



8am Holy Communion : Dean Jamie
 10am Family Communion : Dean Jamie
 5pm Choral Evensong : Revd Annie
 7pm The Less Formal Service : Revd David

FOR CHILDREN : WELCOME ON OUR FAMILY SERVICE SUNDAY. PLEASE GATHER AT THE FRONT - YOU WILL BE PART OF ASSISTING WITH THIS SERVICE.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OLIVIA DAVIDSON, FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR HER BAPTISM TODAY.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN AT THE 10AM : O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Priest 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.)

Liturgist Nau mai, haere mai - welcome as we gather on Advent Sunday. Today we remember how God spoke to Abraham, Moses and David, and told them of the Messiah who was to come: Abraham was promised, that through his descendants, all the world would be blessed. Moses looked forward to the One who would be raised up to be the leader of God's people. David knew that a King would follow him who would reign forever. As we light this first candle we remember Abraham, Moses and David and, like them, we look forward to the coming Messiah. **Amen.**



All **Lord Jesus, Light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: Be born in our hearts at Christmas, be king of our lives today. Amen.**

Priest People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. Christ calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming. You are God's children.

All **Lord make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. Amen.**

Liturgist Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: ' You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in your presence as your children. We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to your will. We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger. Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways. We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem. Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision. We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King. Forgive our reluctance to seek you. We have sinned: **forgive and heal us.**

Priest May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT : **Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen**

The Word: Sunday 27th November – Advent

ISAIAH 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at our presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

HEAR THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO MARK 13:24-37

(This may be sung) – **All: Praise and Glory to God.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake-- for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

This is the Gospel of our Lord. *(This may also be sung)* – **All: Praise to Christ, The Word.**

Reader Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, According to Saint...
All (May be sung) **Praise and Glory to God.**
...At the end : **Reader** This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to Christ, The Word.**

THE SERMON.

BAPTISM AT 10AM : PLEASE USE SEPARATE SHEET

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand)

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us.

You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,

who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

A TIME OF PRAYER. (Ending with :)

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.

FOR PRAYER :

Heavenly Father,
How little we know, even when we think we know. The troubles around us sometimes overwhelm us, but You have already given us many things with which to overcome. Just as Mary only had a vague idea of what she had been promised for her Son, her daily "ponderings" must have produced a hope that could confidently say, "according to Your Will." May our hopes develop into reality as well. **Amen.**

THE PEACE (Please Stand)

Priest Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end. Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Atua ki a koutou.

(The peace of God be always with you)

All **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



THE OFFERTORY HYMN AT 8AM : O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
AT 10AM : ALL FOR JESUS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / TE WHAKAWHETAI NUI.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SIT OR STAND FOR THIS PRAYER.

Priest	The Spirit of God be with you. Lift your hearts to heaven Let us give thanks to God.	And also with you. where Christ in glory reigns. It is right to offer thanks and praise.
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Blessed are you, God of all glory, through your Son the Christ. His name is Jesus, **because he saves his people from their sins.**

He will be called Emmanuel: **God is with us. Alleluia.**

Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel:

he has come to his people and set them free.

He gave up all the glory of heaven **and took the form of a servant.**

In humility he walked the path of obedience, **even to death on the cross.**

God raised him to the highest place above and gave him the name above every name:

Jesus Christ is Lord!

So all beings in heaven and earth will fall at his feet, and proclaim to the glory of God:

Jesus Christ is Lord!

So, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we praise you for ever, *saying/singing*: **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 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."

May be sung : **Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

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 Jesus 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.



We do not presume to come to your holy table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great mercy. We are not worthy even to gather the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the body of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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 AGNUS DEI (*Which may be Sung*)

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.

Priest 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. Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua, tangohia enei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

OUR SIDESPEOPLE WILL SHOW YOU TO ONE OF THE DISTRIBUTION POINTS FOR COMMUNION.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. **Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

Priest Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing...

AFTER THE NOTICES, THE RECESSIONAL HYMN AT 8AM : ALL FOR JESUS

AT 10AM : THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

THE DISMISSAL OF THE COMMUNITY

Deacon Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

All Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Your Dean Writes : Warmest Greetings to you !

Happy New Year ! A very warm welcome on Advent Sunday.

Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'Coming.' Advent begins the church year starting four Sundays before Christmas. The season of Advent has been set aside as a time of preparation since the 6th century. Advent is a time for preparing for Christ's second coming, even as we remember and celebrate his first coming at Christmas. The preparation time is for preparation and penitence. The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath of evergreens depicts our hope of eternal life; and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, with the Christ Candle in the centre.

Each week, as we light the Advent Candles, we remember the preparations which God made for the coming of Jesus into the world.

First Candle - The Candle of Hope : The Patriarchs, Abraham, the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus.

Second Candle - The Candle of Peace : The prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus.

Third Candle - The Candle of Love : John The Baptist

Fourth Candle - The Candle of Joy (Pink candle) : Mary the Mother of Jesus

The Last Candle - The Birth of Christ : Christmas Day

Tickets are available for our Christmas Nativity Musical - which is now only three weeks away (17th and 18th December!). This will be a very special part of our church family's year together - please collect your FREE ticket (limited numbers are available) - this Sunday - or from the Welcome Desk this week.

Lovingly, Jamie

"BIBLICAL CHALLENGE" - OUR PUZZLE OF THE WEEK!

