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Master of Ceremonies:

Verger:

♿ wheelChair, walker and baby changing facilities
are available, please ask for them.

YOUNG CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS

We want children to feel welcome here. There is a basket at the back of the church with bags for pre-schoolers 2+ years of age. They contain items for quiet activities. Feel free to help yourselves to one. We hope this will help you and your family enjoy your Sunday morning worship.



The Waikato Cathedral Church Of St Peter

8.00 am Eucharist & 9.45 am Choral Eucharist

President: The Dean, Jan Joustra

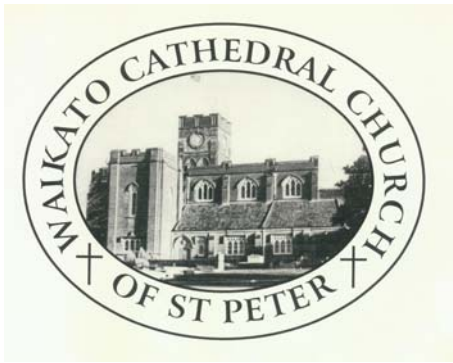
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Pine Campbell

11.30 am Informal Eucharist

The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson

7.00 pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Please join us for refreshments after the morning services



A message from The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson

How are you going with your Advent readings? If you are following the Lectionary you will have noticed that last Sunday evening's readings included Malachi 3:1-4.

"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a fullers soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in the former years."

On reading this passage, it struck me that one of the truly exciting things about being a Christian during Advent (and at every other time for that matter) is simply "living" into God's unfolding future. This is the future which He is bringing about, a future in which we are invited to actively participate, but in the end have no control over its timing or its eventual outcome. Neither do we determine its ultimate shape nor its features. We cannot speed up its coming, nor can we slow it down. We can only wait for it to break upon the stage of world history, and then receive it as a gift from the one who invites us to journey with Him into it.

Blessings Phil

Introduction: My friends in Christ, we are gathered here in the name of Jesus our Saviour, and we are united in the power of the Spirit we call Holy. May this same Spirit who came upon Mary to make her the mother of Jesus come upon us this day to help us respond in faith in imitation of the Virgin.

CALLING ALL THOSE WHO LOVE ORGAN MUSIC

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American Organist
In
Hamilton

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CARLO CURLEY is one of the world's foremost concert organists. Born into a musical family in North Carolina (USA) in 1952, he attended the North Carolina School of the Arts and coached privately with renowned pedagogues Arthur Poister and Robert Elmore. Ultimately, he studied with two of the world's greatest organists: America's legendary Virgil Fox and Great Britain's Sir George Thalben-Ball.

A flamboyant and popular American concert organist, Curley is sometimes characterised as the "Pavarotti of the organ". He is one of only a few concert organists world-wide who supports himself exclusively by giving organ concerts without supplementing his income by teaching or titular organ position.

Early in his career, he was invited by the President to play at the White House, and made history as the first classical organist to give a solo organ recital there. Today, he tours the world, having played in every state and province in North America and Canada, as well as Europe, Asia, Australia and Hong Kong. His recent concert tour of Japan with the King's Singers, sponsored by Rolex, was warmly received and a sell-out everywhere.

Carlo Curley records exclusively for Decca International, including CDs and the first-ever commercial video of a classical organ performance, *Organ Imperial*. His recordings have been voted "Best of the Month" by Stereo Review in the USA, "Record of the Year" in Scandinavia, "Laser Disc of Exception".

Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

Parish Summer Camp – Te Rau Aroha – Waihi Beach

Sunday January 4th to Sunday 11th 2009



The Cathedral has booked the Diocesan Camp at Waihi Beach again giving us a wonderful opportunity to gather as a family and share some good Anglican hospitality.

You are welcome to attend for as many nights as you wish and also to bring friends and family. Let us know if you need transport to Waihi Beach.

There is little programme, but a large range of activities we can do individually or collectively. The idea is to relax and have fun in a comfortable atmosphere with friends.

The cost is \$15.00 per night, per person, with a maximum of \$45.00 per night for a family group. If you would like to come but feel this is beyond you, talk in confidence to the Dean.

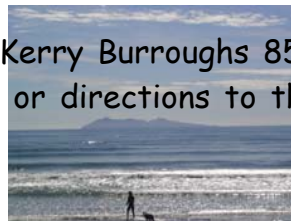
There is a day visitor charge of \$2.50 for the use of the facilities

Food is not included; we all go self sufficient but often pool our food and have shared meals. There are some good restaurants we can go to as well.

The only other items you will need to bring are pillow, bedding and your favorite game and book.

Please complete a booking form, which are on the table in reception and return it to the office.

Please ask Warren Turnwald 839 5311 or Kerry Burroughs 855 2854 if you need any further information or directions to the camp.



