

# NAU MAI, HAERE MAI - WELCOME

21 AUGUST 2019  
PATRONAL FESTIVAL  
WOMEN'S DAY



*Our service begins with this hymn*

- 1. Jesus, advocate for women,  
lifting them from low esteem,  
honoured first his mother, Mary,  
God's handmaiden, love supreme.**
- 2. Christ, you felt for suffering women,  
knew their grieving, eased their pain.  
May we feel your presence with us  
bringing healing once again.**
- 3. Guide us in our daily tasks, Lord.  
give your strength when we are weak.  
Learning, may we grow in wisdom;  
listening, may we hear you speak.**
- 4. In our sorrow, in rejoicing,  
you our joys and burdens share,  
you, the light when darkness gathers,  
yours the love-song everywhere.**
- 5. To the helpless bring fresh  
courage, to the lost ones, be their guide,  
to the lonely be companion;  
walk the journey by their side.**
- 6. Through the world may women's voices  
calm dissension, banish fears.  
May our children hear your message,  
love and serve you through the years.**



Priest In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.  
Priest Grace and peace to you from God.  
All **God fill you with truth and joy.**

Priest This is the day which the Lord has made.

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

Priest Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.' (Luke 1:38)

Leader Together we pray:

All **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are 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

Leader Hear the teaching of Christ: a new commandment I give to you, that you love another as I have loved you.

All **Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Leader Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins. (Silence)

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.**

Priest 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 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 **Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings / Ngā Karaipiture / E noho.

Reader A reading from the book of **Isaiah 7:10-15**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

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

**Reader A reading from the book of Galatians 4:4-7**

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

We sing this hymn in preparation for the Gospel. Please stand and turn to face the Gospel and the Cross / Ka tū te katoa

**1. Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
you are one with us, Mary's Son.  
Cleansing our souls from all their sins,  
pouring your love and goodness in,  
Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.**

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day  
teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this is remembrance, Lord, of you.  
Into our lives your power breaks through, living Lord**

**3. Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
born as one of us, Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus, help us see you are Lord.**

**4. Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,  
live my life for you, Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your power breaks through, living Lord.**

**Reader** Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to **Luke (2:1-7)**

**All Praise and glory to God.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Reader This is the Gospel of Christ. All **Praise to Christ the Word.**

The sermon / Te kauwhau follows.

The preacher today is Reverend Ailsa Claridge

Please stand for the affirmation of faith / Te whakapono—E tū

Leader. Let us stand and affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

All **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 of 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, who 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.**

A time of prayer / ngā inoi a te iwi. Please sit / e noho

Leader Let us pray for the church and the world, giving thanks for God's goodness . . .

Our intercessions include the Mothers' Union Prayer...

Leader Remembering the work of the Mothers' Union and the Association of Anglican Women, unified in lifting the humble high across the world, we say together the Mothers' Union prayer.

All **Loving Lord: We thank you for love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, an in love and service, reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. Amen**

...and the Association of Anglican Women Prayer

All **O God our Father whose love for all people is proclaimed in Jesus Christ: We thank you for uniting us in prayer and fellowship. Use us now in the mission of your Church: Help us to realise that everything we do reflects our love for you. Bless homes in need and families throughout the world, especially those unhappy or in need. Show us how, by our example and concern, we can take your peace and love wherever your Spirit may lead us, today and all our days. Amen**

Our intercessions end with The Lord's Prayer / Te Inoi o te Ariki

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 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 Hākaramata

Priest The peace of God be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*During this hymn a collection is taken up to be shared between Rodrigues Hope Trust and The Cathedral Project. Thank you for your gift.*

**1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Jesu, true and living bread.**

**2. Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
thou art here, we ask not how.**

**3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's Stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
we in worship join with them.**

**4. Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain.  
Alleluia, alleluia,cleansing souls from every stain.**

**5. Life-imparting heavenly manna, stricken rock  
with streaming side, heaven and earth with loud  
hosannaworship thee, the Lamb who  
died. Alleluia, alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!**

Priest To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory and the majesty;

All **all that is in the heavens and the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.**

*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.**

Priest It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, almighty Father, everliving God, to give you thanks and praise for the work of your grace in the Blessed Virgin Mary. For by the overshadowing of your Holy Spirit she conceived and bore the Word made flesh. At the cross she kept her vigil, and saw the saving work of your Son brought to its perfection. She rejoiced in his resurrection, and joining her prayers with those of the apostles, was filled with the gift of your promised Spirit. In her you show us the greatness of your love, and the wonderful purpose you intend for all your children. Therefore we join our voice with hers, and all the company of heaven, as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

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 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.

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

Priest 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.

All **Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere now and for ever. Amen. (Silence)**

The breaking of the bread / Ka whawhati i te taro

Priest Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

All **Christ is the bread of life.**

Priest His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

All **Christ is risen from the dead.**

The Agnus Dei. Please sit / E noho

**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 pōwhiri

Priest The table of the Lord for the people of the Lord. Come and receive that which has been broken and poured out for you. The bread of life; the cup of salvation. 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 God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

A prayer for this cathedral community on our patronal festival

**Priest Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this patronal festival of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings**

**All through Jesus Christ your Son Our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Then follows the Blessing/ Te Manaakitanga

**Priest When the Word became flesh, earth was joined to heaven in the womb of Mary: may the love and obedience of Mary be your example.**

**All Amen.**

**Priest May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and homes.**

**All Amen.**

**Priest May you be filled with the joy of the Spirit and the gifts of your your eternal home**

**All Amen.**

**Priest And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.**

**All Amen.**

## The recessional hymn

**1. We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life who sets us free.**

**2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no  
longer, expressive love alive in every heart.  
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story  
including all in circles of our love.**

The dismissal of the community / te haerenga atu.

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

All **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

**Please join us for lunch, fellowship and an  
afternoon program after the service.**

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