

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

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### YOUNG CHILDREN ACTIVITY BAGS

We want children to feel welcome at St Peter's Cathedral. There is a basket at the back of the church with bags for pre-schoolers 2+ years of age. It contains 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.

A wheelchair, walker and baby changing facilities are available: please ask.



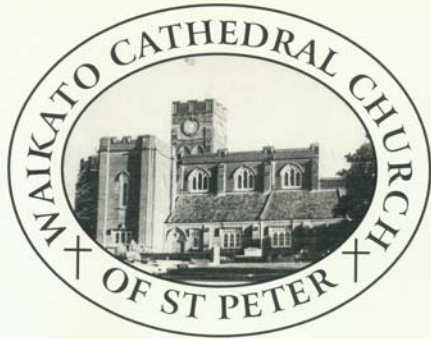
## THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER

### SUNDAY 17 MAY

8.00 am	<b>Eucharist</b>	President	The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson
		Preacher	Stewardship Committee
9.45 am	<b>Choral Eucharist</b>	President	The Dean, Jan Joustra
		Preacher	Stewardship Committee
11.30 am	<b>Informal Eucharist</b>	President	The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson
7.00 pm	<b>Taizé</b>		

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

President	The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson
Preacher	Stewardship Committee
President	The Dean, Jan Joustra
Preacher	Stewardship Committee
President	The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson



Dear friends,

Welcome to Stewardship Sunday! Today is the first time in many years St Peter's has held a Stewardship Sunday, and I would like to thank our Stewardship Committee for their commitment over the past two years as we have prepared for this day. Stewardship is much more than just giving money to the Church and our Stewardship Committee has met regularly over the past two years to discuss the life of the Cathedral and how we can better serve God in this community. Various initiatives and ideas have grown from these discussions, such as last year's Newcomer's Dinner.

Before the service today you were given a pledge slip and an envelope. You are asked to prayerfully consider your offering to God, fill out the slip, place it in the envelope, and seal the envelope. These will be collected at the offertory, brought forward and received. At the end of the service the envelopes will be destroyed.  
**Your pledge is between yourself and God.**

Blessings Jan

**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY 18 MAY**

7.30 pm LOFT 699 River Road

**TUESDAY 19 MAY**

8.45 am Morning Prayer Saint Anne's Chapel

5.30 pm Eucharist (*with laying on of hands and prayer for healing*)

**WEDNESDAY 20 MAY**

8.45 am Morning Prayer Saint Anne's Chapel

10.00 am Eucharist

10.00 am Music and Movement (*during term time*) Cathedral Centre

5.30 pm Cathedral Singers Practice

7.00 pm Bell Ringing Practice Tower

**THURSDAY 21 MAY**

**ASCENSION DAY**

8.45 am Morning Prayer Saint Anne's Chapel

12.10 pm Reflective Eucharist

6.30 pm **Sung Eucharist**

**FRIDAY 22 MAY**

8.45 am Morning Prayer Saint Anne's Chapel

**SUNDAY 24 MAY**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**

8.00 am **Eucharist** President The Dean, Jan Joustra

Preacher The Dean, Jan Joustra

9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** President The Rev'd Bryan Smith

Preacher The Dean, Jan Joustra

11.30 am **Informal Eucharist** President The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** Preacher To be arranged

**MEN'S SHELTER DINNER ROTA**  
23rd May: Ray Harlow and Phil Wilson

<b>Rota for Sunday 17 May</b>	
<b>8.00 am</b>	
Liturgist	Wendy Tyrrell
Readers	Joy McRobie Ross McRobie
Prayer Ministry	Shirley Wilson
<b>9.45 am</b>	
Liturgist	Anne McAloon
Welcoming	Jean Redout Gay Fraundorfer
Sidespeople	David Bailey Bruce Ram
Morning Tea	Min Turnwald Warren Turnwald
Readers	Lu Robertson-Linch Alan Simpson
Gospel	The Dean
Intercessor	Bryan Bang
Chalice	Anne McAloon J. Mupandawana Glenda King Shirley Wilson Jean Redout
Prayer Ministry	Lu Robertson-Linch Jean Robertson

