

**HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL  
10.00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST**

**6 April 2025**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
*TE RĀTAPU TUARIMA O RĒNETI***

**(Passion Sunday – Rātapu Mamaetanga)**

**Presider**

The Very Reverend Anne Mills, *Dean of Auckland*

**Preacher**

The Reverend Ivica Gregurec, *Cathedral Precentor*

**Liturgist**

Jeremy Hama

**Readers**

Gardenia Taule'ale'ausumai  
Andrew Dawson

**Setting**

*Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode, Charles Wood*



Holy Trinity  
Cathedral  
AUCKLAND

*Welcome to the Cathedral Eucharist.*

*Following the welcome and notices, a period of silence is observed into which the Choir offers the following introit.*

**Introit** *Drop, drop slow tears, Orlando Gibbons*

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet, which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace. Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat; to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease. In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

*Please stand, when the Ambulatory 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**

**Refrain.** *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

1

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,  
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *R.*

2

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee. *R.*

3

From farthest regions let them homage bring,  
and on his cross adore their Saviour King: *R.*

4

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace: *R.*

*Text: G. W. Kitchin & M. R. Newbolt*

*Tune: Crucifer, AM 707*

### **The Gathering**

Grace and peace to you from God!

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

Kia noho a lhowā ki a koutou.

*(The Lord be with you.)*

**Mā lhowā koe e manaaki.**

*(The Lord bless you.)*

Ko te rā tēnei i hangā e lhowā. This is the day which the Lord has made.

**Kia hari, kia koa tātou. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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 Choir.*

Kyrie eleison.      Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Christe eleison.    Χριστέ, ἐλέησον.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Kyrie eleison.      Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

*Lord, have mercy.*

## **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.**

## **Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence*

God, all love comes from you; Mary's perfume on Christ's feet, and blood spent upon the cross, signal your extravagance. Warm our hearts with your love, deliver us from all meanness of spirit, and make us generous in all we are. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **First Reading**

Isaiah 43:16-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm Psalm 126

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



When the Lord restored the fortunes of this people:  
it seemed to us like a dream.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter:  
and our tongues uttered shouts of joy. *R.*

Then they said among the nations:  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'  
Great things indeed the Lord has done for us:  
and therefore we are glad. *R.*

Restore again our fortunes O Lord:  
as when streams refresh the southern dry-lands.  
Those who sow in tears:  
shall reap with shouts of joy. *R.*

Those who go out weeping  
with seed for sowing:  
shall come back in gladness  
bringing their sheaves with them. *R.*

## Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14

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

*Please stand.*

## Gradual Hymn

1

When peace, like a river,  
attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot,  
thou has taught me to say:  
'It is well, it is well, with my soul!'  
It is well, it is well,  
with my soul, with my soul,  
it is well, it is well, with my soul.

2 (in Samoan)

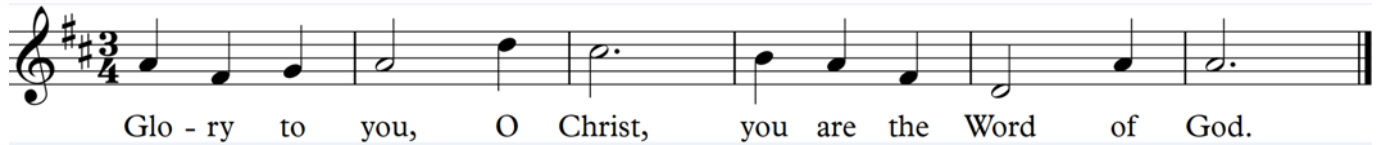
A pei se vaitafe  
Le fifilemu  
Pe Lutia nei I Le Sou  
I Le Olaga Nei  
Oute Molimau Pea  
E lelei, E Lelei Le Ali'i  
E Lelei, E Lelei,  
E Lelei, E Lelei,  
E Lelei, E Lelei Le Ali'i.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
 My sin, not in part but the whole  
 It's nailed trough his cross, and I bear it no more  
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 It is well, it is well,  
 with my soul, with my soul,  
 it is well, it is well, with my soul.

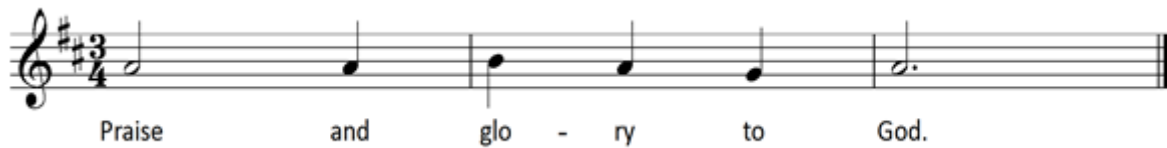
*Text: Horatio Spafford*

*Tune: Philip Bliss*

**Gospel Acclamation** - all repeat after the Choir.



The Holy Gospel according to John.



**Gospel** John 12:1-8

This is the Gospel of Christ.



