

**HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
10.00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST**

2 March 2025

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
TE RĀTAPU TUAWARU O TE HE WĀ NOA**

Presider

The Very Reverend Anne Mills, *Dean of Auckland*

Preacher

The Very Reverend Ben Truman, *Dean of Christchurch*

Liturgist

Jeremy Hema

Readers

Pam Rose

Margaret Malan

Setting

Communion Service in C, John Ireland



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.

Introit *My eyes for beauty pine, Herbert Howells*

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace: no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above: 'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart, that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Please stand, when the 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

1

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

4

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Text: W. Chalmers Smith

Tune: St Denio, AM 676

The Gathering

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

Kia noho a lhowā ki a koutou.

(The Lord be with you.)

Mā lhowā koe e manaaki.

(The Lord bless you.)

Please sit.

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. Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison. Χριστέ, ἐλέησον.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison. Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

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.

Please stand.

Gloria is sung by the Choir.

Glory be to God on high and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence

O God, guide the course of world events and give your Church the joy and peace of serving you with faithful heart. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

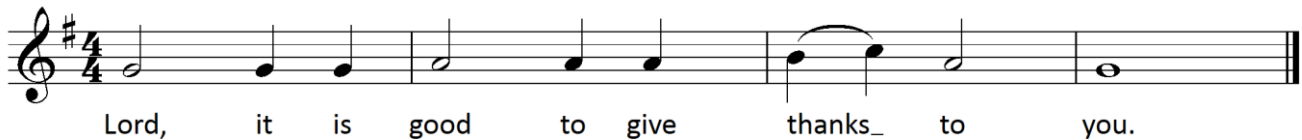
First Reading Isaiah 55:10-13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 92

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



It is good to give thanks to the Lord:
to sing praise to your name O Most High,
to tell of your love in the morning:
and of your faithfulness during the night. *R.*

The just shall flourish like a palm tree:
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
Planted in the house of the Lord:
they flourish in the courts of our God. *R.*

Still bearing fruit in their old age:
they are still green and full of sap,
to show that the Lord is just:
the Lord my rock, in whom is no unrighteousness. *R.*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

1

O Christ the Word incarnate,
O wisdom from on high,
O truth unchanged, unchanging,
O light of our dark sky,
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps
shines on from age to age.

2

The Church from her dear Master
received the gift divine,
and still that light she lifteth
o'er all the earth to shine;
it is the precious treasury
where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heaven-drawn picture
of Christ, the living Word.

3

O make thy Church, dear Saviour,
a lamp of burnished gold,
to bear before the nations
thy true light, as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see thee face to face.

Text: W. Walsham How

Tune: Ellacombe, AM 384

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.

The Gospel Luke 6:39-49

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Sermon Dean Ben Truman

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

Affirmation of Faith

Let us stand and together affirm our faith.

**We believe in one God
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
and has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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

Please sit.

To the bidding: Let us bless the Lord.

all respond: Thanks be to God.

The Prayers conclude with the following Prayer prayed by all.

God of mercy, be compassionate towards us in your kindness; grant what we need through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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

My God, and is thy table spread,
and doth thy cup with love o'erflow?

Thither be all thy children led,
and let them all thy sweetness know.

2

Hail, sacred feast which Jesus makes,
rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
Thrice happy they who here partake
that sacred stream, that heavenly food.

3

Why are its bounties all in vain
before unwilling hearts displayed?
Was not for them the Victim slain?
Are they forbid the children's bread?

4

O let thy table honoured be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

Text: P. Doddridge

Tune: Rockingham, AM 455

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

It is our custom to stand throughout the following prayer.

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord is here: God's Spi - rit is with us.' The second staff is also divided into 'Celebrant' and 'People' parts. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts: We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is divided into 'Celebrant' and 'People' parts. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: It is right to offer thanks and praise.'

It is right indeed, everliving God,
to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.
You are the source of all life and goodness;
through your eternal Word
you have created all things from the beginning.
When we sinned and turned away
you called us back to yourself
and gave your Son to share our human nature.
By his death on the cross,
he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world
and freed us from the bondage of sin.
You raised him to life triumphant over death;
you exalted him in glory.
In him you have made us a holy people
by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.
Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus are sung by the Choir.

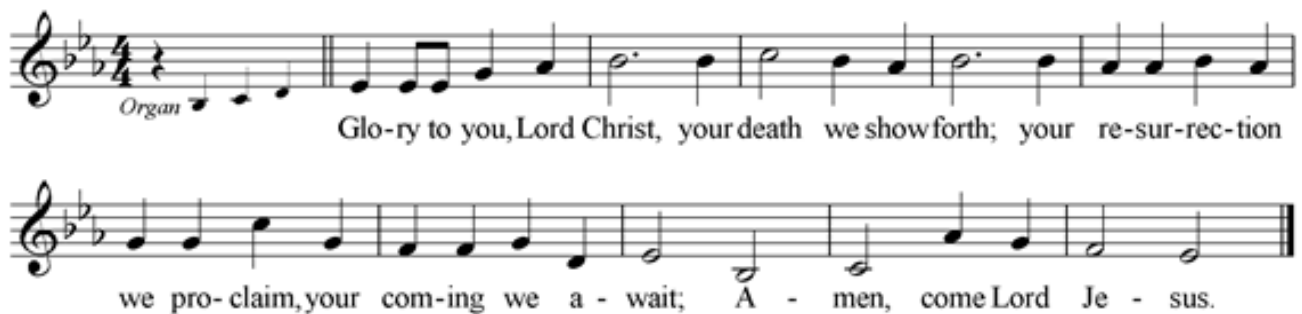
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. (Amen.) Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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 in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a short organ introduction marked 'Organ' followed by the lyrics 'Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ, your death we show forth; your re-sur-rec-tion'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'we pro-claim, your com-ing we a - wait; A - men, come Lord Je - sus.' The music consists of simple, rhythmic patterns using quarter and eighth notes.

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 Lord's Prayer

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

**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 āianeī
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.**

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.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

All who are baptised are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you feel uncertain sharing a common cup, receiving the bread alone is to receive a full Communion. For health reasons, we request you do not dip the bread in the wine (intinction).

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 clergy will distribute communion at the seats of any who have reduced mobility.

Communion Motet *My soul there is a country*, Hubert Parry

My soul, there is a country far beyond the stars, where stands a winged sentry all skilful in the wars: there, above noise and danger Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles and One, born in a manger commands the beauteous files. He is thy gracious friend and, O my soul, awake! Did in pure love descend to die here for thy sake. If thou canst get but thither, there grows the flow'r of peace, the Rose that cannot wither, thy fortress and thy ease. Leave then thy foolish ranges, for none can thee secure but One who never changes, thy God, thy life, thy cure.

The Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit light give light to the world.
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

Final Hymn

1

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

2

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

3

O wisest love! That flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

4

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

Text: J. H. Newman

Tune: Gerontius, AM 763i

The Blessing

Christ who has nourished us with himself, the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day; and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

Amen.

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 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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