<b>Rota for Sunday 24 May</b>	
<b>8.00 am</b>	
Liturgist	Pam McAdam
Readers	Russell McQuoid Rosemary Blackwell
Prayer Ministry	Rosemary Blackwell
<b>9.45 am</b>	
Liturgist	Ann Couch
Welcoming	John Mitchell Kerry Burroughs
Sidespeople	Bruce Ram Brigit Brant
Morning Tea	Hala Rohorua Tilly Campbell
Readers	Wilma Jennings Bruce Ram
Gospel	Phil Wilson
Intercessor	Anne McAloon
Chalice	Ann Couch Joy McRobie Bruce Ram Jean Robertson Jean Redout
Prayer Ministry	Petra McQuoid Alan Parkin

#### **READINGS FOR SUNDAY 24 MAY**

Acts 1.15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19

#### **TRIVIA NIGHT**

St Peters Trivia Night (run by The Youth Group) will be held on June 5 at 7pm in the Cathedral Centre. Get your teams together and register by emailing Lynn Jamieson at [jamieoslynn@hotmail.com](mailto:jamieoslynn@hotmail.com)

Teams can be any size but 4 - 8 is best!! It will be run along the same lines as the Pub Trivia series with supper provided by the Youth group. There will be some punch available but BYO other drinks. Please register asap. It will be a fun night!!!

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

Youth group starts again next Sunday evening. Check your emails this week for details of this term's activities.

## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

We gather today to celebrate God's great generosity to us in giving Jesus to open the gate of eternal life. May we respond with open hearts as we seek to be faithful stewards of the Good News of Jesus Christ which spans the whole wide earth.

### **OPENING HYMN**

1

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no pride of birth;  
the chosen family God has blessed  
now spans the whole wide earth.

2

For God in Christ has made us one  
from every land and race;  
he reconciled us through his Son  
and met us with his grace.

3

It is by grace we are assured  
that we belong to him:  
the love we share in Christ our Lord,  
the Spirits work within.

4

So brothers, sisters, praise his name  
who died to set us free  
from sin, division, hate and shame,  
from spite and enmity!

5

In Christ there is no east or west –  
he breaks all barriers down;  
by Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed,  
in Christ we live as one.

*from a line by W. A. Dunkerley (1852-1941)  
Michael Perry (1942-1996) © Mrs. B. Perry*

**CHILDREN'S ADDRESS** (during term time)

## INTROIT

Exultate Deo *Palestrina (Psalm 81, 1-2)*

Exultate Deo adjutori nostro; jubilate Deo Jacob. Sumite psalmum et date tympanum, psalterium jucundum cum cythara. Buccinate in neomenia tuba, insigni die solemnitatis vestrae.

*Sing for joy to God our strength, shout in triumph to the God of Jacob. Strike up the music, beat the tambourine, play the happy harp and the lyre; blow the trumpet for the new month, for the full moon of your feast day.*

*President:*

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Liturgist:*

E te whanau 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 call us to holiness.**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION** *(please kneel or sit)*

*Liturgist:*

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

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.**

## HELPERS WANTED

The Reverend Andrew Coyle, Vicar of St Aidan's, Claudelands, is seeking people to help staff a space at the Winter show. (22-24 May) It will be a place where people can light a candle, make a prayer for a friend, a hope, a concern, or find someone to listen. He is looking for people to fill two hour slots. If you would like to help, please contact the Reverend Lesley Hyde Ph 8392590; or Pat Boshier Ph.8552373.

## SECURITY CODES

The **general** security code for the alarms in the Cathedral and Centre will be withdrawn this month. Everyone who needs codes will have already been allocated with them. Please try your code, and if there are any problems please let the Administrator know. Thank you.