4th Sunday in Advent

Opening Hymn: 33 The Angel Gabriel

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

President: We have this ADVENT WREATH to remind us of the coming of Jesus Christ who is the light of the world. As we light the **fourth** candle let us say together:
Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

A young person asks: Why do we light the **fourth** candle?

A parent replies: We light the **fourth** candle to remind us of the people of God who in every age waited for the coming of the Messiah.

Liturgist: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them has light shined. For a child has been born for us, a son has been given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:2b, 6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

President: Let us say together:
Our Father who is in heaven we need the light of peace and love to shine in our world. Help us to prepare our lives and homes to receive the Messiah. Come Lord Jesus come. Amen.

INTROIT: A tender shoot—Goldschmidt

President: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Liturgist: To prepare ourselves for this celebration we pray together.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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.**

Liturgist

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. In the light we confess our sins.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

THE ABSOLUTION

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins so that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT: Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

David was the second king of Israel, from 1000 to 962 BC. The books of Samuel and 1 Kings contain detailed contemporary accounts of life in David's court and of his various activities.

A reading from the second letter of the prophet Samuel (7: 1-11, 16)

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the

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VOLUNTEERS—we still need sidespeople/welcomers for Midnight Mass, we also need sidespeople for Christmas day at the 9.45 am service, those on the rota are unable to be there. If you are able to help, please contact Julia as soon as possible—thank you.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Part One Level 1 (3-6) Monday 19 to Friday 23 January 2009 (9.00am—5.00 pm) Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street Ponsonby, Auckland.

See the notice board for full details, and booking form.

Rota this week (8.00 am)

Liturgist: Wendy Tyrrell
 Readers: Ross McRobie
 Joy McRobie
 Prayer Ministry: Shirley Wilson

Rota this week (9.45 am)

Liturgist: Nancy Burroughs
 Welcoming: Carolyn Knight
 Bev Yendell
 Sidespeople: Rosemary Allbrook
 Bob Allbrook
 Morning Tea: Shirley Muir
 Anne Burroughs
 Readers: Bob Allbrook
 Rosemary Allbrook
 Gospel: Clergy
 Intercessor: Bryan Bang
 Chalice: Annika Hinze
 Andrew McKean
 Bruce Binnie
 Alison Binnie
 Kim Ayers
 Prayer Ministry: Tricia McQuoid
 Jean Robertson

Chalice Bearers for Midnight Mass

Sue MacLean
 Ann Couch
 Nancy Burroughs
 Kerry Burroughs
 Anne McAloon
 Annika Hinze
 Andrew McKean
 Wendy Tyrrell
 Min Turnwald
 Warren Turnwald
 Shirley Wilson
 Bryan Bang
 Elizabeth Bang

CHRISTMAS DAY—HOME LITURGY PACKS

A home liturgy pack is available for Christmas Day either for those who may not be able to attend church or those who would like a brief Christmas liturgy to use at the commencement of their Christmas meal. Each pack contains an attractive altar piece, a candle and a liturgy booklet.

These packs are available from the bookstore (free of charge) after the service. If you are not able to get one from the Bookstore, please phone the office during the week as more can be made available if required.

king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.' But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever. (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Magnificat (Canticle of Mary)

L. Van Beethoven (1770-1827)
 Arr. J. Stainer (1840-1901)



- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my saviour,
- 2 For you Lord have looked with favour on your lowly servant:
and from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- 3† You O Most Mighty have done great things for me:
and holy is your name.
- 4 You have mercy on those who fear you:
from generation to generation.
- 5 You have shown the strength of your arm:
you have scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 6 You have cast down the mighty from their thrones:
and have lifted up the lowly.

- 7 You have filled the hungry with ' good ' things:
and the rich you have ' sent a'way empty.
- 8 You have come to the help ' of your ' people:
for you have re'membered • your ' promise • of ' mercy.
- 9 The promise you ' made • to our ' forbears:
to Abraham ' and his ' children•for ' ever.

Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son:
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit;
as it was in the be'ginning • is ' now:
and shall be for ' ever.' A'men.

