

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

A Service to celebrate Commonwealth Day



The Commonwealth

SUNDAY, 16 MARCH 2025

5.00 pm



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Auckland Branch Inc.



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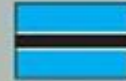
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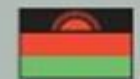
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Please stand, when the bell is rung for the Entrance Procession.

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

The NEW ZEALAND ENSIGN will be paraded by the members of the North Shore Cadet Unit.

All sing the National Anthem.

God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious
long to reign over us:
God save the King!

Please sit.

Anthem *Let all the world in every corner sing,*
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but above all the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

Welcome

Great is God and worthy of all praise.

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

E te whānau, as we gather to celebrate the life of the Commonwealth, let us praise and worship God who has called us together.

Let us celebrate God's majesty, and delight in the wonder of God's love, as we try to find the ways of our common future. As the Scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us, and ponder its meaning for our lives. In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in God's service, as we try to find the ways how to work together for our sustainable future, always mindful of peace in our nation and around the world, our covenantal journey together here in Aotearoa New Zealand, as well our common work for justice, equality and care for the underprivileged and vulnerable. We pray for King Charles the Third, as well as all heads of states of the Commonwealth countries. As we give thanks for our connections across the world, let us pray that we may dwell together in peace, and that our mutual friendship and support may be for us all a source of strength.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by whose providence we are bound in fellowship as a commonwealth of nations: give us, we pray, such unity of heart, that being joined as one in a common purpose of truth and love, justice and peace, we may be strong to further your holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please stand.

Hymn

1

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

2

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4

For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

5

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from us and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Text: W. Kethe

Tune: Old hundredth, AM 357

Please sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Bill MacGregor, Passchendaele Society

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk!

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

Musical Interlude *I vow to thee my country*

Base Auckland Brass

Second Reading

Matthew 28:16-20
Jeremy Hema

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Na, ka haere atu nga akonga tekau ma tahi ki Kariri, ki te maunga i whakaritea e Ihu ki a ratou. A, to ratou kitenga i a ia, ka koropiko ki a ia: ko etahi ia i ruarua. Na, ka haere mai a Ihu, ka korero ki a ratou, ka mea, Kua tukua katoatia mai ki a au te mana o te rangi o te whenua. Na, haere koutou, meinga hei akonga nga iwi katoa, iriiria i runga i te ingoa o te Matua, o te Tama, o te Wairua Tapu: Akona ratou kia mau ki nga mea katoa, i whakahaua atu e ahau ki a koutou: na, ko au tena hei hoa mo koutou i nga ra katoa, ā te mutunga ra ano o te ao.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

Introducing 2025 Commonwealth Day Theme

Brett Cunningham, *Vice-President,*
The Royal Commonwealth Society Auckland Branch

Please stand.

Hymn

1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

2

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shielded thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

4

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.

Text: J. Neander

Tune: Lobe den Herren, AM 765

Please sit.

King's Message

read by Rev'd Dr Noel Cox, *President,*
The Royal Commonwealth Society Auckland Branch

The Commonwealth Affirmations

Let us stand to pledge ourselves afresh to uphold and serve the values and fellowship of our unique association.

We affirm that every person possesses unique worth and dignity.

We affirm our desire for peace among all peoples and nations, and our belief in justice for everyone, everywhere.

We affirm our respect for natural world, and that we will be stewards of the earth by working together to care for every part of it.

We affirm our support for all young people in every part of our Commonwealth and, in honouring their ingenuity and imagination, we affirm our belief that the future success of the Commonwealth rests with them.

Joining together in kinship, affinity and unity, we celebrate the precious diversity of thought, culture, tradition and experience across our family of nations, and we build on shared inheritances.

We reiterate our commitment to the values of the Commonwealth Charter, both as an expression of our ideals and aspirations, and as a framework for common action.

A specific affirmation for 2025 Commonwealth Day is read by Charlie Miller.

We affirm our belief in the Commonwealth as a force for good in the world, and pledge ourselves to its service, now and for the future.

Please sit.

Anthem *Go forth into the world in peace, John Rutter*

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show love to people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Commonwealth of Nations, giving thanks for God's blessings.