## MORNING TEA ROSTER

We are getting very short of volunteers to help with the morning tea after the 9.45 am Service on Sundays. Please consider this act of stewardship and contact the Administrator if you are willing to help and he will add your name to the list.

## FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT 2-17 MAY

Please consider choosing to buy Fair Trade products at the supermarket. Buying ethically makes a difference and helps to lift people out of poverty. Please take a card (by the door) and drop it into your local supermarket. More information can be found at [www.cws.org.nz](http://www.cws.org.nz)

## ATHOL BISHOP

The Cathedral family also extends its sympathy to the family of Athol Bishop, who died last week. His funeral was held in the Cathedral on Friday 15th May. May he rest in peace.

## GIVING RECEIPTS

After much hard work on the part of Warren Turnwald the giving receipts are in church. Any not collected will be sent in the post on Monday.

## ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST

The Eucharist on Thursday 21st May at 6.30 pm will be sung by the Men's Choir.

**THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED**

<b>For those in need</b>	Nicholas, Len, Lesley, Matthew, Maurice, Pearl, David, Bill, Bernard, Inez, Win, Murray, Elvin, Chris, Heather, Elaine.
<b>Birthdays</b>	Heather Lomas 17; Jacqui Falkner 19; Julie Jay 19; Glenda Smith 20; Katie Hirst 21; John Brine 21; Christine Bowers 22.
<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>	Eddie and Kate Wullems 18; Benjamin Joseph and Susan Benjamin 23.
<b>In Memoriam</b>	Willy Sherson 18; Alan Lomas 21; Margaret Owens 21; John Chalke 21; Samuel Swift 22.
<b>In the Anglican Communion and Diocese of Waikato</b>	St Francis's Church, Lundu in the diocese of Kuching. Missions to Seamen. Parishes of Waihi and Waihi Beach in the diocese of Waikato.

**KATA COCKS**

The Cathedral family extends its sympathy to Leith Friend on the sudden death of her mother Kata Cocks last Sunday. The funeral was held in the Cathedral on Friday 15th May. May she rest in peace.

**MESSAGE FROM LYNN JAMIESON**

The great St Peters Bowling/Megazone championship is **today**. There will be a junior championship and a senior one on both events and an overall champion. Adults CAN play! We will meet there at 5 pm and start playing soon after that. Megazone is quicker than bowling so while one group Bowls the other will be blasting each other to bits! You should be free for pick up between 6:30 and 7 pm. Get your folks to come along at 6.30 pm to be on the safe side! Love, Lynn.

**CATHEDRAL WINTER CAMP TO MT RUAPEHU**

Queen's Birthday Weekend 29th May - 1st June. Information will be out shortly. Please see Warren 839-5311. Looks like heaps of snow.

**VESTRY MEMBERS**

The Parish Roll is available for Vestry members to collect and sign for in the Office. Please let the Administrator have last year's copies back for shredding.

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

*President:* God forgives us; be at peace.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for Christ is resurrection,  
reconciliation for all the human race.

**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 GLORIA** (*please stand*)

**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.**

*Matthias 4/4*

## THE COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

## THE READINGS

*Please sit.*

*The first part of Acts focuses on Peter. Through Cornelius Peter learns that the gospel includes everyone. The episode ends with the baptism of Cornelius and his household.*

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10.44–end)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. (NRSV)

Here what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 98



- 1 Sing to the Lord a ' new ' song:  
for the Lord has ' done ' marvel' lous ' things.
- 2 With your own right hand O Lord, and with your ' holy ' arm:  
you have ' gained • for your'self the ' victory.

## FINAL HYMN

1. Lord, thy Word abideth,  
and our footsteps guideth;  
who its truth believeth  
light and joy receiveth.
2. When our foes are near us,  
then thy Word doth cheer us,  
Word of consolation,  
message of salvation.
3. When the storms are o'er us,  
and dark clouds before us,  
then its light directeth,  
and our way protecteth.
4. Who can tell the pleasure,  
who recount the treasure,  
by thy Word imparted  
to the simple-hearted?
5. Word of mercy, giving  
succor to the living;  
word of life, supplying  
comfort to the dying!
6. O that we, discerning,  
its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear thee,  
evermore be near thee!