The last chapter of Paul's important letter to the church in Rome includes a series of greetings to various people. A final salutation and benediction ends the letter.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (16: 25-27)

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen. (NRSV)

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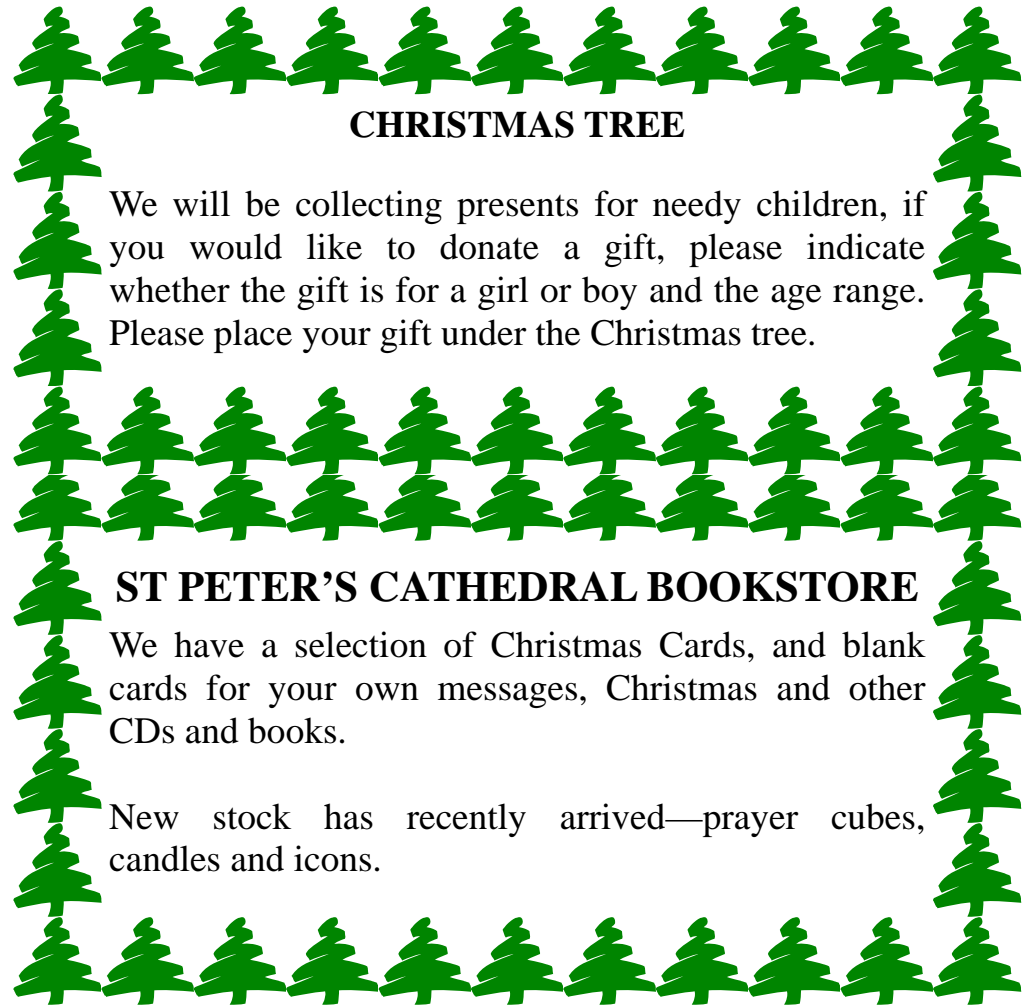
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: The virgin Mary had a baby boy

The virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
and they say that his name is Jesus.

Refrain:

*He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh, yes! believer! Oh, yes! believer!
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.*



CHRISTMAS TREE

We will be collecting presents for needy children, if you would like to donate a gift, please indicate whether the gift is for a girl or boy and the age range. Please place your gift under the Christmas tree.

ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

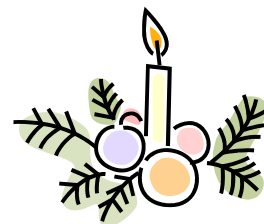
We have a selection of Christmas Cards, and blank cards for your own messages, Christmas and other CDs and books.

New stock has recently arrived—prayer cubes, candles and icons.

CHRISTMAS CAKES

There are still some Christmas Cakes available. \$20.00 each.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Any one wishing to help make the Christingles, please come along and help, a great activity for the kids—Christmas Eve in the Cathedral centre at 10.00 am.

This week

Tuesday	8.45 am Morning Prayer 5.30 pm Healing Eucharist (<i>St Anne's Chapel</i>)
Wednesday 24 December	8.45 am Morning Prayer 2.00 pm Blue Christmas Service 5.30 pm Christingle Service 11.00 pm Midnight Mass (<i>with incense</i>) Archbishop David Moxon, Bishop of Waikato
Thursday 25 December Christmas Day	8.00 am Eucharist President: The Ven Reg Nicholson 9.45 am Choral Eucharist President and Preacher of the day The Dean, Jan Joustra (<i>no informal Eucharist</i>)
Sunday 28 December Holy Family	8.00 am Eucharist and 9.45 am Choral Eucharist President: The Dean Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson 11.30 am Informal Eucharist President: The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson

Readings for Christmas Day

Isaiah 52: 7-10, Hebrews 1: 1-4; John 1: 1-4

Readings for Sunday

Isaiah 61: 10-62: 3, Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 22-40

LOFT—the next meeting at the Deanery will be 23 February 2009

Bell Practice—there will be no Bell Practice for the next two Wednesdays.

