

20 July 2025

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A special welcome to our Winter Deco Weekend visitors

Nau mai, haere mai. Our liturgy begins on page 404 of A New Zealand Prayer Book / He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa

The musical setting is Art Deco Mass (2014), Bill Bennett

Processional Hymn: Common Praise 474 -

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Collect:

God of all delight,
grant us that joy
which none can take from us,
of having a work to do,
a life to live;
that joy in believing which will carry us through.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

First Reading: Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52 (ANZPB-HKMoA) – at 10am the psalm is sung by the choir

- 1 Why O mighty one do you boast of your wickedness?: always bent on harming those faithful to God.
- 2 Your tongue is like a sharpened razor: you contriver of deceit and slander.
- 3 You love evil rather than good: lying rather than speaking the truth.

- 4 You love all words that may do hurt: O lying tongue that you are.
- 5 Therefore God will destroy you for ever: God will pluck you from your tent, and uproot you from the land of the living.
- 6 The righteous will look on with awe: and then will they laugh and say,
- 7 'Here is one who would not look to God for strength: but trusted in great wealth, and in the security of riches.'
- 8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.
- 9 I will always give you thanks, for this was your doing: I will proclaim that your name is good, in the presence of the faithful.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

Gospel Hymn: Common Praise 523 -

My God, how wonderful thou art

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Offertory Hymn: Common Praise 507 -

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Lord's Prayer: Sung in English

Communion Motet: The Lord Bless You and Keep You - Rutter

Recessional Hymn: Common Praise 466 -

How shall I sing that majesty

- **Communion is offered in both kinds** (bread and wine) though feel free to receive only the bread.
- We do not, for health reasons, dip the bread in the wine. This makes it safer for us all.
- Gluten free wafers are available from the person administering the bread at 10am. If needed at 8am please let us know before the service starts.
- **Prayer ministry** is available at the 10am Eucharist in the Resurrection Chapel during the communion time.
- We invite you to stay for **morning tea** after the service

PRAYER AND WORSHIP THIS COMING WEEK

Tuesday to Friday

9am, Morning prayer in the Resurrection Chapel

Tuesday

10.30am, Eucharist in the Resurrection Chapel, followed by morning tea.

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Did you know that the text of most sermons preached at the Cathedral are now available online?

https://napiercathedral.org.nz/worship/sermon-notes/

And a thought from today's sermon:

Perhaps, like many of us, amid all Martha's doing she's got lured into thinking that her value and purpose in life is to be found in what she does, rather than in who she is. We can tend to measure our worth by our performance. Maybe the one thing needed, for us as it was for Martha, is to simply receive Jesus' presence with gratitude – to sit at his feet long enough to let his presence carry over into our serving.

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