

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

6 September 2026

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Te Rātapu Rua Tekau mā toru o He Wā Noa

10.00am Choral Eucharist



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Presider

The Very Reverend Anne Mills, *Dean of Auckland*

Preacher

Dr Greg Morgan

Business and Partnerships Principal, Auckland City Council

Liturgist

Gardenia Taule'ale'ausumai

Readers

Graham Harris

James Scarr

Setting

Communion Service in F, Harold Darke



Welcome to the Cathedral Eucharist.



Please note: no filming during Cathedral services

Please observe silence, as the organist offers music before the service.

Following the welcome and notices, a period of silence is observed.

Introit

Sung by the Choir

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Amen

*Where there is true charity, God is
there. The love of Christ has gathered
us into one. Let us rejoice in Him and
be glad. Let us fear, and let us love the
living God. Amen*

Ola Gjeilo

*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. Above the moon earth rises, a sunlit mossy stone,
a garden that God prizes where life has richly grown,
an emerald selected for us to guard with care,
an isle in space protected by one thin reef of air.**
- 2. The mossy stone is grieving, its tears are bitter rain,
the garden is unleaving and all its harvests wane,
the emerald is clouded, its luster dims and fades,
the isle of life is shrouded in thick and stagnant haze.**
- 3. O listen to the sighing of water, sky and land,
and hear the Spirit crying the future is at hand.
The moss and garden thinning portend a death or birth,
the end or new beginning for all that lives on earth.**
- 4. A death if hearts now harden, a birth if we repent
and tend and keep the garden as God has always meant:
to sow without abusing the soil where life is grown,
to reap without our bruising this sunlit mossy stone.**

Words: Thomas H Troeger

Tune: AM 784 Morning Light

The Gathering

Presider

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Almighty God,

Liturgist

**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. Children are invited to come forward.

The Confession

Liturgist

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.

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

Sung by the Choir in Greek

Kyrie eleison	Κύριε, ἐλέησον	Lord, have mercy upon us
Christe eleison	Χριστέ, ἐλέησον	Christ, have mercy upon us
Kyrie Eleison	Κύριε, ἐλέησον	Lord, have mercy upon us

The Absolution

Presider

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.

The Gloria

Sung by the Choir

Glory be to God on high and in earth peace, goodwill towards men,
we praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God
the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the
world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
receive our prayer. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only,
O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect

Presider

Let us pray

O God, you redeem us and adopt us as your children; look upon us with
your tender love that all who believe in Christ may be given true freedom and
receive an eternal inheritance; through Jesus Christ, who is alive with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please sit.

First Reading

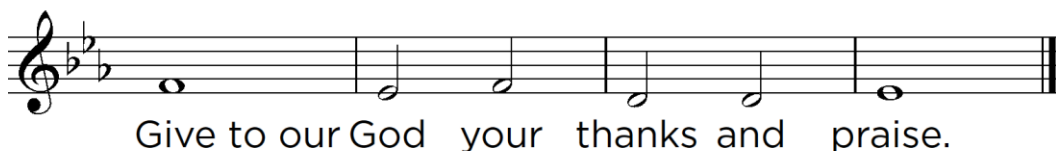
Exodus 12: 1-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Benedicite Aotearoa

Response



O give thanks to our God who is good:

whose love endures for ever.

You sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

All mountains and valleys, grassland and scree,
glacier, avalanche, mist and snow:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

You kauri and pine, rata and kōwhai, mosses and ferns:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Dolphins and kahawai, sealion and crab,
coral, anemone, pipi and shrimp:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Rabbits and cattle, moths and dogs

kiwi and sparrow and tūi and hawk:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

You Māori and Pākehā, women and men,
all who inhabit the long white cloud:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

All you saints and martyrs of the South Pacific:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Second Reading

Romans 13: 8-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the hymn and remain standing for the gospel reading.

Gradual Hymn

- 1** For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- 2** For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- 3** For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, pleasures pure and undefiled:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- 4** For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- 5** For thy church which evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint

Music: Lucerna Laudoniae, AM 537

Gospel Acclamation - *all repeat after the Choir.*



Please turn and face the gospel reader.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.



The Gospel Matthew 18: 15-20

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Sermon

Dr Greg Morgan

We pause to discern what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

An Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, seen in the suffering one,
the poor one, the malnourished one,
the climate refugee - who loves and cares for this world
and suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life in God.

**And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to
death and all destructive forces.**

(Lutheran Theological College, South India, adapted)

Prayers of the People

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

Presider

Please sit.

Intercessions for Creation

Liturgist

Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon us.

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.