**Sermon** Fr Ivica Gregurec

*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:*        God our refuge and stronghold,  
*all respond:*            **we put our trust in your salvation.**

*The Prayers conclude with the following Collect prayed by all.*

**God of compassion and love, teach us your ways. Hear  
our prayers we make through Christ our Saviour. 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 Preparation of the Gifts, the bread and wine are prepared for the Eucharist.  
A Collection is taken at this stage.*

## Offertory Hymn

1

From heaven you came helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

### *Refrain.*

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

2

There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said. *R.*

3

Come, see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered. *R.*

4

So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer  
for it is Christ we're serving. *R.*

*Text: G. Kendrick (b. 1950)*

*Tune: The Servant King, AM 489*

## 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.*

The image shows three staves of musical notation in a G minor key (one flat). Each staff is divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Staff 1: Celebrant: The Lord is here: People: God's Spi - rit is with us.

Staff 2: Celebrant: Lift up your hearts: People: We lift them to the Lord.

Staff 3: Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: People: 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.

When we sinned and turned away,  
you called us back to yourself and gave your Son  
to share our human nature.  
His cross has given us strength  
and freedom to enter by the narrow gate,  
to choose the path of life,  
and in these forty days to share his trials.  
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 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.*

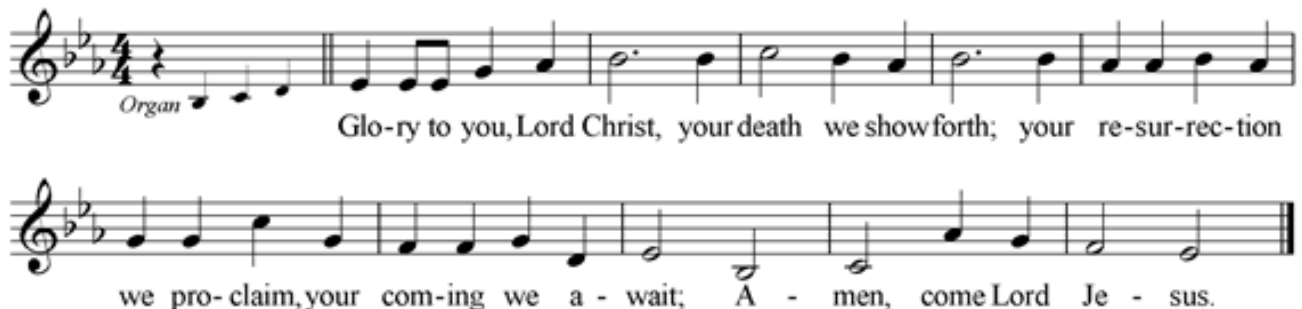


All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;  
on the night before he died your Son,  
Jesus Christ, took bread;  
when he had given you thanks,  
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take, eat, this is my body  
which is given for you; do this to remember me.

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:



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Organ' and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

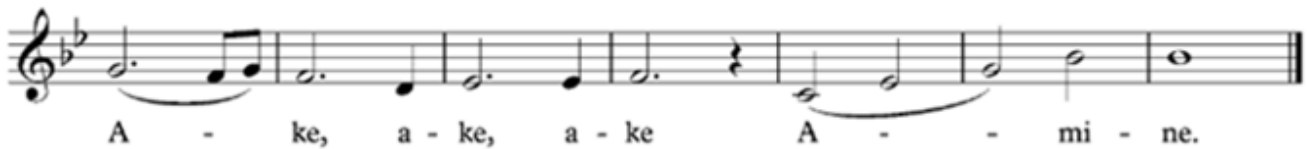
United in Christ with all who stand before you  
in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, O God,  
in songs of everlasting praise.

Organ Bless - ing, ho - nour and glo - ry be yours,  
here and ev'-ry-where, now and for ev - er, A - - men.

## The Lord's Prayer

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka waiata tatou:

E to matou Matua i te rangi      Kia tapu tou Ingoa      Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga  
Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua      kia rite ano  
ki to te ra - - ngi.  
Ho-mai kia ma-tou aia - nei      he ta-ro ma ma-tou mo te - nei ra.  
Mu-rua o ma-tou ha - ra,      Me ma-tou ho-ki e mu-ru nei      i o te hu-nga\_ e ha  
ra a-na ki a\_ ma- tou.      Au-a ho-ki ma-tou e ka- wea.  
kia wha-ka-waia;      E-nga - ri wha-ka - o - ra-ngia ma-tou      i te - ki - no;  
Nou ho-ki te ra-nga - ti-ra - ta-nga,      te ka-ha,      me te ko-ro-ri - a,



*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 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 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 Presider will distribute communion at the seats of any who have reduced mobility.*

### **Communion Motet**

*God so loved the world, John Stainer*

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand.*

Faithful God, in this communion you increase our faith and hope and love.

Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life.

**God of our pilgrimage, we have found the living water. Refresh and sustain us as we go forth on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Final Hymn

1

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?

2

They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.

3

Here might I stay and sing:  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

*Text: S. Crossman*

*Tune: Love Unknown, AM 147*

## The Blessing

May Christ who calls you to take up your cross, give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens; and the blessing of God our ✠Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal of the Community

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.  
**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

**Organ Sortie**    *played by the Cathedral Organist.*

*Please stand while the Altar party leaves.*

*You are warmly invited to remain for the Sortie and beyond, to pray and reflect.*

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**Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir**  
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**Cathedral Organist: *Dr Philip Smith***

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