



***Celebrating the Eucharist
for the 1st Sunday in Lent
and Art Deco Sunday***

22nd February 2026



Presiding Priest: The Very Reverend Alister Hendery, Acting Dean
Preacher: The Reverend Dr Deborah Broome, Priest Associate

Director of Music: Anthony Tattersall
with
The Waiapu Cathedral Choir and The Cathedral Strings

The musical setting for this *Art Deco Liturgy* was composed
by The Rev'd Bill Bennett – a former priest of this diocese –
specially for the Waiapu Cathedral Choir.

While this liturgy follows the style and pattern that is customary here at the Cathedral, you may notice that the clergy are not wearing the usual eucharistic vestments. Instead, they are wearing robes in the style used in the 1930s. At that time, clergy vesture was more austere than what later became common in Anglican worship. By wearing these robes, we honour the period in which this community rebuilt its life and identity

The Gathering of the Community

Processional hymn:

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1855)

The Lord be with you
The Lord bless you.

*The priest introduces the liturgy.
We then sit or kneel.*

We pray together:

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your holy name;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The choir sings The Kyries:

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:

If we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent,
turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.
In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God,
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you,
pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

We pray together:

**God of the desert,
as we follow Jesus into the unknown,
may we recognise the tempter when he comes;
let it be your bread we eat,
your world we serve and you alone we worship.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

The Proclamation

First reading: Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

After the reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

*Response: **Forgive me, O Lord, the mistakes I have made.***

Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven,
and whose sin is covered.
Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile.
Response

For I held my tongue;
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all the day long.
Your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer.

Response

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and my iniquity I did not hide.
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,'
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Response

Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;
in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.
You are a place for me to hide in;
you preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with songs of deliverance.

Response

'I will instruct you and teach you
in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding;
whose mouths must be held with a bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.'

Response

Great tribulations remain for the wicked,
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Response

Second reading: Romans 5:12-19

After the reading:

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn:

**Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.**

**Burning heat throughout the day,
bitter cold when light has fled;
prowling beasts around your way,
stones your pillow, earth your bed.**

**Shall not we your trials share,
learn your discipline of will;
and with you by fast and prayer
wrestle with the powers of hell?**

**So if Satan, pressing hard,
soul and body would destroy:
Christ who conquered, be our guard;
give to us the victor's joy.**

**Saviour, may we hear your voice –
keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice
at the eternal Eastertide.**

G. H. Smyttan (1822-1870) © in this version Jubilate Hymns

We remain standing

**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:1-11
Praise and glory to God.**

After the reading:
**This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ the Word.**

The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

We stand

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,
giving thanks for God's goodness.

In this Lenten season, in a city rebuilt from rubble into
beauty, let us pray to the God who restores and renews.

God of grace,
renew your Church where trust is fragile
and hope has worn thin;
where courage has faltered, strengthen it.
Make your people a sign of hope –
generous in spirit, steadfast in love,
and confident in our identity as your beloved.

Silence

God who rebuilds,
Renew us in your grace.

God of all peoples,
as Christ resisted the temptations of power, fear,
and easy answers,
guide all who lead and shape public life.
Where the world is fractured by conflict, inequality,
or mistrust, may your grace ripple outward –
stronger than human failure, steadier than our fear.

Silence

God who rebuilds,
Renew us in your love.

God of all,
we give thanks for Napier –
its beauty, resilience, creativity, and shared memory.
During this Art Deco Festival,
bless all who visit, work, celebrate, or remember.
Hold especially those for whom earthquakes and disasters
are a lived experience today.

May our city continue to grow in compassion,
courage, and shared responsibility.

Silence

God who rebuilds,
Renew us in your love.

Creator God,
turn us again to tend your creation with care.
Save us from habits that harm the world you have made.
Restore damaged places and inspire all who work
for the healing of land, sea, and sky.

Silence

God who rebuilds,
Renew us in your love.

Christ who meets us in the wilderness,
bring healing to the sick, comfort to the anxious,
companionship to the lonely, and hope to the discouraged.
Where lives are broken, mend them with your mercy.

Silence

God who rebuilds,
Renew us in your love.

God of life, hold in your love all who have died
and comfort those who mourn.
Gather us with the faithful of every time and place
and all who now rest in your peace.

Silence

God who rebuilds,
Renew us in your love.

God of resurrection hope,
you transform stories rather than erase them.
As Napier was rebuilt after the earthquake,
rebuild us until our lives reflect the beauty you see in us.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

We may share a sign of peace with those about us.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn:

Let us break bread together on our knees.

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Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees. *Refrain*

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness,

and the power, and the glory,

and the victory and the majesty.

All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,

and of your own we give you.

The Great Thanksgiving

We remain standing though feel free to sit if needs be.

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord,
almighty Father, everlasting God,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness;
through your eternal Word
you have created all things from the beginning
and formed us in your own image;
male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away
you called us back to yourself
and gave your Son to share our human nature.
Who though tempted in every way as we are,
yet did not sin;
through him therefore we may triumph over sin
and grow in grace.

By his death on the cross,
he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world
and freed us from the bondage of sin.
You raised him to life triumphant over death;
you exalted him in glory.
In him you have made us a holy people
by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
on the night before he died
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

We proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and this cup of salvation.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Communion

As Christ teaches us we pray, singing

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The choir sings the Agnus Dei

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.*

The Invitation

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour
Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us.
Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All who are baptised are very welcome to receive communion.

*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.*

*Prayer ministry is available in the Resurrection Chapel during the
communion time.*

During communion the choir sings: 'Amazing Grace' - Bertalot

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God,
in this communion
you increase our faith and hope and love.
**Lead us in the path of Christ
who is your Word of life. Amen**

The Blessing & Dismissal

May the God who rebuilds what is broken
strengthen you in every wilderness you face.
May Christ, who trusted the Father's love,
steadfastly guide you in the way of truth and courage.
May the Spirit, who brings beauty out of ruins,
renew your heart with hope, that you may grow, this Lent,
stone by stone, grace by grace.
And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Final Hymn:

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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

THIS AFTERNOON AT 4 PM ... a jazz-flavoured service to remember the courage and resilience of all affected by the 1931 earthquake, and to celebrate the rebuilding of what was broken.

A THOUGHT FROM TODAY'S SERMON

This weekend's Art Deco Festival celebrates beauty, creativity, and resilience. Lent is about truth, renewal, and grace. Both of those grow out of honesty about human fragility. Anyone who's lived through a big earthquake knows only too well how fragile we are. But both Art Deco and the season of Lent honour the stubborn hope that rebuilding is always possible. Whether you're here this morning for Lent or for Art Deco – or both – you belong in a story where God takes what is broken and rebuilds with beauty and courage.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER & WORSHIP

Tuesday to Friday: 9am, Morning prayer in the Resurrection Chapel

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

Wednesday, during Lent: 12.15pm, a reflective Eucharist in the Aotearoa Chapel.

Friday: 12.15pm, Stations of the Cross

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