Let the earth be fruitful
and its resources be hallowed.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.
Prosper the work of our hands;
may all find dignity and just reward in their work;
free the exploited and oppressed.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.
Guide us into a sustainable future,
and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.
Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,
and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord.
Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry;
where war brings want, and children go hungry;
where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,
give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Pause in silence

We ask in faith:

**We ask you to hear us, good Lord,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

<https://kairosearth.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Pilgrimage-for-the-Earth-From-Loss-to-Hope.pdf>

The Peace

Presider

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 with a greeting of Peace.

Bread and wine are prepared for the Eucharist.

A Collection is taken during the Offertory Hymn.

Offertory Hymn

1. For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

4. **You, Creator God, have written
your great name on human-kind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.**

Words: Fred Kaan

Tune: Alleluia Dulce Carmen, AM 635

The Preparation of the Gifts

Presider

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.



The image displays three staves of musical notation in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "The Lord is here: **God's spi - rit is with us.**" The second staff contains: "Lift up your hearts: **We lift them to the Lord.**" The third staff contains: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: **It is right to offer thanks and praise:**"

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 and formed us in your own image.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature; 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 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

Sung by the Choir

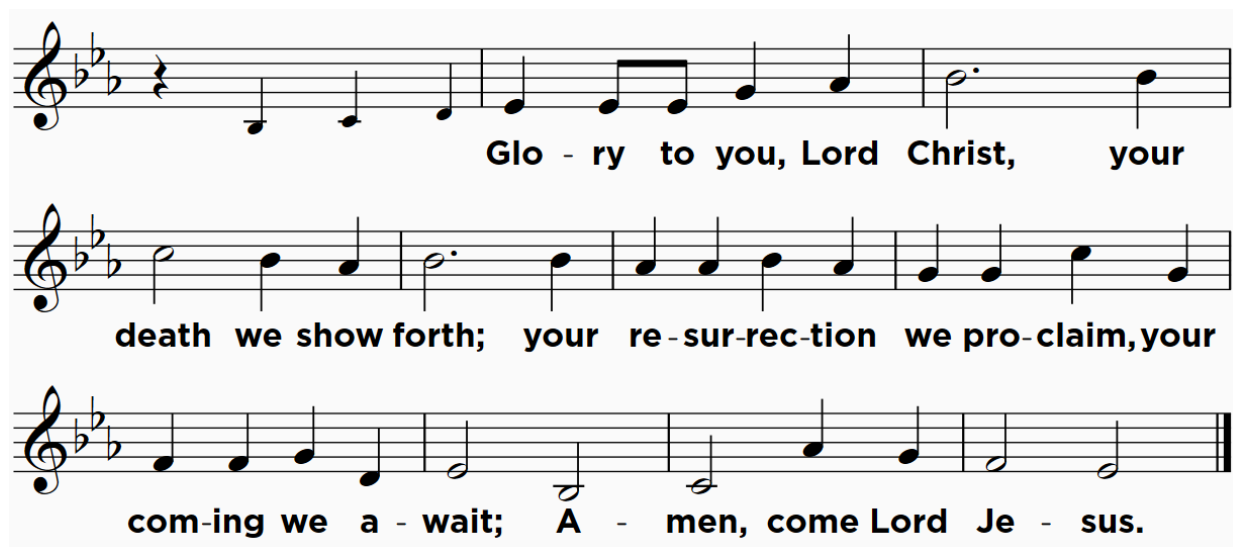
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh 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 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. With thanksgiving and hope we sing:



Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ, your
death we show forth; your re-sur-rec-tion we pro-claim, your
com-ing we a - wait; A - men, come Lord Je - sus.

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.



The Lord's Prayer

As Christ teaches us we pray together:

**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

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

Sung by the Choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*All for whom it is meaningful 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, please do not dip the bread in the wine (intinction).
Please indicate to the priest 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 Presider will distribute communion at the seats of
any who have reduced mobility.*

Communion Motet

Sung by the Choir

I give to you a new commandment,
that you love one another as I have
loved you.
Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Amen

*Where there is true charity, God is
there. The love of Christ has gathered
us into one. Let us rejoice in Him and
be glad. Let us fear, and let us love the
living God. Amen*

Peter Nardone

Prayer after Communion

Presider

Please stand

Holy and gracious God, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God, in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace:

gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Hymn

1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened instead of despair.
3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.
4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

Words: Bryn Rees

Tune: Paderborn, AM 569i

The Blessing

Presider

E te whanau, brothers and sisters: Go out into the world rejoicing, and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there; Savour its richness and diversity and live as those who praise God for its bounty; and the blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal of the Community

Liturgist

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.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Organ Sortie

*Please stand while the Altar party leaves.
You are warmly invited to remain for the Sortie, to pray and reflect.*

Please join us for morning tea in the Bishop Monteith Visitor Centre

Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir

Director of Choirs: Peter Watts

Cathedral Organist: Dr Philip Smith



Liturgical Sources:

A New Zealand Prayer Book/He Karakia Mihinare O Aotearoa, pp. 404ff

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