Anglican Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki

The Chrism Eucharist



The Reaffirmation of Ministerial Commitment and The Blessing of the Oils

Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato

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Welcome to Waikato Cathedral

To prepare for Easter, we come together as a Diocesan community at the beginning of Holy Week.

After he had turned his face towards Jerusalem, Jesus called his disciples together, to break bread and to stay with him in his Passion. In this liturgy, we make Eucharist together and bless one another on our pilgrimage into the deep journey of Easter.

As a Diocese we shall break bread and renew our calling in God's service: we shall receive holy oil for Baptism and healing in solidarity with the Christ, God's Anointed One.

Christ in Greek means Anointed One, from the word Messiah in Hebrew. This is why people are anointed with oil in the Sign of the Cross at their Baptism, the greatest healing of all. This action is called Chrismation, from the word Christ, and was originally offered by the Bishop in the early Church. The newly baptised person is now 'in Christ' and a member of 'Christ's body'.

In our liturgy today, the Bishop offers the Eucharist and the anointing of our hands to strengthen and to bless us in our ministry.

The sacramental action of breaking bread, sharing the cup of blessing, consecrating and anointing with oil, will provide an outward and visible sign of the grace we receive, so that we may be refreshed for our ministry to our sisters and brothers as we live the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Christ.

The foot washing that Jesus called us to is offered in our faith communities on Maundy Thursday.

Bishop Philip Richardson

Mihi Whakatau | Welcome

Hīmene | Processional Hymn

O Jesus I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou for ever near me, my Master and my friend: I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

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O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O let me feel thee near me; the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

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O let me see thy foot-marks, and in them plant mine own; my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end; and then in heav'n receive me, my Saviour and my friend.

Words: John Bode (1816-74)

Music: Wolvercote – William H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

The Bishop says

Toitū te rangi Toitū te whenua Toitū te aroha o te Atua Toitū ōna manaakitanga katoa Mauriora e Te Ariki Matua, Tama, Wairua Tapu.

Amine.

The sky is constant
The earth is unchanging
The love of God is dependable
The gifts of God are continuous
Hail to the Lord!
Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

Amen

Grace, mercy and peace be with you and also with you.

Te Hohou-I-Te-Rongo | Act of Penitence

(please be seated or kneel / e noho, e tūturi rānei tātou)

Our Deacon for the service is Rev'd Liz Lightfoot.

Deacon Come, let us return to the Lord and say

Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop

The Lord enrich you with grace, and nourish you with blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Te Īnoi o Te Rā | The Collect

Deacon Let us pray

Heavenly Father,
who anointed your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit and with power
to bring to the world the blessings of your kingdom:
anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit,
that we who share in his suffering and his victory
may bear witness to the gospel of salvation;
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.

Ngā Whaikorero | The Proclamation

(please sit for the reading / e noho ki te whakarongo ki ngā pānuitanga)

The Hebrew Scriptures Reading, read by Fr Ben Ong, from the Book of the prophet Isaiah 61: 1-9

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn: to provide for those who mourn in Zion to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory.

Because their shame was double, and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs.

For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,

and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

[Translation: New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)]

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

The New Testament Reading, read by Vivianne Flintoff from the Letter to the Ephesians 4: 1-13

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

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

Hīmene | Gradual Hymn - My song is love unknown

die?

(please stand / e tū tatou)

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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

He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow; but men refused, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But O, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

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Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing: resounding all the day hosannas to their King; then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry. that he his foes from thence might

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,

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free.

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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.

Samuel Crossman (c. 1624-1684)

Te Rongopai | The Gospel (we remain standing and turn to face the gospel | Ka tū tonu tātou ki te whakarongo ki te Rongopai)

The Lord be with you and also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (9:35-38)

Praise and glory to God

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had

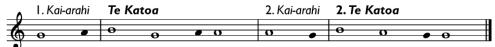
compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' [NRSVA]

Praise to Christ the Word This is the Gospel of Christ

Te Kauhau | Sermon

He Tikanga Whakapono | The Affirmation of Faith

Deacon: Let us stand and together affirm our faith.



Ko koe, e te Atua tapu,

te tino Atua.

