



**Eucharistic Liturgy of New Fire
and
Renewal of Baptism**



**The Great Vigil of Easter
7.00 pm**

Welcome to Waiapu Cathedral

This service brings us from the darkness of Good Friday to the
joy of resurrection.

Our service follows on from the despair of Good Friday, where we gathered at
the foot of the cross.

We hear the stories of Genesis and Exodus when God brought light out of
darkness and led the people of Israel though the desert by fire.

We light the new fire of Easter and from there light the Paschal Candle.
On the candle are painted the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet,
Alpha and Omega.

In Revelation 21:6 the exalted Christ says,
"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

There is a cross on the candle with "nails" that have incense in them.

We then process the candle into the Cathedral and light the candles inside.
The light heralds the resurrection of Christ.

We then renew our Baptismal vows in the tradition of the early church where
the new converts, the catechumens, were baptised at dawn on Easter Day.

The paschal candle stays lit for all services during the fifty days of the Easter
season, until the Day of Pentecost.

We use it then for baptisms and funerals as a link back to the Easter
resurrection of our Lord.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

We gather outside.

E te whanau a te Karaiti,
on this most holy night,
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life,
the Church invites her children throughout the world
to come together in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lord.

We remember his death and resurrection
by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries,
confident that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever in God.

Fellow pilgrims on the Christian way,
let us now listen to the story
of how God saved the people of Israel
by mighty acts in their history, and in the fullness of time
came among us in Christ Jesus as our Redeemer.

Reading: Genesis 1

Gracious and eternal God,
you created all things with a marvellous beauty and order;
help us now to recognise how still more wonderful
is the new creation you have fashioned in the fullness of time
by redeeming your people through Jesus Christ,
the true Passover lamb,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading: Exodus 14

God of steadfast love,
by the power of your mighty arm
you delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh,
giving us a sign of salvation through the waters of baptism;
grant that all the peoples of the earth
may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham,
and rejoice in the inheritance of your promises;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We light the fire

Redeeming God, source of life and light,
you made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light;
bless this new fire,
set us aflame with the fire of your love,
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Paschal candle is marked and blessed

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever.
Amen.

The Paschal Candle is lit

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The Paschal candle is processed into the Cathedral, and stops at the Font.

Christ our light - **Thanks be to God.**

The presiding priest blesses the baptismal water in the font.

Reading: Ezekiel 37

Living God, by the Passover of your Son
you have brought us out of sin into righteousness,
and out of death into life;
grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit
the will and power to proclaim you to all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We move up the centre aisle and stop in the centre of the Nave

Christ our light - **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 114—said responsively:

- 1 When Israel came out of Egypt:
the house of Jacob from among a people of an alien tongue,
- 2 Judah became the Lord's temple:
and Israel became God's kingdom.
- 3 The sea fled at the sight of it:
and Jordan turned back in its course.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams:
and the hills like yearling sheep.
- 5 Why was it that you fled O sea:
and you Jordan that you turned back,
- 6 you mountains that you skipped like rams:

and you hills like yearling sheep?

7 Tremble O earth at the presence of the Lord:

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 who turned the hard rock into a pool of water:

and the flint-stone into a gushing spring.

The procession moves forward to the altar steps.

Christ our light - **Thanks be to God**

Moving to seats in the choir stalls, the Exultet (Proclamation of Easter) is sung:

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

O Universe, dance around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour of your creation,
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!

Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!

Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!

The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!

Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Lift up your hearts

we lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise

It is right and good that with full hearts and minds and voices
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who has saved us by his death paid the price of Adam's sin
and reconciled us once again to you.

Glory to you for ever.

For this is the Passover feast

when Christ the true Lamb of God is slain

whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

Glory to you for ever.

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,
freeing Israel from her slavery,
and leading her safely through the sea.

Glory to you for ever.

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell
broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Glory to you for ever.

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,
restored to grace and holiness, and share the victory of Christ.

Glory to you for ever.

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;
beyond our deepest dreams
you made even our sin a happy fault.

Glory to you for ever.

Most blessed of all nights,
evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Glory to you for ever.

Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth.
and all creation reconciled to you.

Glory to you for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.
Grant that this Easter candle may make our darkness light.

Glory to you for ever.

