

Nau mai; haere mai; welcome to Taranaki Cathedral
Welcome on 6th January 2019
Epiphany I muri i te Whakaaturanga



At 10am we commence with the Processional Hymn

- 1. As with gladness men of old, did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we, evermore be led to thee.**
- 2. As with joyful steps they sped, to that lowly manger-bed;
there to bend the knee before, him whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet, ever seek the mercy seat.**
- 3. As they offered gifts most rare, at that manger rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.**
- 4. Holy Jesu, every day, keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.**
- 5. In the heavenly country bright, need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing, alleluias to our King.**

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.*)

Priest The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. [*Malachi 3:1*]

Liturgist Grace and peace to you from God.

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

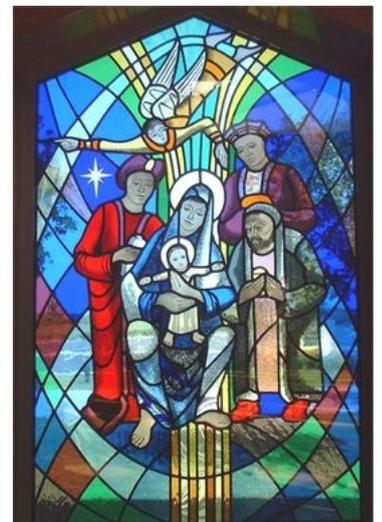
Liturgist The Lord be with you.

All **The Lord bless you.**

Liturgist This is the day which the Lord has made.

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

Liturgist Together we pray



8am Hymns

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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.

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

Liturgist Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.

Priest God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself. [*Silence*] Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace. 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 of the day is said together / Hei konei te inoi o te rā

All God of all wisdom, As the wise men were guided to your stable by a star: so lead us through this world with gifts of love, reason, and wisdom that we shall know and love you, our beginning and our end; 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 book of the prophet Isaiah (Chapter [60:1-6](#))

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Reader A reading from the letter of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians
(Chapter [3:1-12](#))

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in 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. Brightest and best of the suns of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**2. Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.**

**3. Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?**

**4. Vainly we offer each humble oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure,
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**5. Brightest and best of the suns of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

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 Matthew
(Chapter [2:1-12](#))

All Praise and Glory to God.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. This is the Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to Christ the Word.

There follows the sermon / Te Kauwhau. The preacher today is Revd. Mele Prescott.

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

Liturgist Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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

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

Priest Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. 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 this hymn, a collection is taken up for our mission and ministry as a cathedral.

At 8am we sing "Brightest and best of the suns of the morning" on page 3

**1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar;
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

**2. Born a King on Bethlehem plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never over us all to reign.**

**3. Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising, worship him, God most High.**

**4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume, breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

**5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia, alleluia, the earth replies.**

Priest God of all creation, you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine will be for us the body and blood of Christ.

All **All you have made is good. Your love endures for ever.**

The Spirit of God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts to heaven **where Christ in glory reigns.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Priest It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin. His cross has taken our guilt away. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. And now we give you thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world, that all the nations may be brought out of darkness to see the radiance of your glory. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

All **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.**

Priest Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.' On that night before he died he took bread and gave 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, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me. Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

All **God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Priest Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

All **Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.**

Priest For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

All **Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen. [silence]**

The Breaking of the Bread / Ka Whawhati I te Taro

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei. Please sit for this quiet prayer

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us your peace.**

We are invited to share communion / Te Powhiri

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.

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

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

All **May we who have been your guests at this communion reveal your life to all the world. May we be no longer your servants, but know your will, and be your friends. You give us your life, may we be worthy of it; you give us yourself, may we embody you. Amen.**

Then follows the Blessing / Te Manaakitanga

Priest Christ the Son be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world and the blessing ...

The Final Hymn follows the Notices.

At 8am we sing "We three Kings of Orient are" on page 5.

**1. The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel!

2. They looked up and saw a star, shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
3. And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.
4. Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
5. Then let us all with one accord, sing praises to our heavenly Lord, who with the Father we adore, and Spirit blest for evermore.

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 7th January 1 John 3:22-4:6. Ps 2:7-end. Matt 4:12-17,23-end.

Tuesday 8th January 1 John 4:7-10. Ps 72:1-8. Mark 6:24-44.
7am Bishop's Eucharist ~ 7pm OA meeting

Wednesday 9th January 1 John 4:11-18. Ps 72:1,10-13. Mark 6:45-52.
10am BCP Eucharist

Thursday 10th January 1 John 4:19-5:4. Ps 72:1,17-end. Luke 4:14-22.

Friday 11th January 1 John 5:5-13. Ps 147:13-end. Luke 5:12-16.

Saturday 12th January 1 John 5:14-end. Ps 149:1-5. John 3:22-30.

Sunday 13th January Baptism of the Lord Isa 43:1-7. Acts 8:14-17.
Luke 3:15-17,21-22.
8am Holy Communion ~ 10am Parish Eucharist

The **Cathedral office** reopens tomorrow, Monday 8th January.

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

The Community Café resumes on Tuesday 29th January

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.