

Nau mai, haere mai.

Our liturgy begins on page 404 of

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The musical setting: Palestrina - Missa Aeterna Christi Munera

Processional Hymn: *'The God of Abraham praise'*

The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love!
Ungraspable I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blest.

The great I AM has sworn;
we on this oath depend.
We shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
to heaven ascend,
and there behold God's face,
God's power to adore,
and sing the wonders
of God's grace forevermore.

Triumphant hosts on high
give thanks eternally
and "Holy, holy, holy" cry,
"great Trinity!"
Hail Abraham's God and ours!
One mighty hymn we raise:
all power and majesty be yours
and endless praise!

The God of Sarah praise,
all praises to God's name,
who was and is, and is to be,
fore'er the same!
The one eternal God
beyond what now appears;
the First, the Last: beyond all thought
for timeless years!

*Thomas Olivers (alt.) Based on the Jewish Yigdal (Attributed to Daniel Ben Judah)
Tune: LEONI*

Collect:

Come Holy Spirit,
to all baptised in your name,
that we may turn to good
whatever lies ahead
Give us passion, give us fire;
make us transform the world from what it is,
to what you have created it to be.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 12:1–4a

Psalm 121 (ANZPB-HKMoA) –
at 10am the psalm is sung by the choir

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I look for help?

² My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.

³ The Lord will not let your foot stumble:
the one who guards you will not sleep.

⁴ The one who keeps watch over this people:
shall neither doze nor sleep.

⁵ The Lord is the one who will guard you:
the Lord at your right hand will be your defence,

⁶ so that the sun shall not strike you by day:
nor yet the moon by night.

⁷The Lord shall preserve you from all evil:
yes it is the Lord who will keep you safe.

⁸The Lord shall take care of your
going out, and your coming in:
from this time forth and for ever.

Reading: Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

- *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.

Gospel Hymn: ‘To Abraham and Sarah’

To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:
“Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey for I have pledged my word:
that you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey on God’s abundant grace;
and in their heart was written by God this saving word:
“that you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

We of this generation on whom God’s hand is laid,
can journey to the future secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God’s goodness and trusting in this word:
that you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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Tunes: THORNBURY or MORNING LIGHT*

Gospel: John 3:1–17

Offertory Hymn: ‘Now to your table spread’

Now to your table spread
we come, each one in faith
that you alone provide the words of life or death:
in wine and bread,
in promised food
we find your loving heart, O God.

Hands of the world stretch out
your mystery to touch
in longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,
to sing in joy,
to cry in grief,
to know your meaning for our life.

Here is our common wealth
in sharing what is good,
as though all humankind around one table stood,
this bread to break,
this wine to taste:
one people in the name of Christ.

Shirley Erena Murray. Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

- *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.*

Communion Motet: Stanford - Justorum Animae

Prayer after Communion:

Praise and glory to you, Jesus Christ our Saviour,
for you do not call the righteous
but us sinners to repentance.
You draw us away from the easy road
that would lead to our destruction.
You call us instead to seek God's kingdom,
to strive for what is right,
and to lay up our treasure in heaven.

Recessional Hymn: *'Forth in your name, O Lord, I go'*

Forth in your name, O Lord, I go
my daily labour to pursue;
you, Lord, alone I long to know
in all I think or speak or do.

The task your wisdom has assigned
here let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my work your presence find
and prove your good and perfect will.

You I would set at my right hand
whose eyes my inmost secrets view;
and labour on at your command
and offer all my work to you.

Help me to bear your easy yoke
and every moment watch and pray;
and still to things eternal look
and hasten to that glorious day.

Gladly for you may I employ
all that your generous grace has given;
and run my earthly course with joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.

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- *We invite you to stay for **morning tea** after the service.*

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***OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP & STUDY
THIS COMING WEEK***

Tuesday to Friday at 9 am:

Morning Prayer in the Resurrection Chapel

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

Wednesday at 12.15 pm: Eucharist in the Aotearoa Chapel.

Wednesday at 7.00 pm: Lenten Study Group in the Baptistery.

Friday at 12.15 pm: Stations of the Cross in the Nave.



A THOUGHT FROM TODAY'S SERMON

We gather for Eucharist not simply for private spiritual enrichment, but to be strengthened so that we can bless others – to share community, meaning, purpose, and above all the assurance that we and they are known, held, and loved by God. As a faith community we exist for the sake of others – to share with them the blessings we've received.



***THE PARISH AGM IS TO BE HELD IN THE CATHEDRAL
AT 11.30 am ON SUNDAY 22nd MARCH***

Purpose of the meeting is to:

- Receive various reports on the life of the Cathedral parish.
The Reports Book for the AGM (which includes the Agenda) is currently being prepared and will be available before the meeting on the website and in printed form.
- Adopt the budget which has been approved by Vestry.
- Election of Vestry members (not less than three nor more than ten baptised parishioners, clergy or lay, whose names are listed on the Electoral Roll).
- Election of the People's Warden.
- Announcement of the appointment of the Bishop's Warden.

Nominations for Vestry Members and People's Warden must be handed in *by noon of Sunday 15th March 2026*.

Nomination forms are available from the back of the Cathedral or the Parish Office.

Only those who are listed on the parish Electoral Roll may stand for office, propose and second a nomination, and vote at the AGM.

The Electoral Roll is a separate roll from the bigger, pastoral roll, and consists of those who are regularly "part of the life and worship of the parish" and so are able to take decisions. If you are interested in being nominated for Vestry you might talk to a current Vestry member about what is involved. Being a Warden or Vestry member means having a clear Police Vet and undertaking the diocesan Safeguarding training.



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