

Nau mai, haere mai.

The musical setting: Byrd Mass for 4 Voices

Processional Hymn: *Common Praise* 24 –

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

We remain standing

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

We light this candle for love within our world.

Response: Shine within our hearts today.

God of steadfast love,
you sent your Son to cast out fear and hatred:
Kindle your love within us,
that we may love one another as Christ has loved us;
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:

Living God,
you called your people out of Egypt
and gave them the covenant;
prepare our hearts to hear your call,
so that we may receive with joy the gospel of your Son
and be your faithful people, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10–16

Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 (ANZPB-HKMoA) –
at 10 am the psalm is sung by the choir

1. Hear O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock:
shine forth from your throne upon the cherubim.
2. Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your strength and come to our rescue.
3. Restore us again O God:
show us the light of your face and we shall be saved.
4. O Lord God of hosts:
how long will you set your face
against your peoples prayer?
5. You have fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them tears in plenty to drink.
6. You make a mockery of us to our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7. Restore us again O God of hosts:
show us the light of your face and we shall be saved.
17. Let your hand rest upon the one at your right hand:
the one you have made so strong for your service.
18. Then we will never forsake you:
O give us life, and we will call upon your name.
19. Restore us again Lord God of hosts:
show us the light of your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1–7

Gospel Hymn: *Common Praise* 36 – The advent of our King

Gospel: Matthew 1:18–25

Offertory Hymn: *Common Praise* 241 –
Sing we of the blessed Mother

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

Communion Motet: Sumsion in A Mag.

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: *Common Praise* 31 –

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP THIS COMING WEEK

<i>Today at 7.00pm: Nine Lessons and Carols</i>
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Tuesday & Wednesday

9am, Morning prayer in the Resurrection Chapel

Tuesday

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

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A thought from today's sermon

The church is a community that believes in a God who transforms – who, through the Spirit, is constantly making things new. That should leave us awe-struck by what God does in the world, for us, and through us... God works outside the square. God comes to be with us, to share our life and to save us – bringing hope where there's despair, joy where there's sorrow, reconciliation where there's estrangement, light where there's darkness, life where there's death.

- **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.

The text of most sermons preached at the Cathedral are available online:
<https://napiercathedral.org.nz/worship/sermon-notes/>

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