HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL 10.00AM SUNG EUCHARIST

4 May 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER TE RĀTAPU TUATORU O TE ARANGA

Presider
The Reverend Ivica Gregurec, Cathedral Precentor

Preacher
The Very Reverend Anne Mills, *Dean of Auckland*

LiturgistGeremy Hema

Readers
Jackie Addis
Gillian Barron

Cathedral Organist
Dr Philip Smith

CantorMatthew Spooner

Setting
Mass of St Thomas, David Thorne



Welcome to the Cathedral Eucharist.

Please stand, when the Bell is rung. At any time in the service when we invite you to stand, you are welcome to remain seated if you prefer.

Processional Hymn

1

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.

3

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where colour, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

4

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus freed for all.

5

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Text: B. Wren Tune: Truro, AM 199

The Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Kia noho a lhowā ki a koutou.

Mā Ihowā koe e manaaki.

(The Lord be with you.) (The Lord bless you.)

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.

Please sit.

The Confession

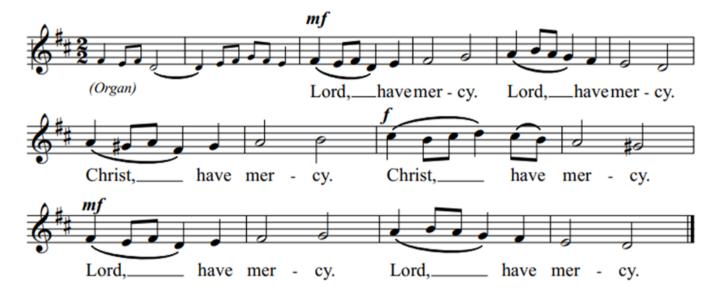
God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

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.

Kyrie is sung by the cantor and congregation.



The Absolution

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.

Please stand.

Gloria - repeat after cantor at beginning and as indicated.



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. *R.*

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. *R.*

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. *R.*

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence

Let us your people always exult, O God, that we who celebrate our adoption with renewed joy, may look forward with hope to our full share in the resurrection; through Jesus Christ, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit.

First Reading Acts 9:1-20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 30

The congregation repeats the response R. after the Cantor, and between each verse.



I will extol you O Lord for you have lifted me up: you have not let my enemies triumph over me.
Lord you have brought me back from the dead: you have saved my life from among those going down to the Abyss. *R.*

Let all your servants sing praises to you O Lord: and give thanks to your holy name.

For your anger is but for a moment, and in your kindness is life: tears may linger at nightfall, but joy comes with the dawn. **R**.

Hear O Lord, and be gracious to me:

O Lord be my helper.

You have turned my mourning into dancing:

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever. R.

Second Reading Revelation 5:11-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

1

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain.

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen.

2

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber: till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. *R.*

3

Death's flood has lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river. Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver: *R.*

Text: G. R. Woodward

Tune: Vruechten, AM 219

Gospel Acclamation - all repeat after the cantor.



Gospel

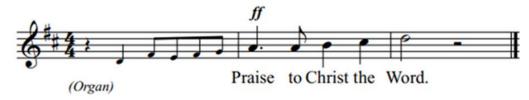
The Holy Gospel according to John.



The Gospel

John 21:1-19

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Sermon Dean Anne Mills

Following the Sermon, we pause to discern what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us stand and together affirm our faith.

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.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and the world giving thanks for God's goodness.

Please sit.

To the bidding: E te Atua aroha, (God of love) all respond: whakarongo mai ki tā mātou īnoi. (hear our prayer)

The Prayers conclude with the following Prayer prayed by all.

God of all life, we rejoice that you have called us to be witnesses of your Son. Renew our Easter joy and grant what we need through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Please stand.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

E te whānau, we are the body of Christ.

By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Please turn and acknowledge those around you by offering a greeting of Peace. During the Offertory Hymn, the bread and wine are prepared for the Eucharist. A Collection is taken at this stage.

Offertory Hymn

1

Jesus lives! thy terrors now can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know thou, O grave, canst not enthral us. Alleluia!

2

Jesus lives! henceforth is death but the gate of life immortal; this shall calm our trembling breath, when we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluia!

3

Jesus lives! for us he died; then, alone to Jesus living, pure in heart may we abide, glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!

4

Jesus lives! our hearts know well naught from us his love shall sever; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us from His keeping ever. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! to him the throne over all the world is given; may we go where he is gone, rest and reign with him in heaven. Alleluia!

