joy.*

Des sind wir froh, io, io!
Ewig in dulci jubilo.

*Therefore we are joyful, hurray, hurray!
for ever in sweet rejoicing.*

Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Most gracious God, source of all blessing,
we give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family;
strengthen us to be a blessing to one another
and a blessing to all the world.

**As we gather together may we be inspired to give,
bringing new life and hope. Amen.**

Final Hymn

1

Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in
righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

2

Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

5

Shout, as you journey home, songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come, from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest, in him the universe be blest.

Text: based on C. E. Oakley

Tune: Little Cornard, AM 39

The Blessing

You believe that Christ once came to us; you look for him to come again. May
you receive the light of his holiness and inspire you with the divine blessing.

Amen.

Make God make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the
days of your life.

Amen.

We rejoice that our Redeemer came to live us as human. When Christ returns in
glory, may you receive eternal life.

Amen.

May almighty God bless you, ✠ the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

Walk in the faith of Christ, crucified and risen.

Aaron, as the community of faith, we rejoice at your baptism and will share with you what we ourselves have received: a delight in prayer, a love for the word of God, a desire to follow the way of Christ, and food for the journey.

Shine with the light of Christ, to the glory of God.

The Dismissal of the Community

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Organ Sortie *played by the Cathedral Organist.*

Please stand while the Altar party leaves.

You are warmly invited to remain for the Sortie and beyond, to pray and reflect.

Please join us for refreshments in the Bishop Monteith Visitors' Centre.

*If you would like to make a donation to the Cathedral and its ministry,
this would be greatly appreciated.*

A 'tap and go' machine is located at the rear of the Cathedral.

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