



NAU MAI, HAERE MAI, WELCOME.

8am Holy Communion : Canon Bill
 10am Choral Eucharist : Canon Bill
 5pm Evening Prayer with Hymns : Revd Bruno
 7pm The Less Formal Service : Revd Bruno

FOR CHILDREN : ACTIVITIES FOR YOU WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE 10AM SERVICE TODAY. PLEASE GATHER BY THE FONT AFTER THE FIRST HYMN.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN AT THE 10AM : LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE

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 ! We celebrate today this third Sunday of Advent, and now light the third candle on our wreath. Blessed God our Father, you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John. He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptised them in the Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us, who have been baptised into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**



All Lord Jesus, Light of the world, John told the people to prepare, for you were very near. As Christmas grows closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome you now. **Amen.**

Priest People of God: return! You are called to be God's own. From the mountains announce the good news. God comes in justice and peace, to all who follow his ways. 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 sit or kneel, and 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 : **Praise and honour to you living God for John the Baptist, and for all those voices crying in the wilderness who prepare your way. May we listen when a prophet speaks your word, and obey. Amen**

The Word: Sunday 11th December – 3rd Sunday in Advent

ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

HEAR THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO JOHN 1:6-8,19-28

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

AFTER THE FIRST TWO READINGS, PLEASE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL.
THE GOSPEL HYMN AT THE 10AM SERVICE : HARK A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

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.

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.

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.

FOR PRAYER :

Our Province: Church Missionary Society: Steve Maina. Anglican Historical Society: Earle Howe.

Our Diocese: Paeroa: Terry Ellis. Piopio/Aria/Mokau: Gary Husband & Kay Taitoko. Putaruru: Jan Tarrant. Raglan: (Ministry Support Team) Rhonda Chung, Kathleen Gavin, Joan Masters & Jan Mitchell.

Our Community: Foodbanks in the Diocese. Kuching, Our Partner Diocese: St Boniface, Mamut.

Taranaki Cathedral: The Child and Family Team: Abbey, Katy & Shannon. Our Youth Ministry and our leader, Nigel.

(NZCMS) Partners: Alistair & Vicky Hookings and family, serving as principal (Vicky) and caretaker (Alistair) in Tanzania. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY HYMN : BE THOU MY VISION

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, the power, the glory, 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 / TE WHAKAWHETAI NUI.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SIT OR STAND FOR THIS PRAYER.

Priest 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. 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 life-giving Spirit. And now we give you thanks because you prepared the way of your Son Jesus Christ by the preaching of your servant John the Baptist, who proclaimed him as the Lamb of God, our Saviour. 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 *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 : **Glorify 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 **Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son; grant that those who proclaim your word may so guide our feet into the way of peace, that we may stand with confidence before him when he comes in his glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. 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 May the coming of the Son of God bring you the light of his holiness, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love all the days of your life, and the blessing...

AFTER THE NOTICES, THE RECESSIONAL HYMN : GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT

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 !

Advent in our church year is a time of preparation and peace; at odds with the chaotic business of the "Festive Season". Shopping, putting up decorations, going to parties, cooking food, attending religious services, sending cards, wrapping gifts, hosting visitors.... not so peaceful. This season can be such a difficult time for people bearing a bereavement or health difficulties; or many other kinds of suffering. The sheer number of expectations that get added during these few months can be so hard. Worse still, we're told on a daily basis to "be merry" and "have cheer." If you or someone you know is going through a valley of suffering at the moment, trying to live up to the expectations of how the holidays are supposed to make us feel can be almost impossible. We may be left feeling lonely and confused, when everything and everyone seems to be so full of joy. Here are a few suggestions to help.

1. Find a friend or spiritual companion, and agree to pray for each other, each day. Share your feelings and your situation. And do bring your own feelings constantly before God in prayer, letting God know your heart.

2. Be realistic. Things have changed. What you and your family did during the holiday season in the past might be different this year, and that's OK. You might not be able to take on as many different responsibilities or do as many things to celebrate during this time. But sometimes the guilt of not being able to live up to the expectations you place on yourself can lead some people to feeling exhausted, depressed and frustrated. Accept whatever the limitations may be, find the aspects of Christmas time that you can still celebrate, and then choose to find joy and fulfillment in the parts of the season that you can control.

3. Be specific. The emotional and practical journey you are facing can be difficult to go through alone. Ask your church for help. And ask for specific ways they can help. Would you like communion at home on Christmas Day, or Boxing Day ? Most people are more than willing to help if they know how. It could be something tangible like helping decorate a tree or shopping. It could also be something intangible like an open ear to vent to or just a person to be together in lonely times.

4. Be creative. Just because you can't celebrate the same way you have in the past doesn't mean you can't enjoy the season at all. Think of new ways to enjoy this time that might fit better with you and your loved ones

5. It's OK not to feel cheery. Remember that it's OK to not feel as cheery and joyful as all the songs tell us to. It's normal to experience conflicting emotions at the same time.

