

Nau mai; haere mai; welcome to Taranaki Cathedral

Welcome on 30th December 2018,
1st Sunday of Christmas

Te Rātapu tuatahi i muri i te Rā Whānautanga



Our 10am service commences with this hymn

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King:
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns; let us our songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, and wonders of his love.

Bishop 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.*)

Bishop Kia tau ki a koutou, te atawhai me te rangimarie o te Atua.

Grace and peace to you from God.

All **God fill you with truth and joy.**

Bishop This is the day which the Lord has made.

All **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Priest Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. [Col 3:14-15]

Liturgist Together we pray:

All **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.**



8am Hymns –
as per order of
service.

The Confession and Absolution / Te Hohou-i-te-rongo Please sit / E noho

Bishop God has promised forgiveness [silence]

Liturgist Let us confess our sins.

All 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.

Bishop 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 Gloria is said, as a cry of thanksgiving to God. Please Stand / E tū

All 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.

Liturgist Kia mau te rongo o te Karaiti ki o tatou ngakau.
The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

All The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

The Collect – Gathering Prayer – is said together / Hei Konei te inoi o te rā

All You, O God are the living Word, you elude us, yet surprise us by your presence: encourage us to seek you; and let our searching help others to find their way; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated for the Readings / Nga Karaipiture – E noho

Reader A reading from the first book of Samuel, (Chapter [2,18-20,26](#))

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her

husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Reader A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians, (Chapter [3:12-17](#))

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

At 10am we sing the Gradual Hymn in preparation for the Gospel

- 1. Child in the manger, infant of Mary; outcast and stranger, Lord of all; child who inherits all our transgressions, all our demerits on him fall.**
- 2. Once the most holy child of salvation, gently and lowly lived below; now as our glorious mighty Redeemer, see him victorious o'er each foe.**
- 3. Prophets foretold him, infant of wonder; angels behold him on his throne; worthy our Saviour of all our praises; happy forever are his own.**

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel and the Cross... / **Ka tū te katoa**

Reader Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Luke, (Chapter 2:41-52)

All Praise and Glory to God.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been

searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to Christ the Word.

There follows the sermon / Te Kauwhau The preacher today is Archbishop Philip.

Please stand for the Affirmation of Faith / Te Whakapono – E tū

Liturgist Let us declare our faith in God.

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Time of Prayer / Nga Inoi a te Iwi

Leader Let us pray for the church and the world, giving thanks for God's goodness... Please sit / e noho

Our intercessions end with The Lord's Prayer/Te Inoi a te Ariki (Sung at 10am)

All 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.

Please stand for the Ministry of the Sacrament /Te Minitatanga o te Hakarameta

Bishop 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.

During the offertory hymn, a collection is taken up for our mission and ministry as the cathedral. Thank you for your gift.

- 1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years, are met in thee tonight.**
- 2. O morning stars, together, proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth.
For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep, their watch of wondering love.**
- 3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**
- 4. O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.**

The Preparation of the Gifts / Te Whakatikatika | Te Ohaoha

Priest Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

All He has come to his people and set them free.

Priest Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are faithful.

All Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.

The Great Thanksgiving / Te Whakawhetai Nui

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.

Bishop It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and remain with us even when we turn from you to sin.

All God's love is shown to us: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Bishop In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God. And now we give you thanks because, by the power of the Holy Spirit, he took our nature upon him and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother, that being himself without sin, he might make us clean from all sin.

All Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Bishop Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and say:

All Holy, holy holy: God of mercy, giver of life; earth and sea and sky and all that lives, declare your presence and your glory.

Bishop All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me."

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

All Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Bishop May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will. Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

All Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God.
Amen. [silence]

The Breaking of the Bread / Ka Whawhati I te Taro

Bishop The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

All We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Bishop The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The Agnus Dei. Please sit for this quiet prayer

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.

We are invited to share communion / Te Powhiri

Bishop Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

All May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

God invites everyone to gather around His table. You are invited to come forward and receive this Holy Sacrament / Hakari Tapu or a blessing.

After Communion we pray / Nga Inoi mo Muri I te Hapa.

All Son of Mary, Son of God, may we, for whom the heavens have opened never lose that heavenly vision. May we, who like the shepherds, have seen in your birth a new kind of love, witness to that love in our lives. Amen.

Then follows the Blessing / Te Manaakitanga

Bishop Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with grace to trust his promises and obey his will and the blessing...

The Final Hymn follows the Notices.

1. Unto us a boy is born! King of all creation; came he to a world forlorn, the Lord of every nation, the Lord of every nation.

2. Cradled in a stall was he, watched by cows and asses; but the very beasts could see that he the world surpasses, that he the world surpasses.

3. Then the fearful Herod cried, 'Power is mine in Jewry!' So the blameless children died, the victims of his fury, the victims of his fury.

4. Now may Mary's Son, who came, long ago to love us, lead us all with hearts aflame, unto the joys above us, unto the joys above us.

**5. Omega and Alpha he! Let the organ thunder,
while the choir with peals of glee, shall rend the air asunder,
shall rend the air asunder.**

The Dismissal / Te Haerenga Atu Please turn towards the open doors.

Deacon Haere i runga i te rangimarie i runga i te aroha me te ngakau
hihiko ki te mahi ki te ariki.

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

All Amen. We go in the name of Christ.



Diary for the week... with Bible Readings.

Monday 31st December 1 John 2:18-21. Ps 96:1,11-end. John 1:1-18.

Tuesday 1st January The Naming of Jesus Num 6:22-27. Ps 8. Luke 2:15-21.
7am Bishop's Eucharist ~ 7pm OA meeting

Wednesday 2nd January 1 John 2:22-28. Ps 98:1-4. John 1:19-28.
10am BCP Eucharist

Thursday 3rd January 1 John 2:29-3:6. Ps 98: 2-7. John 1:29-34.

Friday 4th January 1 John 3:7-10. Ps 98:1,10-end. John 1:35-42.

Saturday 5th January 1 John 3:11-21. Ps 100. John 1:43-end.

Sunday 6th January The Epiphany Isa 60:1-6. Eph 3:1-12. Matt 2:1-12.
8am Holy Communion ~ 10am Parish Eucharist

The Cathedral office is closed until Monday 7th Jan. During this time the Hatherly Hall will be open for visitors to look around, but there will be no access to toilets or kitchens.

Stop-In reopens on Thursday Jan 3rd. January Hours are 11am - 2pm

Duty Ministers over the holidays will variously be:

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Sunday Services continue at normal times, however the choir will be on well-deserved holiday until the end of January. Faith Crew resumes January 14th

Morning Prayer is happening in the Upper Room daily at 8.30am as are Tuesday and Wednesday morning Eucharists. Please enter via the top door.