Text: C. F. Gellert Tune: St Albinus, AM 207

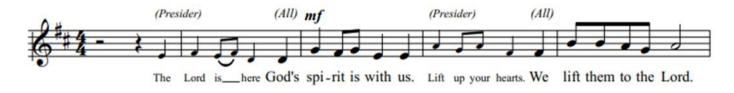
The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, God of all creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

It is our custom to stand throughout the following prayer.





It is right indeed, everliving God,

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.

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.

By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended,

a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored

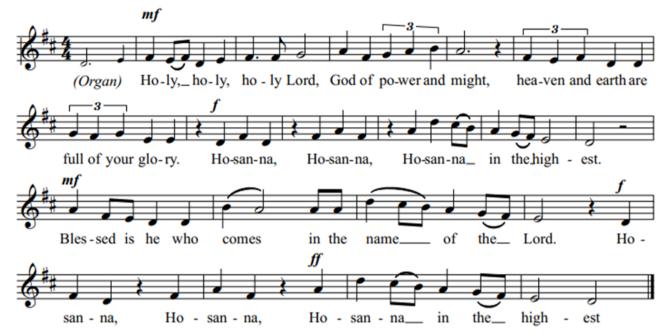
and we are made whole once more.

In him you have made us a holy people

by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

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, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus are sung by the cantor and congregation.



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.

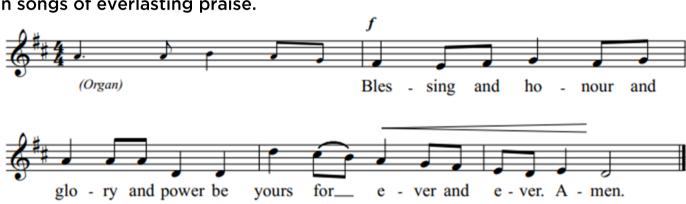
Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



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.



Silence may be kept.

The Lord's Prayer

As Christ teaches us we pray:

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.

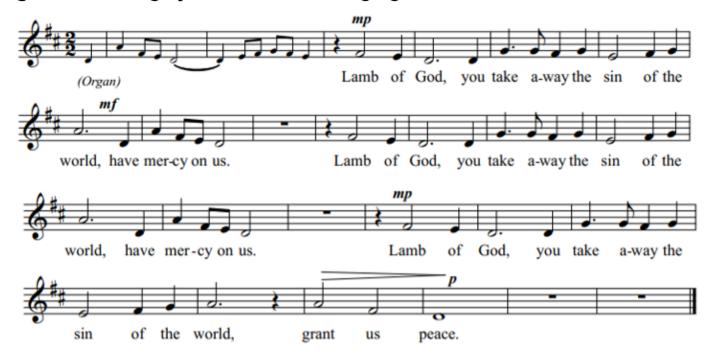
Bread is broken in silence.

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 Invitation

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua, tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti. 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.

Agnus Dei is sung by the Cantor and congregation.



All who are baptised are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you feel uncertain sharing a common cup, receiving the bread alone is to receive a full Communion. For health reasons, we request you do not dip the bread in the wine (intinction).

Please indicate to the administrant if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please fold your arms across your chest.

As you wait to receive and after returning to your seat, please observe silence and pray for those around you. The clergy will distribute communion at the seats of any who have reduced mobility. The cantor will sing during the Communion.

The Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Christ, you are risen with the sun; you are light in our darkness, warmth in our cold. You are peace and hope and joy, for you went willingly to death. You turned defeat and failure to victory for all. You live eternally, and with you live the millions, living and dead, who trust in you.

Final Hymn

1

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky; heaven thunders forth its victor-cry: Alleluia, alleluia. The glad earth shouts her triumph high, and groaning hell makes wild reply: Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2

That Eastertide with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light, Alleluia, alleluia. when, to their longing eyes restored, the glad apostles saw their Lord: R.

3

He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide; *Alleluia, alleluia.* the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again: *R.*

4

Jesu, the King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess, *Alleluia, alleluia.* that we may give thee all our days the tribute of our grateful praise: *R.*

5

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, from death to endless life restored; *Alleluia, alleluia.* all praise to God the Father be and Holy Ghost eternally: *R.*

Text: J. M. Neale Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen, AM 208

The Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the ⊮blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life be with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal of the Community

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia, alleluia!

Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Sortie played by the Cathedral Organist.