I most sincerely pray that during this time of hope, you and the people you care about can find your own special and meaningful to enjoy God's blessings. Lovingly, Jamie

THE BIBLICAL CHALLENGE WILL RETURN SOON! **LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE:**

NAU MAI HAERE MAI, WELCOME TO THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT. TODAY WE LIGHT THE CANDLE OF PEACE.

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. Led 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.

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.

On Sunday 11th December, the **Less Formal Service** will be a service of Holy Communion. It will take place in the Peace Lounge; gathering at 6pm for a celebration Christmas light meal.

We have 6 copies of Revd Geoff Ginever's book, Bramcote's Reflections. Cost \$30. Available at the welcome desk.

Holy Trinity is holding a Blue Christmas Service on the 18th of December at 3 p.m. We realise Christmas can be a sad time for many people- some have lost a loved one, we may be separated from our family, we can feel financially burdened, and we have unfulfilled hopes.

Sound System: As part of our ongoing work to improve the sound system, we are trailing a new microphone system with the hope that it gives better performance. At the same time, we are tidying up some of the problems with the current installation. Please keep the feedback coming (if you'll pardon the pun).

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

Sunday 11th December. 3rd Sunday in Advent. Ps. 126, Isa 61:1-4,8-11, 1 Thess 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28.
8am Holy Communion ~ 10am Choral Eucharist ~ 11:30am Nativity Play Rehearsals ~ 1pm Friends of Taranaki Cathedral Christmas get-together ~ 5pm Evening Prayer with Hymns ~ 6pm The Less Formal Service, in the Peace Hall.

Monday 12th December. Ps. 25:3-8, Numb 24:2-7, 15-17, Matt 21:23-27. 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 ~ 11am Barrett Homes Trust ~ 4pm Stop In Christmas Party ~ 6pm Local Group Christmas Dinner ~ 7pm New Plymouth Dance Group.

Tuesday 13th December. Ps. 34:1-6, 21-22, Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13, Matt 21:28-32. 7am Bishop's Eucharist ~ 12pm Welcome Desk Volunteers' Thank You ~ 7pm Overeaters Anonymous.

Wednesday 14th December. Ps. 85:7-end, Isa 45:6b-8,18,21b-end, Luke 7:18b-23. 10am BCP Eucharist.

Thursday 15th December. Ps. 30:1-5, 11-end, Isa 54:1-10, Luke 7:24-30. 8:30am Cathedral Staff Meeting ~ 7:30pm Advent Group.

Friday 16th December. Ps. 67, Isa 56:1-3a, 6-8, John 5:33-36. 9:30am Stop in Meeting ~ 12:30pm God & Lunch ~ 3pm Nativity Musical Dress Rehearsal ~ 6pm Daily Prayer Volunteers' Thank You.

Saturday 17th December. Ps. 72:1-5, 18-19, Gen 49:2, 8-10, Matt 1:1-17. 8:30am Morning Prayer ~ 5pm Nativity Musical Performance ~ 7pm Choir Celebration Evening.

Sunday 18th December. 4th Sunday in Advent. Ps. 89:1-4,19-26, 2 Sam 7:1-11,16, Rom 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38. 8am Holy Communion ~ 10am Choral Eucharist ~ 11:30am Nativity Play Rehearsals ~ 5pm Nativity Musical Performance ~ This replaces the 5pm service this week. ~ 7pm The Less Formal Service.

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1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

2. People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

4. To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name like incense shall arise
With every morning sacrifice.

5. Let every creature rise and bring, Peculiar honours to our king;
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen.

1. O Thou who camest from above
The fire celestial to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire
And still stir up the gift in me.

2. There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

4. Still let me prove thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat;
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make the sacrifice complete.

1. Thou, whose almighty word,
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

3. Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

2. Thou, who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light!

4. Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might;
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth far and wide
Let there be light!

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's Glory;
blaze, Spirit blaze,
set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
flood the nations with grace and mercy.
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me

1. Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding;
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

2. Wakened by the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

5. Honour, glory, might, and blessing To the Father and the Son,
With the everlasting Spirit, While eternal ages run.

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

1. God is working his purpose out
as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out
and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

2. From utmost east to utmost west
wherever foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many messengers
goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles,
give ear to me,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.'

5. All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

3. Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven.

4. That when next he comes with glory,
And the world is wrapped in fear,
With his mercy he may shield us,
And with words of love draw near.

3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong
tower;
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my
power.

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart:
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3. What can we do to work God's work,
to prosper and increase
Neighbourly love of humankind,
the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of
God as the waters cover the sea?

4. March we forth in the strength of God
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious Gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world.
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
to set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

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

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.