

Nau mai, haere mai.

*The musical setting for the Eucharist is Mozart's Missa Brevis,
with The Cathedral Strings and Choir.*

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy - merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee:
thou were and are, and evermore shall be!**

**Holy, holy, holy! - though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see;
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy- merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity.**

Words: R. Herber (1783-1826). Tune: Nicaea

I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua,
te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu. **Amine.**

In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

This is the day which the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**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.**

We remain standing for the Gloria. At 10am this is sung by the choir.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

We kneel or sit

Hear the teaching of Christ:
a new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

*At 10am the choir leads us in the Kyries
(Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)*

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.

Collect:

**Father,
you sent your Son to bring us truth
and your Holy Spirit to make us holy;
open our hearts to exalt you,
open our lives to reveal you,
our one true God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

The Proclamation

First Reading: Genesis 1:1–2:4a

After the reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8: (ANZPB-HKMoA) –

at 10am the psalm is sung by the choir

- ¹ O Lord our God,
how glorious is your name in all the earth:
from the lips of infants and children,
your praises reach up to the heavens.
- ² You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries:
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- ³ when I look up at the heavens, the work of your fingers:
the moon and the stars you have set in their places,
- ⁴ what are we mortals, that you should be mindful of us:
mere human beings that you should care for us?
- ⁵ You have made us little less than divine:
and crowned us with glory and honour.
- ⁶ You made us rulers overall your creation:
and put all things in subjection under our feet,
- ⁷ all sheep and cattle:
and all the creatures of the wild,
- ⁸ the birds of the air and the fish in the sea:
and all that make their way through the waters.
- ⁹ O Lord our God:
how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11–13

After the reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

- *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:

**Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found:
before your throne we sinners bend -
to us your pardoning love extend.**

**Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our prophet, priest, redeemer, Lord:
before your throne we sinners bend -
to us your saving grace extend.**

**Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death:
before your throne we sinners bend -
to us your living power extend.**

**Thrice holy - Father, Spirit, Son -
mysterious Godhead, Three in One:
before your throne we sinners bend -
grace, pardon, life to us extend.**

Words: E Cooper (1770-1833). Tune: Rivaulx

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16–20
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 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
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
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.

The Peace

We stand

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit the life-giver.

The peace of God be always with you.
And also with you.

The Preparation of the Gifts

The altar is prepared and the offerings of the people are presented.

Offertory Hymn:

**O threefold God of tender unity,
Life's great unknown that binds and sets us free:
Felt in our loving, greater than our thought,
You are the mystery found, the mystery sought.**

**O blaze of radiance, source of light that blinds,
Fierce burning fire in clear prophetic minds,
You live in mystery, yet within us dwell;
Life springs from you as from a living well.**

**In every making, each creative dream,
And in the flow of life's great healing stream,
When love is born or people reconciled,
We share your life, O Parent, Spirit, Child.**

**Most loving Parent, Child of joy and pains,
Spirit creating, life-force that sustains,
Tissue and bone are touches of your hand,
Your face we see in water, air and land.**

**O threefold God of tender unity,
Life's great unknown that binds and sets us free:
Felt in our loving, greater than our thought,
You are the mystery found, the mystery sought.**

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Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

When we sinned and turned away
you called us back to yourself
and gave your Son to share our human nature.

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.

In the mystery of your Godhead
you have revealed to us
the fulness of your divine glory.

We praise you, Father, with the Son and the Spirit,
three persons,
equal in majesty, undivided in splendour,
yet one Lord, one God,
ever to be worshipped and adored.

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/ saying:

At 10am this is sung by the choir.

**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.

Let us 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 forever. Amen.**

The Communion

As Christ teaches us we pray saying/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

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.**

At 10am this is sung by the choir.

**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.**

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.

- *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: O Lux Beata Trinitas - Victoria

Prayer After Communion

O God our mystery,
you bring us life, call us to freedom,
and move between us with love.

**May we so participate in the love of your Trinity,
that our lives may resonate with you,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship (at 10am only)

The Archdeacon

In May 2025, Alister was called to serve as Acting Dean.
His time in this role now comes to an end,
and he begins a new ministry
as Interim Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Taradale.

Alister

Over this past year
I have shared in the life of our Cathedral parish:
administering Christ's holy sacraments,
proclaiming and teaching God's word,
and sharing your joys and sorrows.
I give thanks for our time together,
and for the opportunity to minister with you in partnership,
as my sisters and brothers in Christ's service.

As I lay aside this ministry as Acting Dean,
I thank you for your support and encouragement.
I am grateful for the growth and the struggles,
the surprises and the opportunities we have shared.
I ask your forgiveness for the times I have failed you.

**We receive your thanks and offer our forgiveness.
We ask you to forgive us for our mistakes.
We are grateful for your leadership,
and for the gifts you have shared with us.**

All

**As we journey into the future
may we know God's grace and peace.**

The Archdeacon

Acknowledging the bonds we have built together,
do you release Alister from his ministry among us?

We do, with God's help.

**We release you, Alister, from the ministry
you have exercised among us and with us.**

Will you respect the new relationship
that now begins for Alister
as he moves to the Parish of Taradale,
and offer your prayerful encouragement
as he begins this new ministry?

We will, with God's help.

Do you, Alister, release the people of this Cathedral Parish
from their relationship to you as Acting Dean?

Alister:

I do, with God's help.

My sisters and brothers in Christ,
I release you from our relationship,
that together we may discover
the new things to which God is calling us.

Alister hands over his licence as Acting Dean.

The Archdeacon says

I accept back the licence that is both yours and the Bishop's,
and, on behalf of Andrew, Bishop of Waiapu,
and of the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand
and Polynesia. I bear witness to the words spoken –
words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release.

Alister hands over the key to the Cathedral.

This key is a symbol of the duties and stewardship
of this Cathedral.

As I hand it over, I acknowledge that I may re-enter this place
to exercise priestly ministry only at the Dean's express invitation.

The Church Wardens lead the following

Gracious God,

as Alister leaves us to begin another ministry,
we give thanks for the relationships we have built,
the opportunities that have emerged,
the challenges we have faced,
and the knowledge that we are gifts to one another.

**We thank you for all that we have done,
learned, and shared together.**

We pray that Alister may continue to grow in grace
and in the knowledge of your love,
so that he may be a blessing to others.

**Guide and strengthen him
in the new ministry to which you have called him.**

Alister prays

Eternal God,

by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service
and live this and every day
in love to one another and to you. **Amen.**

God the Holy Trinity, make you strong in faith and love,
defend you, and guide you in truth and peace,
and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn:

**God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humble pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!**

Saviour, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:
Oh, now to humankind
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed on your flight!
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace
and, in earth's darkest place
let there be light!

Glorious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might:
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride
through the world far and wide,
let there be light!

Words: J. Marriott (1780-1825) Tune: Moscow

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.

A Thought From Today's Sermon

We're created in the image of God – and if God is love, then we're created in the likeness of love. So, whenever we love, however imperfectly, something of God's image shines through us. In loving, we become more truly who we are.

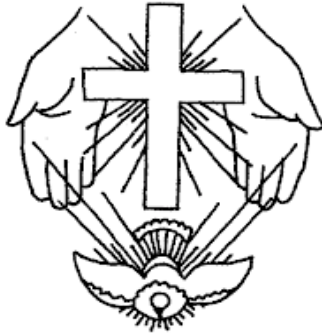
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP THIS COMING WEEK

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

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

Wednesday: Noon, Midday Prayer in the Resurrection Chapel.



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