

Nau mai, haere mai.
Our liturgy begins on page 404 of
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The musical setting: Lotti – Missa Brevis in F

Processional Hymn: *Common Praise 2 –*
‘Christ, whose glory fills the skies’

Collect:

God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned the world
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;
open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to see all things for good,
to the honour of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1–13

Psalm 23 (*ANZPB-HKMoA*) –
at 10am the psalm is sung by the choir

- ¹The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
- ²You Lord make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside the waters of peace.
- ³You revive my spirit:
and guide me in right pathways for your names sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me,
your rod and your staff are my comfort.

⁵ You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies:
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is overflowing.

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading: Ephesians 5:8–14

- *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: *Common Praise* 396 –
'Christ is the world's true light'

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Lord's Prayer: page 418 – chanted in Te Reo Māori

Offertory Hymn: *Common Praise* 557 –
'Praise to the holiest in the height'

- *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: Open Thou Mine Eyes - Rutter

Recessional Hymn: *Common Praise 444* – omit verse 3
'God is working his purpose out'

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



A THOUGHT FROM TODAY'S SERMON

The story of God's transforming love isn't finished. God longs to continue shaping us, doing new things with us. Yet we may tell ourselves we don't matter, or what we do doesn't count, or that a situation is hopeless. But if all we can see is what's on the surface, we're in trouble. Seeing as God sees means looking beyond appearances — seeing into the heart of people and situations, and leaning into imagination until we glimpse a deeper reality: what God sees.



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.

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are available online:***

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***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 today*.



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