



The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato
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Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Isaiah 60:1

5 January 2025 – The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ

8:00am	Said Eucharist	President Preacher	Rev'd Wendy Tyrrell The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins
10:00am	Eucharist with hymns	President & Preacher	The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins

12 January 2025 – Baptism of the Lord

8:00am	Said Eucharist	President Preacher	Rev'd Wendy Tyrrell The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins
10:00am	Eucharist with hymns	President Preacher	Rev'd Wendy Tyrrell The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins

Cathedral Centre Toilet: The toilet at the near end of the cathedral centre can be accessed during the service, while keeping the rest of the centre secure.

Service Sheets: Our service sheets can be accessed at stpeter.org.nz and viewed on your phone to save paper and costs. The “CathedralFree” Wi-Fi can be accessed without a password.

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In the event of a fire: exits are the entrance and the doors either side of the front of the main body of the church.

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Services Online: Many of our choral services are on our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@WaikatoCathedral (older services are on Facebook). The services are usually available live and are generally under the live tab of our YouTube channel. If you need assistance ask a young person or, failing that, ask Dean Julian.

Office hours: The Church office will be closed from 3pm Tuesday 24 December until Monday 6 January 2025.

Wednesday midweek services will resume on 15 January 2025.

Friday Te Reo Māori Eucharist will resume on 2 February 2025.

Views from the Pews

Isaiah's vision of the restoration of Jerusalem

Like those who listen to Handel's *Messiah* every year, I cannot read these stirring words without hearing that familiar and glorious music in the background. Handel cites Isaiah 40:9 : 'O though that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!' then, ignoring the 20 chapters of intervening text, Handel immediately adds Isaiah 60, v.1 'Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.' With a pause only to toss the narrative to the bass soloist, Handel adds the following two verses from Isaiah 60: 'the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.' (Isaiah 60, vv.2–3).

As always in Scripture, context is everything. In the first half of Isaiah 59, the Lord lists all Judah's transgressions, until by 59:9 the community is shamed into confession and repentance (v.12-15). The Lord sees that they have no justice and no leader, and no prospect of redemption after repentance, so decides to step in (v. 16). 'He put on righteousness like a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head....' (v. 17)..... 'And he will come to Zion as Redeemer, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression' (v 20). No prizes for spotting echoes of Paul's armour analogy.

At 59: 21, the text turns from prophesy to promise. The Lord addresses Judah directly, promising 'You' a glorious restoration after repentance. Arabia's riches will flow in to you from Midian, Ephah and Sheba (remote Arab tribes) by camel caravan. Remembering that the "you" in 60: 6 is Judah's landscape rather than a person explains 'A multitude of camels shall cover you'.

Matthew's Gospel is addressed largely to audiences steeped in First Testament writings, and one of his great concerns was to show that Jesus' life and ministry was foretold by ancient prophecy. So it is not hard to see the link between the reference in Isaiah 60:6 to the arrival of kings with their frankincense and gold, and Matt 2:11. More important, we miss the depth of God's compassion for his fallen people, and his gracious forgiveness and restoration as described in Isaiah 60, if we fail to read chapter 59 first.

Thanksgiving and Praise

A New Zealand Prayer Book, page 476

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Mass Setting: Aston

The Ministry of Word and Prayer

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn (*please stand / e tū tātou*)

— 1 —

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
sing to him who found the ransom,
Ancient of eternal days,
God of God, the Word incarnate,
whom the heav'n of heav'n obeys.

— 3 —

Bring your harps, and bring your
incense,
sweep the string and pour the lay;
let the earth proclaim his wonders,
King of that celestial day;
he the Lamb once slain is worthy,
who was dead and lives for ay.

— 2 —

Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
formed the seas or built the sky,
love eternal, free, and boundless,
moved the Lord of Life to die,
fore-ordained the Prince of princes
for the throne of Calvary.

— 4 —

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

Job Hupton (1762-1849), John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Greeting (*please remain standing / e tū tonu tātou*)

E te whānau a te Karaiti, welcome to this holy table;
welcome to you, for we are Christ's body, Christ's work in the world.
Welcome to you whose baptism makes you
salt of the earth and light to the world.

Rejoice and be glad. Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

Amen. Christ is our light, the joy of our salvation.