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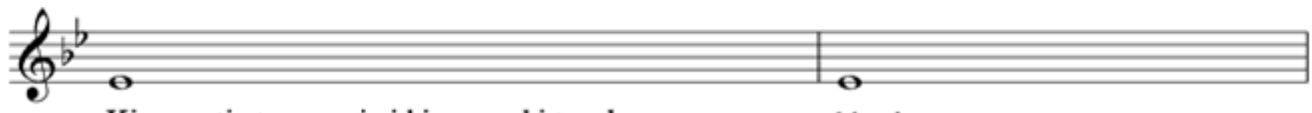
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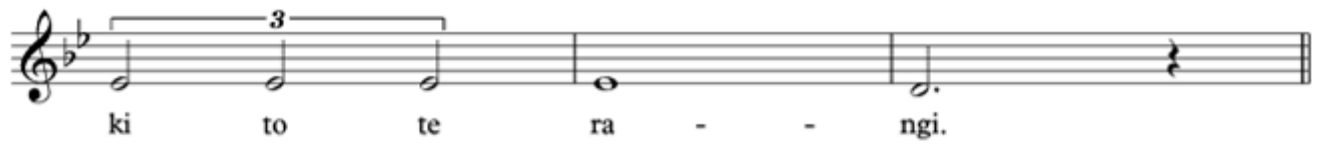
Please stand.

The Lord's Prayer

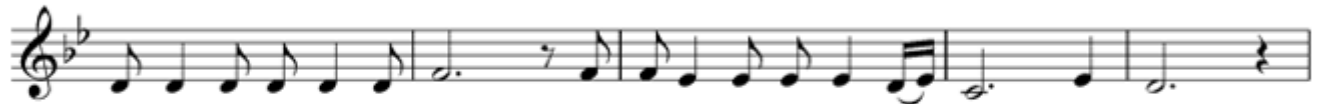
Cathedral Precentor introduces the Lord's prayer, all standing:

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

		
E to matou Matua i te rangi	Kia tapu tou Ingoa	Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga
		
Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua	kia rite ano	



ki to te ra - - ngi.



Ho-mai kia ma-tou aia - nei he ta-ro ma ma-tou mo te - nei ra.



Mu-rua o ma-tou ha - ra, Me ma-tou ho-ki e mu-ru nei i o te hu- nga_ e ha



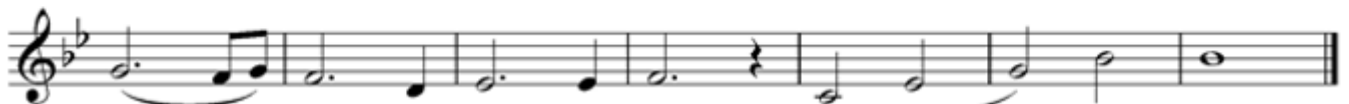
ra a-na ki a__ ma- tou.___ Au-a ho-ki ma-tou e ka- wea.



kia wha-ka-waia; E-nga - ri wha-ka - o - ra-ngia ma-tou i te - ki- no;



Nou ho-ki te ra-nga - ti-ra - ta-nga, te ka-ha, me te ko-ro-ri - a,



A - ke, a - ke, a - ke A - - mi - ne.

Offertory hymn - during which a collection will be taken.

1

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2

In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close binding humankind.

3

Join hands, then, children of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as a child
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
 in him meet south and north;
 all Christlike souls are one in him,
 throughout the whole wide earth.

Text: J. Oxenham

Tune: Gerontius, AM 763i

Blessing

Dean God grant to the living grace; to the departed rest; to
 the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all
 humanity, peace and concord; and to all of us life
 everlasting; and the blessing of God our Creator,
 Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

All Amen.

THE NEW ZEALAND ENSIGN *is returned to the Colour Party.*

National Anthem

E Ihowa Atua
 O ngā iwi mātou rā,
 āta whakarongo na;
 Me aroha noa.
 Kia hua ko te pai;
 Kia tau tō atawhai
 Manaakitia mai
 Aotearoa.

God of nations, at thy feet,
 in the bonds of love we meet;
 hear our voices we entreat,
 God defend our free land!
 Guard Pacific's triple star
 from the shafts of strife and war,
 make her praises heard afar;
 God defend New Zealand.

Organ Sortie *is played by Dr Philip Smith, Cathedral Organist*

*This annual service is arranged by Holy Trinity Cathedral in partnership with
The Auckland Branch of The Royal Commonwealth Society.*

The Society's vision statement is:

*'Promoting the modern Commonwealth, and upholding its peoples, cultures
and values - celebrating diversity - inspiring young people - and serving as a
practical expression of living multiculturalism.'*

Thank you for being here to celebrate together.

Altar Party

The Very Reverend Anne Mills
The Reverend Ivica Gregurec
The Venerable Michael Berry
The Reverend Dr Noel Cox

Dean of Auckland
Cathedral Precentor
Archdeacon
President, RSC Auckland Branch

Readers

Bill MacGregor, *Passchendaele Society*
Jeremy Hema, *Holy Trinity Cathedral*

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Director of Choirs: Peter Watts
Cathedral Organist: Dr Philip Smith**

**North Shore Cadet Unit
Major Peter Gilliland, Unit Commander**

**Base Auckland Brass
Bandmaster: Vaughan McDonald**



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