



**Eucharistic Liturgy of New Fire  
and  
Renewal of Baptism**



**The Great Vigil of Easter  
7.00 pm**

## Welcome to Waiapu Cathedral

This service brings us from the darkness of Good Friday to the joy of resurrection.

Our service follows on from the despair of Good Friday, where we gathered at the foot of the cross.

We hear the stories of Genesis and Exodus when God brought light out of darkness and led the people of Israel through the desert by fire.

We light the new fire of Easter and from there light the Paschal Candle. On the candle are painted the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega.

In Revelation 21:6 the exalted Christ says,  
"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

There is a cross on the candle with "nails" that have incense in them.

We then process the candle into the Cathedral and light the candles inside. The light heralds the resurrection of Christ.

We then renew our Baptismal vows in the tradition of the early church where the new converts, the catechumens, were baptised at dawn on Easter Day.

The paschal candle stays lit for all services during the fifty days of the Easter season, until the Day of Pentecost.

We use it then for baptisms and funerals as a link back to the Easter resurrection of our Lord.

### THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*We gather outside.*

E te whanau a te Karaiti,  
on this most holy night,  
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life,  
the Church invites her children throughout the world  
to come together in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lord.

We remember his death and resurrection  
by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries,  
confident that we shall share his victory over death  
and live with him for ever in God.

Fellow pilgrims on the Christian way,  
let us now listen to the story  
of how God saved the people of Israel  
by mighty acts in their history, and in the fullness of time  
came among us in Christ Jesus as our Redeemer.

**Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

Gracious and eternal God,  
you created all things with a marvellous beauty and order;  
help us now to recognise how still more wonderful  
is the new creation you have fashioned in the fullness of time  
by redeeming your people through Jesus Christ,  
the true Passover lamb,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*We light the fire*

Redeeming God, source of life and light,  
you made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light;  
bless this new fire,  
set us aflame with the fire of your love,  
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Paschal candle is marked and blessed*

Christ yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is lit, and the candles of the congregation lit from it.*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The Paschal candle is processed into the Cathedral, and stops at the Font.*

Christ our light - **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading: Exodus 14:10-end**

God of steadfast love,  
by the power of your mighty arm  
you delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh,  
giving us a sign of salvation through the waters of baptism;  
grant that all the peoples of the earth  
may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham,  
and rejoice in the inheritance of your promises;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Reading: Ezekiel 36:24-28**

Gracious God, in the mystery of your son's death and resurrection  
you established the new covenant of reconciliation;  
grant that all who in baptism are born again  
may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith.  
Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We move up the centre aisle and stop in the centre of the Nave*

Christ our light - **Thanks be to God**

*The procession moves forward to the altar steps.*

Christ our light - **Thanks be to God**

*Moving to seats in the choir stalls, the Exultet (Proclamation of Easter)  
is sung:*

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
O Universe, dance around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!  
Rejoice, O earth, in glory,  
revealing the splendour of your creation,  
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!  
Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!  
Darkness vanishes for ever!  
Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!  
Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

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

It is right and good that with full hearts and minds and voices  
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,  
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who has saved us by his death, paid the price of Adam's sin,  
and reconciled us once again to you.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

For this is the Passover feast  
when Christ the true Lamb of God is slain  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,  
freeing Israel from her slavery,  
and leading her safely through the sea.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell  
broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,  
restored to grace and holiness, and share the victory of Christ.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;  
beyond our deepest dreams  
you made even our sin a happy fault.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

Most blessed of all nights,  
evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,  
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out  
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth.  
and all creation reconciled to you.

**Glory to you for ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy  
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.  
Grant that this Easter candle may make our darkness light.

**Glory to you for ever.**

For Christ the morning star has risen in glory.  
Christ is risen from the dead  
and his flame of love still burns within us!  
Christ sheds his peaceful light on the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

**Reading: Romans 6:3-11**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**The Easter Anthems – said responsively**

1 Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed:  
therefore let us keep the feast,

2 **not with the old leaven,  
the leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

3 Christ being raised from the dead will never die again:  
death no longer has dominion over him.

4 **The death he died, he died to sin once for all:  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

5 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ.

6 **Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

7 For as by a man came death:  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

8 **For as in Adam all die:  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

**Korōria ki te Matua, ki te Tama, ki te Wairua Tapu;  
mai i te tīmatanga, ki tēnei wā, ā, haere ake nei. Āmine.**

## Collect for Easter Eve said together:

**Eternal Giver of life and light,  
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ.  
Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,  
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,  
and shine as a light in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever, Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading for the day: Matthew 28:1-10**

*All standing, the reader announces the **Gospel***  
**Praise and glory to God.**

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

## **Renewal of Baptism Vows**

*We move to the Font. The presiding priest says*

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in Baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church.

Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our Baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Praise to God who has given us life.  
**Blessed be God for the gift of love.**

Praise to God who forgives our sin.  
**Blessed be God who sets us free.**

Praise to God who kindles our faith.  
**Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.**

Let us, the baptised, affirm that we renounce evil and commit our lives to Christ.