For Christ the morning star has risen in glory.
Christ is risen from the dead
and his flame of love still burns within us!
Christ sheds his peaceful light on the world!
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

Reading: Romans 6

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

Collect for Easter Eve said together:

**Eternal Giver of life and light,
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ.
Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
and shine as a light in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever, Amen.**

Gospel Reading for the day

All standing, the reader announces the Gospel
Praise and glory to God.

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

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through water you led the children of Israel
out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.
In water, your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah,
the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection,
from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,
we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life.

If there is a candidate for baptism, the promises are made now.

Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Praise to God who has given us life
Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Praise to God who forgives our sin
Blessed be God who sets us free.

Praise to God who kindles our faith
Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

Let us, the baptised, affirm that we renounce evil and commit our lives to Christ.
Blessed be God. JESUS IS LORD!

What is your faith?
**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you forgive others as you are forgiven?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek to love your neighbour as yourself, and strive for peace and justice?
I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

God the creator, the rock of our salvation,
has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May he keep us faithful to our calling,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The congregation is sprinkled with water as the next hymn is sung

Hymn: *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

1

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

2

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.**

3

**Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

4

**Christ is alive!, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

Tune: TRURO
Brian Wren

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Gracious God, we praise you for the resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ from the dead.
Shed his glorious light on all Christian people
that we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

God of grace
You hear our prayer.

We pray for those who at this season are receiving in Baptism
your Son's new life by water and the Spirit.
Dying with Christ, may they know the power of his resurrection.

God of grace
You hear our prayer.

We pray for all whom we know and love, both near and far.
May their eyes be opened to see the glory of the risen Lord.

God of grace
You hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer pain and anguish.
Grant them the faith to reach out towards the healing wounds
of Christ and be filled with his peace.

God of grace
You hear our prayer.

We remember before you those who have died in the hope
of the resurrection. Unite us with them in your undying love.

God of grace
You hear our prayer.

Join our voices, we pray, loving God,
to the songs of all your saints in proclaiming that you give us
the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Risen Christ, come in your victorious power,
affirm in us the goodness of God,
give us new life, reconcile us in peace,
assure us of your final triumph,
make us faithful in witness, fulfil in us your promises. **Amen.**

We stand

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: *O Risen Christ still wounded*

- 1 **O risen Christ, still wounded, triumphant, broken life,
whose glory holds within it the scars of human strife:
may we your living body, the church that bears your name,
be like-wise true in bearing the marks of hurt and shame.**
- 2 **O risen Christ, still feeding, with fish and bread and wine,
whose care becomes incarnate when word and deed combine:
so may your church be mindful of every human need,
to nourish souls and body and hungry hearts to feed.**
- 3 **O risen Christ, still reigning, to let love's power be shown,
you took our human nature and made a cross your throne:
convert your church from thinking that worldly power is good;
awake us to discover true strength in servant-hood.**

Tune: PASSION CHORALE
Words: Carl Daw Jr

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
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.

Honour and worship are indeed your due...

... Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language,
with the whole Church on earth and in heaven,
joyfully we give you thanks and say:

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

All glory and honour to you, God of grace...

... Therefore heavenly Father,
in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son,
we now celebrate the wonder of your grace
and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness...

... O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God;
how unsearchable are your judgments
and untraceable your ways.

**From you, and through you, and for you are all things.
To you be the glory for ever. Amen.**

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.**

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.**

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.

Gluten free wafers are available.

We do not offer intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice) please choose between receiving bread only, and/or consuming from the chalice. This is safer both for you and others.

Post-Communion Sentence:

All you who have been baptised have been clothed with Christ.
Alleluia. *Galatians 3:27*

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, you have made this night bright
with the radiance of the risen Christ;
**may we who have been raised with him in baptism
reflect the light of his glory,
and live with him for ever. Amen.**

Hymn: *We are an Easter people*

- 1 **We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
the yeast is rising in our hearts,
our wine has vintage taste.**
*Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
risen in our lives.*

- 2 **We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
our tears are freed to flow and heal
our shattered hopes and hearts.**
*Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
risen in our lives.*

- 3 **We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
our fears have died, we rise to dream,
to love, to dance, to live.**
*Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
risen in our lives.*

Words: Bill Wallace;
Music: Alison Carey

*The Blessing is given but no Dismissal
as we wait until the end of the Eucharist tomorrow
to be sent out into the world.*

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We welcome you to join our
EASTER SERVICES TOMORROW

Easter Sunday, 31 March

8.00am Eucharist

9.00am Eucharist, at Ormond Chapel

10.00am Choral Eucharist

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