

Choral Eucharist 10am
Sunday after Ascension: 21st May 2023

Our service, *Thanksgiving of the People of God* begins on p404 of
the New Zealand Prayer Book.

Presider: The Rev'd Sue Matthews, *Priest Assistant*

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Chalmers, *Precentor*

Liturgist: The Ven. John Matthews, *Archdeacon of HB Coast*

Readers: Pip B/Robin G

Director of Music: *Anthony Tattersall*

Setting: Blackburn Setting *Rawsthorne*

Anthem: *Ascendit Deus Philips*

Processional Hymn: *A hymn for Ascension...*

1. Christ ascends to God! Behold him
here, where earth and heaven meet.

Unimagined powers enfold him,
mortals worship at his feet.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

all his mission now complete.

**2. God receives him into mystery -
clouds of glory veil the sight;
no more bound to human history,
strong as love and free as light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
now to reign in his own right.**

**3. He is with us. Do not seek him
throned in splendour far above:
meet him here where truth and freedom
now reveal his work of love.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
countless signs his presence prove.**

**4. Universal Lord, now reigning
deep in nature's smallest part,
all things live by your sustaining,
time and space your work of art.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
praise to Christ, creation's heart.**

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The Gathering of the Community p404 NZPB

We stand as the choir sings:
Glory to God p405

Collect for the Sunday after Ascension

**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 God;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Readings:

New Testament: Acts 1: 6-14 *NT p90*

Psalm: 68:1-10, 32-35

1. Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.
2. Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away : and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.
3. But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God : let them also be merry and joyful.
4. O sing unto God and sing praises unto his Name : magnify him that rideth upon the heavens as it were upon a horse, praise him in his Name JAH and rejoice before him.
5. He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows : even God in his holy habitation.
6. He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity : but letteth the unagates continue in scarceness.
7. O God when thou wentest forth before the people : when thou wentest through the wilderness;
8. The earth shook and the heavens dropped, at the presence of God even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God who is the God of Israel.
9. Thou O God sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance : and refreshest it when it was weary.
10. Thy congregation shall dwell therein : for thou O God hast of thy goodness preparèd for the poor.
32. Sing unto God O ye kingdoms of the earth : O sing praises unto the Lord;

33. Who sitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning : lo he doth send out his voice, yea and that a might voice.

34. Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel : his worship and strength is in the clouds.

35. O God wonderful art thou in thy holy places: even the God of Israel, he will give strength and power unto his people, blessed be God.

New Testament: 1 Peter 4:12-14 *NT p18490*

Gradual: *Christ is alive, let Christians sing...*
Common Praise 140

Gospel: John 17:1-11 NT p85

Sermon: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Chalmers, *Precentor*

The Peace p419

Offertory: *God of our journey...*

**1. Comes the calling from the shadows
in the silent hours of night;
comes the calling in the morning
through the Spirit's urging light.
Celebrate our baptised calling
as the servant to the world,
we as church give praise and glory
with the flag of faith unfurled.**

**2. Praise for deacons, priests and bishops,
those ordained to lifelong vows;
all who serve as Christian leaders
in the faith that love empowers.
Like disciples through the ages,**

theirs a ministry of grace;
in this complex world of values,
share God's love with every race.

3. We as friends, companions, workers,
know that Jesus Christ is Lord;
he who preached and lived the gospel,
risen presence, still adored.
He who met the lost and lonely,
all who struggle through each day,
these to whom our calling takes us
as we share the Christian way.

4. In this special time of service,
hands laid on and faith declared,
now ordained to Christian service
to a life where love is shared.
Love that touches every fibre,
every moment, every hour;
this the love where Christ transforms us
through the Spirit's life and power.

Words and music: B. Bennett

The Great Thanksgiving *p 420 NZPB*

Recessional: *All hail the power of Jesus name...*
Common Praise 163

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*Congratulations to the Reverend Sue Matthews,
Priest, presiding this morning! The Ven. John Matthews
is assisting her.*

Coming up...

Next Sunday is Pentecost...a major festival of the Church year! It comes fifty days after Easter and commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples, giving them power and authority to establish Jesus' church.

Red symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

We are going to celebrate so come dressed in red/orange!

New Beginnings...

There has been interest concerning the formation of a **Prayer Group in the parish**. The group would meet in the Resurrection Chapel, weekly, at lunchtime for 30 minutes. It would begin from June with the day and time yet to be decided, although leaning towards lunchtime. Please leave your name with Charlene at the office or contact Sue John if you're interested.

Extras....

If you would like to receive our Weekly Dispatch, news and happenings in the Cathedral. Email Charlene at the office and we will add you to our mailing list!

Behind the words...

The Rev'd Sue Matthews was priested 'in the Octave of Tāmihana Te Rauparaha, Missionary to Te Wai Pounamu'.

Tāmihana Te Rauparaha, the son of the great Ngāti Toa chief, Te Rauparaha, a noted warmonger; and Mātene Te Whiwhi, another young chief of Ngāti Toa, were influenced by reading the Gospel of Luke. They were disillusioned with the bloodshed and death of intertribal warfare and were determined to end the fighting. In 1839 they decided to go to the Bay of Islands to ask for a missionary for the area around Ōtaki, even though Ngā Puhī and Ngāti Toa were traditional enemies.

This led to the appointment of Octavius Hadfield. The mission became highly successful, and the partnership led to the construction of the famous church, Rangiatea at Ōtaki. Tāmihana is also widely remembered for his courage and imagination in travelling to many of the places ravaged by his father in the South Island, preaching reconciliation and the gospel of peace.

Ordinations generally occur on Saints days, but unusually yesterday wasn't a Saints day, so it was decided to honour Sue by taking the Octave (eight days after) the day dedicated to Tāmihana Te Rauparaha.

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