V B H D H P R E G W S W H O L THE WAITING PLACE - BASED ON MARK 13:32-37 (NIV)

F O W O W E M F C H A R G E U "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. Mark 13:35 (NIV)

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NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK :

Many of our children and young people are taking part in our Cathedral Christmas Musical this year (please put the dates in your diary - 17th and 18th December at 5pm). We would appreciate donations of material to make costumes. Please leave at the Welcome Desk - in a bag labelled "Christmas MUSICAL" ! :-)) Thank you, Katy

Advent Group : Advent is a time of preparation, a time of waiting. How do we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ, and this season? A series of studies, focusing on Advent is planned for four consecutive Thursday nights, commencing 1 December, meeting in the Hatherly Hall Quiet Room at 7.30 pm. Lead by Anne Knox.

WEEK AWAY Camp for Seniors : is an enjoyable seven day camp designed for people around fifty-five years plus and the organisers would like to invite anyone from your church to attend this camp. It is very relaxed so that people get to know one another through sharing, discussions, informal worship and attendance at a local church on the Sunday, recreational activities, trips to places of interest [eg Hot Pools], and in doing chores together. There is also plenty of time to enjoy the beach environment nearby. People can bring a friend(s) and there are caravan points and tent sites available if this is their preference. Contact Rodney Franzoi, Camp Manager, Te Rau Aroha Camp, 66 Seaforth Road, Waihi Beach 3611, email: rodney@waikato.anglican.org.nz The contact phone is 07 863 5834.

Operation Coverup Calendars for Sale : at the Welcome Desk. All profits earned by Mission Without Borders from the sale of calendars will be used for work among the poor and orphans in Eastern Europe.

Bible Society Xmas Cards : All new designs \$7.99 for a pack of twelve. Available for sale at the welcome desk.

Christmas Carols at the Hospital : This year's Christmas Carols at the Hospital is being held at the Hospital on Thursday December 15th commencing at 7.00pm. If people who wish to be involved could be at the chapel by 6.45pm that would be very helpful.

Bedpushers Required : for 4th December at the hospital 10.30 - 12pm. Please contact Lesley on 759 4104.

DIARY AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK. HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EVENING.

Sunday 27th November. Advent Sunday. Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19, Isa 64:1-9, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37. 8am Holy Communion ~ 10am Advent Sunday Family Communion ~ 11:30am Nativity Play Rehearsals ~ 5pm Alpha Course ~ 5pm Choral Evensong ~ 7pm The Less Formal Service.

Monday 28th November. Ps 122, Isa 2:1-5a, Matt 8:5-11.

Daily Prayer (**and every day this week**) 8:30am Morning Prayer ~ 12pm Midday Prayer ~ 5:30pm Evening Prayer ~ 3pm After School Program (**and every day this week**) ~ 10am Mainly Music ~ 3:30pm Bellingrings Practice ~ 7pm New Plymouth Dance Group ~ 7:30pm Music Ministry Team Meeting.

Tuesday 29th November. Ps 72:1-4, 18-19, Isa 11:1-10, Luke 10:21-24.

7am Bishop's Eucharist ~ 9:30am Tea on Tuesday ~ 5pm Youth Choir Practice ~ 7pm Overeaters Anonymous.

Wednesday 30th November. Ps 19:1-6, Isa 52:7-10, Rom 10:12-18, Matt 4:18-22.

10am BCP Eucharist ~ 6:30pm Taranaki Harmony Chorus ~ 7pm Cathedral Choir Practice.

Thursday 1st December. Ps 118:18-27a, Isa 26:1-6, Matt 7:21,24-27.

8:30am Cathedral Staff Meeting ~ 12pm Mission Prayer Group ~ 12pm NPCLN Meeting ~ 7:30pm Advent Group

Friday 2nd December. Ps 27:1-4, 16-17, Isa 29:17-end, Matt 9:27-31.

Saturday 3rd December. Ps 146:4-9, Isa 30:19-21, 23-26, Matt 9:35- 10:1, 6-8.

Sunday 4th December. 2nd Sunday in Advent. Ps. 85:1-2, 8-13, Isa 40:1-11, 2 Pet 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8.

8am Holy Communion ~ 10am Choral Eucharist ~ 5pm Alpha Course ~ 5pm Light and Learning Service ~ 7pm The Less Formal Service.

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1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the Tree, Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

3. Those dear tokens of his Passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers: With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own: Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

3. Born thy people to deliver;
Born a Child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us for ever;
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By thy own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone:
By thy all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

THE THIRD HYMN, GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT REDEEMER IS PRINTED ON THE LAST PAGE

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give the victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice, etc.

5. O come, O come, thou Lord of Might; Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law; In cloud and majesty and awe,
Rejoice, etc

1. All for Jesus--all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.

2. All for Jesus--thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour,
none can move us from thy presence,
while we trust thy love and power.

5. All for Jesus--all for Jesus-- this the Church's song must be;
till, at last, her sons are gathered; one in love and one in thee.

3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, etc.

4. O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the paths to misery.
Rejoice, etc.

3. All for Jesus--at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
in the solemn sacrament.

4. All for Jesus--thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus--thou hast died;
all for Jesus--thou art with us;
all for Jesus crucified.

Chorus

*This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

1. The light that shines is the light of love;
Lights the darkness from above.
It shines on me and it shines on you,
And shows what the power of love can do.
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,
I gonna shine my light both bright and clear.
Where there's a dark corner in this land
I'm gonna let my little light shine.
Chorus

On Monday, He gave me the gift of love;
Tuesday, peace came from above.
On Wednesday he told me to have more faith;
On Thursday He gave me a little more grace.
Friday, He told me to watch and pray
Saturday, He told me just what to say,
On Sunday He gave me the power divine
To let my little light shine.
Chorus

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs and praises, I will ever give to thee.

Deacon Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.