*Words: Henry Williams Baker, 1861*

## THE DISMISSAL OF THE COMMUNITY

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

*The 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.*

*As the voluntary is part of the act of worship, the organist does not consider applause to be appropriate.*

*Please join us for refreshments after the 8.00 am 9.45 am services.*

## THE INVITATION

*The president and people receive communion. We extend an invitation to all the baptized to come forward and receive this Holy Sacrament.*

*During the administration of Communion prayer ministry will be available in Saint Anne's Chapel.*

## ANTHEM

O Salutaris Hostia. *Elgar.*

O salutaris Hostia, quae coeli pandis ostium, bella premunt hostilia, da robur, fer auxilium. Uni trinoque Domino sit sempiterna gloria, qui vitam sine termino nobis donet in patria. Amen.

*O saving Victim, who opens to us the gate of heaven, our enemies press war upon us; give strength, bring help. To our Lord, the one in three, be everlasting glory, who gives us life without end in our own true homeland. Amen*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Amen.**

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 sacrifices of praise.

**Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.**

**Our hands were empty, and you filled them.**

## BLESSING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3 You have made ' known your ' victory:  
you have displayed your saving' power • to ' all the ' nations.
- 4 You have remembered your faithfulness, and your love  
for the ' house of ' Israel:  
and all the ends of the ' earth have ' seen your ' victory.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord ' all the ' earth:  
sing and rejoice ' with the ' sound of ' melody.
6. Sing to the Lord ' with the ' harp:  
with the harp ' and the ' voice of ' song.
7. With trumpets ' also • and ' horns:  
shout with joy be'fore the ' Lord our ' king.
- 8 Let the sea roar and ' all • that is ' in it:  
the world and ' those ' who in'habit it.
9. Let the rivers ' clap their ' hands:  
and let the hills rejoice to'gether • be'fore the ' Lord.
10. For you O Lord are coming to ' judge the ' earth:  
with righteousness you will judge the world,  
and the ' peoples ' with ' equity.

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.

*In the first letter of John, the author, writing at the end of the first century AD, stresses over and over again that God's love for us should lead to our love of one another in obedience to God's commandments.*

## A reading from the first letter of St John (5.1–6)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. (NRSV)  
Here what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun  
doth his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

*Words: Isaac Watts, 1719*

## THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia!** All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John (15.9–17)  
**Praise and glory to God.**

Jesus said, 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

*Gillard*

## 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.**

*Matthias*

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The president says the invitation to communion.*

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

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:

#### SANCTUS

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just,  
glory and goodness come from you.  
Glory to you most high and gracious God.**

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 Jesus 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.**

go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.' (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

**THE SERMON** (*please sit*)

#### THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

#### INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Let us pray for the Church and the world and be thankful for all God's goodness.

Help us, Lord:  
**to love one another.**

Merciful Father,

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

## THE PEACE (*please stand*)

The risen Lord came and stood among his disciples and said,  
“Peace be with you!” Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.  
The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Jesu, Thou Joy of loving hearts,  
Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts,  
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on Thee call;  
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,  
To them that find Thee all in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread,  
And long to feast upon Thee still;  
We drink of Thee, the Fountain-head,  
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,  
Wherever our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,  
Blessed when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesu, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed over the world Thy holy light.

*Tr. R. Palmer.*

## THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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.

**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.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The president says:*

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed.**

Lift your hearts to heaven  
**where Christ in glory reigns.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, 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. 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised Christ  
gloriously from the dead. He is the true Passover lamb who was offered  
for us, and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has  
destroyed death, by his rising to life again he has restored to us  
everlasting life.