**Blessed be God,  
JESUS IS LORD!**

*The presiding priest then says*

Let us now celebrate the faith into which we were baptised and in which we live and grow.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. From the beginning, believers have continued in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

Will you commit yourself to this life?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you forgive others as you are forgiven?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek to love your neighbour as yourself, and strive for peace and justice?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you accept the cost of following Jesus Christ  
in your daily life and work?

**I will, with God's help.**

With the whole Church will you proclaim by word and action  
the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**whose promise endures for ever.**

We thank you God for your love in all creation, especially for your gift of  
water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

We thank you for your covenant with your people Israel; through the Red  
Sea waters you led them to freedom in the promised land. In the waters of  
the Jordan your Son was baptised by John and anointed with the Holy  
Spirit. Through the deep waters of death Jesus fulfilled his baptism. He  
died to set us free and was raised to be exalted Lord of all.

We thank you that through the waters of baptism you cleanse us, renew us  
by your Spirit and raise us to new life. In the new covenant we are made  
members of your Church and share in your eternal kingdom.

We pray that all who pass through the waters of baptism may continue for  
ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to Christ,  
we celebrate our fellowship in him through faith.

We pray that all who pass through the waters of baptism  
may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,  
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

*The congregation is sprinkled with water.*

*The renewal of baptism concludes with the following prayer.*

**God our creator, the rock of our salvation,  
we thank you for our new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,  
for the forgiveness of our sins,  
and for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all those who have been baptised in your name;  
keep us faithful to the calling of our baptism, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty Father,  
grant that we your children  
may never be ashamed  
to confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
but continue his faithful servants to our lives' end;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen**

**Hymn:**            *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

**1**  
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

**2**  
Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

**3**  
Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

**4**  
Christ is alive! and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Tune: TRURO  
*Brian Wren*

### **The Prayers of the People**

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

Gracious God, we praise you for the resurrection  
of your Son Jesus Christ from the dead.  
Shed his glorious light on all Christian people  
that we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

God of grace  
**You hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who at this season are receiving in Baptism  
your Son's new life by water and the Spirit.  
Dying with Christ, may they know the power of his resurrection.

God of grace  
**You hear our prayer.**

We pray for all whom we know and love, both near and far.  
May their eyes be opened to see the glory of the risen Lord.

God of grace  
**You hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer pain and anguish.  
Grant them the faith to reach out towards the healing wounds  
of Christ and be filled with his peace.

God of grace  
**You hear our prayer.**

We remember before you those who have died in the hope  
of the resurrection. Unite us with them in your undying love.

God of grace  
**You hear our prayer.**

Join our voices, we pray, loving God,  
to the songs of all your saints in proclaiming that you give us  
the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Risen Christ, come in your victorious power,  
affirm in us the goodness of God,  
give us new life, reconcile us in peace,  
assure us of your final triumph,  
make us faithful in witness, fulfil in us your promises. **Amen.**

*We stand*

## **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn:      *O Risen Christ still wounded*

- 1      **O risen Christ, still wounded, triumphant, broken life,  
whose glory holds within it the scars of human strife:  
may we your living body, the church that bears your name,  
be like-wise true in bearing the marks of hurt and shame.**
  
- 2      **O risen Christ, still feeding, with fish and bread and wine,  
whose care becomes incarnate when word and deed combine:  
so may your church be mindful of every human need,  
to nourish souls and body and hungry hearts to feed.**
  
- 3      **O risen Christ, still reigning, to let love's power be shown,  
you took our human nature and made a cross your throne:  
convert your church from thinking that worldly power is good;  
awake us to discover true strength in servant-hood.**

Tune: PASSION CHORALE Words:  
Carl Daw Jr

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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, ever-living God,  
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.  
When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself  
and gave your Son to share our human nature.  
He made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world.  
Therefore we proclaim your great and glorious name, *singing/saying*:

**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.**

On the night before he died, he 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.

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.  
And so proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

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 forever. Amen.**

As Christ teaches us we pray

**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.**

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.**

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua,  
tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.  
Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

*Gluten free wafers are available.*

*We do not offer intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice) please choose  
between receiving bread only, and/or consuming from the chalice. This is safer  
both for you and others.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God, you have made this night bright  
with the radiance of the risen Christ;  
**may we who have been raised with him in baptism  
reflect the light of his glory,  
and live with him for ever. Amen.**

Hymn: *We are an Easter people*

- 1 We are an Easter people,  
ours is an Easter faith,  
the yeast is rising in our hearts,  
our wine has vintage taste.  
*Christ is risen, Christ is risen,  
risen in our lives.*
  
- 2 We are an Easter people,  
ours is an Easter faith,  
our tears are freed to flow and heal  
our shattered hopes and hearts.  
*Christ is risen, Christ is risen,  
risen in our lives.*
  
- 3 We are an Easter people,  
ours is an Easter faith,  
our fears have died, we rise to dream,  
to love, to dance, to live.  
*Christ is risen, Christ is risen,  
risen in our lives.*

Words: Bill Wallace  
Music: Alison Carey

*The Blessing is given but no Dismissal  
as we wait until the end of the Eucharist tomorrow  
to be sent out into the world.*



We welcome you to join our

## EASTER DAY SERVICES

Easter Day, Sunday 5 April

8.00am	Said Eucharist
9.00am	Eucharist, at Ormond Chapel
10.00am	Choral Eucharist

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**Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**