Praise and glory to Christ,
God's new beginning for humanity making ritual water gospel wine,
cleansing all our worship.

Love and loyalty to Christ, who gives us the gospel.

Praise to Christ who calls us to holiness.

Song of Praise – The Gloria (*please stand / e tū tātou*)

**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.**

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

Liturgist

We come seeking forgiveness
for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

**Loving and all-seeing God,
forgive us where we have failed to support one another
and to be what we claim to be.**

**Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;
and where our thoughts and actions have been
contrary to yours we ask your pardon.**

The presiding priest says

God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection,
reconciliation for all the human race.

Liturgist

We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together.

**Praise to God who has created us,
praise to God who has accepted us,
praise to God who sends us into the world.**

The Collect

**Jesus, light of the world, let your bright star stand over the place
where the poor have to live; lead our sages to wisdom and our
rulers to reverence. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.**

The Readings

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

A reading from the book of Isaiah (60:1-6)

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

[Translation – New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)]

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

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-15 - said (*please stand / e tū tātou*)

- 1 Give the king your justice O God:
and your righteousness to a king's son,
- 2 that he may judge your people rightly:
and uphold the poor with justice.
- 3 Let the mountains bring forth peace for the people:
and the hills prosperity with justice.
- 4 May the king defend the cause of the poor
among the people:
save the children of the
needy and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live as long as the sun endures:
as long as the moon from age to age.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the grass:
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his days may righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace till the moon is no more.
- 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba bring their gifts.

- 11 May all kings fall prostrate before him:
and all nations render him service.
- 12 He shall deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor who have no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the weak and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.
- 14 He shall rescue them from oppression and violence:
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.
- 15 Long may the king live,
and receive gifts of gold from Sheba:
may prayer be made for him continually,
and may people bless him every day.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now:
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians (3:1-12)

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he

has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. [NRSVA]

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Gradual Hymn (*please stand / e tū tātou*)

— 1 —

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our
wounds,

and drives away our fear.

— 3 —

Dear name! the rock on which I
build,

my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treas'ry, filled
with boundless stores of grace.

— 5 —

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

— 2 —

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;

'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

— 4 —

Jesus! my shepherd, brother,
friend,

my prophet, priest and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

— 6 —

Till then I would thy love proclaim
with ev'ry fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton (1725-1807)

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

The holy Gospel according to Matthew (2:1-12)

Praise and glory to God.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. [NRSVA]

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith (please stand / e tū tatou)

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

The Prayers of the People

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

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

The intercessor may use one of the following responses:

God of grace

you hear our prayer.

God of love

grant our prayer.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

The intercessor may end with the following responses or a collect:

Thanksgiving, blessing and praise be yours, God of the incarnation,
because you care for us and for our prayer.

May our love for you and our likeness to you
be strengthened every time we pray. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Peace *(please stand / e tū tatou)*

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace
who breaks down the walls that divide.

The peace of God be always with you.

Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.

Liturgist: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

— 1 —

Earth has many a noble city;
Beth' em, thou dost all excel:
Out of thee the Lord from heaven
came to rule his Israel.

— 3 —

Eastern sages at his cradle
make oblations rich and rare;
see them give in deep devotion
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

— 2 —

Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth,
to the world its God announcing
seen in fleshly form on earth.

— 4 —

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

Jesu, whom the Gentiles worshipped
at thy glad Epiphany,
unto thee with God the Father
and the Spirit glory be.

Aurelius C Prudentius (348-c.413) tr. E Caswall (1814-1878)

Preparation of the Gifts

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness,
and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty.
**All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,
and of your own we give you.**

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*)

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.

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, *ANZPB/HKMoA p. 485*
to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.

You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light.

Your light shines on in our darkness.

For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word,
to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love.

It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us
the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

His star, mysterious and inviting,
calls us to worship the Christ who is born.

For he is Emmanuel, God revealed in human form for all the human race; to him we offer our homage and our gifts.

You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin.
His cross has taken our guilt away.

You send your Holy Spirit
to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church.
Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side,
countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation
and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts we say/sing:

**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.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet.
'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died he took bread and gave 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, and gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all,
to forgive sin; do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

**God of the past and present,
we your people remember your Son.
We thank you for his cross and rising again,
we take courage from his ascension;
we look for his coming in glory
and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Send your Holy Spirit,
that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ,
and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

**Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite.
Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.**

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new;
you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

**Praise, glory and love be yours,
this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere.
Amen.**

The Communion

The Lord's Prayer (You may wish to pray the Lord's Prayer in your own language.)