- 2. Nou te mana, te ihi, te wehi.
- ١. Nou te ao, te mauri, te ora.
- 2. Nāu te katoa, i te rangi, i te whenua.

Ko koe tonu te Atua.

- ١. Ko koe te māramatanga o te ao,
- 2. I tīaho rā koe i roto i te pouri,
- 1. Kia puta ake tāu Tama ko

- 2. Hei pou tokomanawa mō te ao. Ko koe tonu **te Atua.**
- Ko koe te Wairua Tapu, Ko koe taku **rākau.**
- Ko koe taku tokotoko, 2. Ko koe taku oranga ngākau e,
- Ko koe tonu rā te Atua. 1.
- 2. Korōria ki a koe.

You, the holy God, the absolute God.

Yours are authority, dignity, awe.

Yours is the world, its life principle, its wholeness.

Yours is everything in the heavens and on earth.

You are constant God.

You are the light of the world. you shine through the darkness, to reveal your son Jesus Christ Ihu Karaiti as the central pillar of faith for the world.

You are constant God.

You are the Holy Spirit you are my staff, you are my walking stick, you are my heart's life You are constant God.

Glory to you.

Tr. By Bishop G. Conner

The Reaffirmation of Commitment to Ministry

Bishop My brothers and sisters, at his Last Supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the sacrament of bread and wine.

He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant.

I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service, as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of his grace.

The Bishop addresses the **lay ministers**, who stand while others are seated

When you were commissioned, you undertook to be faithful in prayer and by word and example to minister to those for whom Christ died. Will you do all that is in your power to witness to God's love for his people?

Lay With the help of God, I will.

The Bishop addresses the **deacons**, who stand while others are seated

At your ordination as a deacon, you received the yoke of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, to build up God's people in his truth and serve them in his name?

Deacons With the help of God, I will.

The Bishop addresses the **priests**, who stand while others are seated

At your ordination to the priesthood, you took authority to watch over and care for God's people, to absolve and bless them in his name, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and to minister the sacraments of his New Covenant. Will you continue as faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, preaching the gospel of Christ and ministering his holy sacraments?

Priests With the help of God, I will.

A lay person addresses the **Bishop**, who stands while others are seated

At your ordination as bishop, you received the gift of the Spirit, that you might lead the Church in mission, and send out ministers in Christ's name; that you might promote its unity, uphold its discipline, and guard its faith; and that you might teach and govern the people committed to your charge.

Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, watching over Christ's own flock, and building them up in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace?

Bishop With the help of God, I will.

The congregation stands and Dean Julian invites prayer for the clergy, laity and their families.

Let us pray for all disciples of Jesus Christ and their commitment to serve him and proclaim his holy word.

Let us pray for our lay ministers, our deacons and priests, that the Lord will bless them with the fullness of his love. May they be faithful servants of Christ, our great high priest, serving the Church with gifts that encourage and equip the people of God to make Christ known to our generation.

All Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.

Let us pray also for our Bishop, that the Holy Spirit may sustain him in the apostolic ministry which Jesus Christ has entrusted to him.

All Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.

Let us pray for our families, that the Lord will bless them, and that Christ's presence may be found in their homes.

All Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.

Let us pray for all those in our communities who share in the task of ministry, rejoicing at the gifts which God has given us, and asking that we may walk together in the way of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve.

All Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.

Bishop Almighty God, who has given us the will to undertake all these things, give us also the strength to perform them, that he may complete that work which he has begun in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The oils are brought forward, during which a chant is sung:

Ubi caritas, et amor Where true charity and love abide
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est (x4) God is dwelling there

Blessing of the oils

Deacon The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

Bishop Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful, creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word brought light out of darkness, and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.

Your anointed Son brought healing to those in weakness and distress.

He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death that we might praise your name for ever.

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this oil in your name; may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit, restored in your image, renewed in your love, and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Deacon The oil for making the sign of the cross at baptism.

Bishop Blessed are you, sovereign God, the protector of all who believe in you. Your anointed Son overcame the powers of evil when he was lifted high upon the cross. By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this oil in your name; as they come to the waters of baptism, may it be for them a sign of your defence in their fight against sin, the world and the devil, and bring them to share in Christ's victory.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Deacon The oil for anointing at ordinations.

Bishop Blessed are you, sovereign God, upholding by your grace all who hear your call.

