



29 December 2024 – 1st Sunday of Christmas

Today's liturgy begins on page 456 of the red New Zealand Prayer Book

Our scripture sentence

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful.

Colossians 3:14-15

Prayer of the Day

Jesus, your ways are not our ways.

You are the Jewish boy,

you are the questioning child the parents lost.

Make us willing to listen and humble in what we believe is right.

Hear this prayer for your love's sake. **Amen.**

First Testament Reading 1 Sam 2:18-20, 26

New Testament Reading Col 3:12-17

Gospel Luke 2:41-52

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Gluten free wafers are available from the person administering the bread every week at 10am. If needed at 8am please let us know before the service starts. Prayer ministry is available during 10am communion in the Resurrection Chapel.

We invite you to stay for morning tea after the service and would love visitors to introduce yourselves to us.

Today we are delighted to welcome Rev'd Alister Hendery as our guest preacher, although as a Diocesan priest, and a member of the team in the Greater Hastings Parish, he is hardly a visitor to the Cathedral. Great to have you with us, Alister!

HYMNS – are on the hymn board, in addition to this one for Christmas 1:

**1 New light has dawned, the Son of God is here,
A holy light no earthly light outshines;
The light has dawned, the light that casts out fear,
The light that evil dreads and love defines.**

**2 The light of glory shines to angels' song,
The shepherds run to where a baby lies;
A servant of the Lord, who waited long,
Acclaims the light to lighten Gentile eyes.**

**3 And priestly men sit listening to a boy,
They see the dawning light within his face.
Such words they hear those Christ-child lips employ!
Amazing words of wisdom, truth and grace.**

**4 O Christ, the light who came to us on earth,
Shine through the shadow cast by human sin;
Renew the faith you gave at our new birth,
Destroy the dark, and let your light come in.**

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5 January 2025 – Feast of the Epiphany

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Our scripture sentence

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60:1*

Prayer of the Day

Jesus, light of the world,
let your bright star stand over
the place where we live;
lead our sages to wisdom
And our rulers to reverence.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. **Amen.**

First Testament Reading	Isa 60:1-6
New Testament Reading	Eph 3:1-12
Gospel	Matt 2:1-12

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**Today's preacher is the Rev'd Dr Helen Jacobi.
The Very Rev'd Di Woods, our Dean, presides.**

MUSIC

Hymn numbers are on the board, in addition to this Epiphany hymn:

Now the star of Christmas

**1: Now the star of Christmas
shines into our day,
points a new direction:
change is on the way -
there's another landscape
to be travelled through,
there's a new-born spirit
broadening our view.**

**2: When the Christ of Christmas
speaks to heart and mind,
clears the clouded vision
hurting humankind,
kindred spirits gather,
drawn toward the light,
sharing revelation,
joyful at the sight.**

**3: Where the star enlightens,
light is shared around.
God has drawn no borders,
faith sees common ground:
Peace the hopeful journey,
justice without bar,
God's illumination
from the Christmas star.**

Shirley Erena Murray (adapted)
Tune: NOEL NOUVELET aka "Now the green blade rises"

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