

Nau mai, haere mai.

The musical setting: Stanford in C & F

Processional Hymn: *Common Praise* 26 –

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

We remain standing

The second candle on the Advent Wreath is lit...

We light this candle for peace within our world.

Response: Shine within our hearts today.

God of peace and goodwill,
you sent your Son to bring reconciliation to the earth:
Fill our hearts with your peace,
and make us instruments of your harmony among all people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The liturgy continues **on page 406** of A New Zealand Prayer Book.*

We kneel or sit and the choir sings The Kyries

Collect:

Almighty God,
you sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son;
grant that those who proclaim your word
may so guide our feet into the way of peace,
that we may stand with confidence before him
when he comes in his glorious kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19 (ANZPB-HKMoA) –
at 10 am the psalm is sung by the choir

1. Give the king your justice O God:
and your righteousness to a king's son,
2. that he may judge your people rightly:
and uphold the poor with justice.
3. Let the mountains bring forth peace for the people:
and the hills prosperity with justice.
4. May the king defend the cause of the poor among the people:
save the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
5. May he live as long as the sun endures:
as long as the moon from age to age.
6. May he come down like rain upon the grass:
like showers that water the earth.
7. In his days may righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace till the moon is no more.
18. May all nations pray to be blessed as he is:
and all peoples call him blessed.
19. Blessed are you O Lord our God:
for you alone do marvellous things.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Hymn: *Common Praise* 34 – On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-13

The Sermon

At 10am: The Baptism of Jordan Stratton

Offertory Hymn: *Common Praise* 608 – Thy kingdom come!

Lord's Prayer: On page 424 – sung in English

Communion Motet: Come down O love divine - Goodenough

Prayer After Communion

We praise and thank you, Creator God,
for you have not left us alone.

Each year you come to us, Emmanuel,
God with us in a manger.

**Each time you come to us
in the broken bread and the cup we share.
In time or out of time you will be revealed
and we shall see you face to face.**

Recessional Hymn: *O bless the God of Israel*

1.
O bless the God of Israel,
who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us
and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy,
of rescue and release;
God shall fulfil the promise
to bring our people peace.

2.
Now from the house of David
a child of grace is given;
A Saviour comes among us
to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald
forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation,
the messenger of Day.

3.
Where once were fear and
darkness
the sun begins to rise
the dawning of forgiveness
upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims
along the paths of peace:
O bless our God and Saviour,
with songs that never cease!

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Cruger or Morning Light

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.

- **Ministry with children** is available at the 10am Eucharist during the Sermon and Prayers of the People. This group moves to the back of the Cathedral during the Gospel hymn and returns for the Peace.
- **Prayer ministry** is available at the 10am Eucharist in the Resurrection Chapel during the communion time.
- **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.
- We invite you to stay for **morning tea** after the service.

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