Music & Movement—will re-start in February 2009.

The copy of Prayers of Intercession by Susan Sayers is missing from the Dean's Vestry. Whoever has the book could they return it urgently. Thank you.

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The angels sang with the baby was born,
the angels sang with the baby was born,
the angels sang with the baby was born,
and they say that his name is Jesus.

(*Refrain*)

3

The shepherds came where the baby was born,
the shepherds came where the baby was born,
the shepherds came where the baby was born,
and they say that his name is Jesus.

(*Refrain*)

4

The Wise Men came where the baby was born,
the Wise Men came where the baby was born,
the Wise Men came where the baby was born,
and they say that his name is Jesus.

(*Refrain*)

Luke begins his Gospel with accounts of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. This includes Gabriel's explanation to Mary of the significance of the baby she will bear.

Alleluia, **alleluia!** I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke (1: 26-38)

Praise and glory to God

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be

barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.' (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

THE SERMON

THE CREED

All We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

All 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.

All **Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.

All **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;

All **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.**

All We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

All **With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.

All **We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

All **We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Living God:
let your kingdom come.

(At the end of the prayers the minister may say)

Those for whom prayers have been requested

- **For those in need:** Nicholas, David, Elizabeth, Len, Helen, Lesley, Matthew, Vernon, Helga, Maurice, Pearl, Danae, Sylvia, Jenny, Lane, Denis, David, Bill, Bruce, Janet.
- **Birthdays:** Rodney Hickey, Richard Hanley (21), Ellen Barnard (22) Jennie Lightfoot (23), Duncan Barnard, David Rushbrooke (25), Jean Barnard, Christie Fe'pulea'I (26).
- **In Memoriam:** George Priscott, Gwendolen Garrick, Carol Pomeroy, Christopher Hyde (21), Jacqui Shepherd, Wendy Knox-Gore (22), Marjorie Addis (23), Muriel Chalke, Marine Lock, Huntly Elliott, Florence Roe (24), Phyllis Priscott (25), Jack Derrett, Headley Tremain (26).

In our Prayers Today:

Today as we pray for the Anglican Communion around the world we remember especially:

DIocese OF KUCHING: Anglican Women's Fellowship

PROVINCIAL: Sharing of Ministries Abroad
Order of the Holy Cross
Order of St Luke

Diocese Of Waikato:
Bishops Chaplains: Valerie Langley & Bruce
Michael Bent (P) & Rosemary

Cursillo: Executive Team
Chaplain: Sue Hogan (P) & Vic

Licensed to Bishop of Waikato: -
Kainga Aroha Ministry Stephanie Owen (P) & Bruce

COMMUNITY: Lifeline & Inter-Church Counselling Services

SHOP AND CATHEDRAL OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Cathedral Bookstore will be closed from Wednesday 24 December, and re-open Monday 2 February.

The Cathedral Office will be closed from Monday 29 December and re-open Monday 5 January 2009.

Please note, there will be no 10.00 am service on Wednesday 24 and Wednesday 31 December. The Rev'd Ken Walker will be taking the Wednesday 10.00 am services during January 2009.

in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus our Lord.

The post-communion prayer is said by the president, then all say:

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

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

During each of the four weeks of Advent an extra verse of the hymn "O come, O come, Emmanuel", will be sung unaccompanied by the organ. The service concludes in silence as we await the coming of our Lord.

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel!
And ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. O come, thou branch of Jesse! free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

3. O come, O dayspring come and cheer!
Our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

4. O come, thou key of David,
come and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

5. O come, O come, great Lord of might
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did'st give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

God of warmth and brightness, we praise you for all our many blessings, and above all for coming to save us and set us free.

Merciful Father

All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. (cf Luke 1.78,79)

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Offertory Hymn: Sing we of the blessed Mother

1

Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.

2

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

3

Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

4

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

G B Timms 1910-

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness,
the power, the glory, the victory and the majesty.
All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,

and of your own we give you.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The president says:

The Lord is here.

All **God's spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

All **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.**

The president recalls the Last Supper,

All **Glory to you Lord Christ:
Your death we show forth;
Your resurrection we proclaim;
Your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER—Rimsky-Korsakov

As we look for the coming of the Kingdom we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in the one bread.**

THE AGNUS DEI—Victoria

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

ANTHEM: How lovely are the messengers—Mendelssohn

THE INVITATION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The president and people receive communion.

An invitation is extended to members of other denomination, to come forward to receive communion.

Prayer after Communion: Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that