Under your Old Covenant priests and kings were anointed to serve you and in the fullness of time you anointed your Son by the Holy Spirit to be the Christ, the Saviour and Servant of all. By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this chrism in your name; let it be for them a sign of joy and gladness as they share in the royal priesthood of the New Covenant and make known the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices of thanks and praise.

All Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and for ever. Amen

Bishop As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All Amen.

Te Minitatanga O Te Hākarameta The Ministry of the Sacrament

Te Maungarongo | The Peace (please stand / e tū tatou)

Bishop God has made us one in Christ,

has set the seal upon us and as a pledge of what is to come has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

Kia tau tonu te rangimārie 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.

All may exchange a sign of peace. The Deacon prepares the altar.

Himene | Offertory Hymn When I survey the wondrous cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an off'ring far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Te Whakatikatika I Te Ohaoha The Preparation of the Gifts

Bishop Pour upon the poverty of our love and the weakness of our praise the transforming fire of your presence.

All Amen.

Te Whakawhetai Nui | The Great Thanksgiving

(please stand, sit or kneel as you are most comfortable throughout the following prayer | mō tēnei inoi katoa, e noho, e tū, tūturi rānei i runga anō i tāu e pai nei)

Kei konei te Ariki.

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Kia ara ō koutou ngākau. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Kia whakapai tātou ki tō tātou Ariki ki te Atua. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the pioneer of our salvation, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. Your love is shown to us, for while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

By Christ's journey into darkness are we all brought home; by his agony and death, we come finally to life; the tree of shame is now the tree of glory.

Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and say:

Holy, holy, holy: God of mercy, giver of life; earth and sea and sky and all that lives, declare your presence and your glory.

Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who on the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, 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 when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory.

Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, in him we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God.

Amen.

Hākari Tapu | The Communion

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka waiata tātou As Christ teaches us, we pray and sing



The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Te Pōwhiri | The Invitation

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

After receiving communion, all are invited to the font for the anointing of hands with holy oil.

Communion Hymns - Brother, sister let me serve you

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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I will hold the Christlight for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

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When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow trav'llers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

There is a Redeemer

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There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One,

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

Chorus

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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When I stand in glory, I will see his face, and there I'll serve my King for ever, in that holy place.

Music and Words: Melody Green (b. 1946)

Ngā Īnoi mō Muri I te Hapa | Prayer after Communion

All Good Shepherd, you have welcomed us at your table and have anointed us with the oil of gladness: may your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life, that we may dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Amen.

Silence is kept

We recall Christ's beatitudes for those who follow him:

Blessed are the poor in spirit

All For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn

All For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek

All For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness

All For they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful

All For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart

All For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers

All For they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake

All For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Te Manaakitanga | The Blessing (please stand / e tū tātou)

Bishop E rere e ngā Karere a Te Karaiti, Kawea te kupu ki te tini ki te mano. Ruia i runga i te whakaaro nui, ruia i runga i te whakaaro pono.

Waiho ko te aroha te Atua: Matua, Tama, Wairua Tapu hai kākahukiwi mōu, āianei ā āke tonu atu. Āmine.

Take wing O messengers of Christ carry the Word of the multitudes. Sow it in wisdom, sow it in Truth and may the Love of God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be the feathered cloak that enfolds us all, now and always. Amen

Hīmene | Recessional Hymn We shall go out with hope of resurrection

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 a Christ who sets us free.

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, vibrating love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping, chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief, we'll leap and dance the resurrection story including all within the circles of our love.

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Te Haerenga Atu | The Dismissal

Deacon Grace be with you

Thanks be to God

Deacon Go in peace

Amen. We go in the name of Christ

The ministers and people depart

After the service those who wish to collect oils for use in the parishes, schools and other ministry units should proceed to St Anne's Chapel (front right side of the church), following the direction of the stewards.

Please stay for tea or coffee following the service, served in the cathedral centre, turn left exiting the church.

Thank you to the Community of Waikato Cathedral for hosting us on this significant occasion.

Thank you to all those who have travelled today to celebrate their vocation, recommit themselves to ministry and receive an anointing.

May you be renewed for ministry and wonder anew at the Paschal Mystery.