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka ĭnoi tātou

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.**

**Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia
whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga,
te kaha, me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.
Christ is the bread of life.

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

Christ is risen from the dead.

Agnus Dei

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.

The Invitation

Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

The minister says the following to each person.

The bread of life, broken for you.

Te taro o te ora, i whatia nei moū.

The cup of blessing, poured out for you.

Te kapu o te ora, i whakahekea nei moū.

The communicant may respond each time: Amen / Āmine.

All are welcome to receive communion. If communion is not your tradition, we invite you to come forward for a blessing, simply put an arm across your chest and a blessing will be given.

Please come forward and kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive the bread and wine or a blessing. Please ask if you need a gluten free wafer.

In the Anglican tradition, we use the common cup, with wine of a high alcohol content, in a silver vessel, to minimise infection risks. If you do not wish to receive the wine, communion is fully valid in one kind, either bread or wine, or you may wish to simply lift the cup, to show reverence and receive spiritually.

Please note, the practice of intinction is not permitted.

If you would like to light a candle for someone you love, or to give thanks to God, please feel free to do so at the back of the cathedral.

Prayer After Communion

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Our hands were empty, and you filled them.

Blessing (*please stand / e tū tātou*)

The Father, who created you, is with you;

the Son, who redeemed you, is with you;

the Spirit, who strengthens you, is with you;

the Holy Three enfold you;

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life, be upon you and remain with you, with those whom you love, and with those whom you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

— 1 —

God has spoken - by his prophets,
spoken the unchanging Word,
each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holding fast:
God eternal reigns forever,
God the first, and God the last.

— 2 —

God has spoken - by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God of God, ere time was born,
light of light, to earth descending,
Christ, as God in human form.

God is speaking - by the Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again,
in the age-long word declaring
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, the Word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959) alt.

The Dismissal of the Community

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

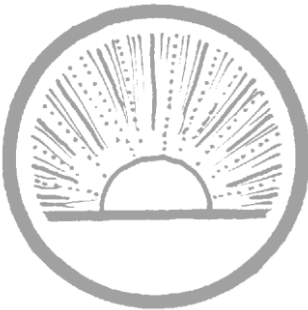
The 10 am service concludes with the organ voluntary, for which you are warmly invited to remain. If you wish to leave following the recession of clergy and choir, please do so quietly so that the voluntary may be fully appreciated.

Voluntary:

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Please join us for refreshments
after both services, 8.00am and 10.00am.

	The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ 5 January 2025	Baptism of the Lord 12 January 2025
Liturgist	Dean Julian Perkins	Chris Chundau
First Reading	Isa 60: 1-6 Evan Harris	Isa 43: 1-7 Liam McCaffrey
Second Reading	Eph 3: 1-12 Jenevere Foreman	Acts 8: 14-17 Susan Allen
Gospel	Matt 2: 1-12	Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
Intercessions	Dean Julian Perkins	Chris Chundau
Liturgist	Bryan Bevege	Chris Chundau
Crucifer	-	-
Acolytes	- -	- -
First Reading	Isa 60: 1-6 David Wilson	Isa 43: 1-7 Anne McAloon
Second Reading	Eph 3: 1-12 Pam McAdam	Acts 8: 14-17 Kate Terry
Gospel	Matt 2: 1-12	Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
Intercessor	Garry Moore	Chris Chundau
Ciborium	Dean Julian Perkins & Anne McAloon	Dean Julian Perkins & Rev'd Wendy Tyrrell
Chalice DB	Kim King & Evelyn Masoka	Dianne Cameron & Richard Swarbrick
Chalice LW	Dianne Cameron & Warren Turnwald	Brian Dingwall & Rev'd Robin Olds
Chalice Font	-	-
Welcomers	Dianne Cameron & David Wilson	Min & Warren Turnwald
Morning Tea	Warren & Min Turnwald	June Chestnut & Evelyn Masoka



Cantata Vespers - Third Saturday of the month
Next Vespers: 15 February 2025 at 5.00pm

Choral Evensong - Fourth Sunday of the month
Next Evensong: 22 February 2025 at 6.00pm

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