

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.



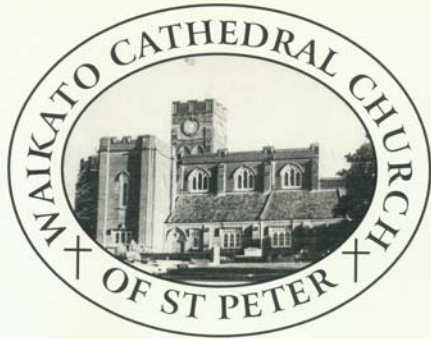
THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER

SUNDAY 24 MAY

8.00 am	Eucharist	President Preacher
9.45 am	Choral Eucharist	President Preacher
11.30 am	Informal Eucharist	President
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	Preacher

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

The Dean, Jan Joustra
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Dear friends,

First let me thank you all for the very positive response we had to last week's Stewardship Sunday. Many of you have already indicated your willingness to serve as Welcomers and Sidespeople and others have indicated to me that they will be increasing their giving. For those of you who were unable to attend last week Stewardship Booklets are available at the doors of the Cathedral and I ask any of you who have not received one to please pick a copy up as you leave today.

Available in the hall today for the first time is the final drawing approved by Vestry for the windows of the new porch. The drawing is still very much a work in progress but should be completed by the end of next week. Also available in the hall is an example of the glass work to help you see what the final windows will look like. If any of you would like to make donations towards the cost of the widow donations are now being received. Those who give over \$1,000 will each receive a small plaque, bearing the Cathedral crest, engraved in glass similar in style to the example in the hall. Donations need not be as large as \$1,000 any contribution will be gratefully received and appropriately acknowledged.

Blessings Jan

THIS WEEK			
MONDAY 25 MAY			
7.30 pm	LOFT		699 River Road
TUESDAY 26 MAY			
8.45 am	Morning Prayer		Saint Anne's Chapel
5.30 pm	Eucharist (<i>with laying on of hands and prayer for healing</i>)		
WEDNESDAY 27 MAY			
8.45 am	Morning Prayer		Saint Anne's Chapel
10.00 am	Eucharist		
10.00 am	Music and Movement (<i>during term time</i>)		Cathedral Centre
7.00 pm	Bell Ringing Practice		Tower
THURSDAY 28 MAY			
ASCENSION DAY			
8.45 am	Morning Prayer		Saint Anne's Chapel
12.10 pm	Reflective Eucharist		
6.30 pm	Sung Eucharist		
FRIDAY 29 MAY			
8.45 am	Morning Prayer		Saint Anne's Chapel
SUNDAY 31 MAY			
THE DAY OF PENTECOST			
8.00 am	Eucharist	President Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson
9.45 am	Choral Eucharist	President Preacher	The Dean, Jan Joustra The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson
11.30 am	Informal Eucharist	President	The Rev'd Bryan Smith

MEN'S SHELTER DINNER ROSTER
6th June. Brian Gabbitas and Jan Joustra

Roster for Sunday 24 May	
8.00 am	
Liturgist	Pam McAdam
Welcoming	Pat Dallinger Andrea Haines
Readers	Russell McQuoid Rosemary Blackwell
Prayer Ministry	Rosemary Blackwell
9.45 am	
Liturgist	Ann Couch
Welcoming	John Mitchell Kerry Burroughs
Sidespeople	Bruce Ram David Bailey
Morning Tea	Hala Rohorua Tilly Campbell
Readers	Wilma Jennings Bruce Ram
Gospel	Phil Wilson
Intercessor	Anne McAloon
Chalice	Ann Couch Jocelyn Fish Bruce Ram Jean Robertson Jean Redout
Prayer Ministry	Petra McQuoid Alan Parkin

Roster for Sunday 31 May	
8.00 am	
Liturgist	Wendy Tyrrell
Welcoming	To be arranged To be arranged
Readers	Margaret James Andrea Haines
Prayer Ministry	Andrea Haines
9.45 am	
Liturgist	Bryan Bang
Welcoming	Pat Boshier Bev Yendell
Sidespeople	Mary Dougan Brigit Brant
Morning Tea	Shirley Muir Anne Burroughs
Readers	Jackie Crush Sue MacLean
Gospel	Phil Wilson
Intercessor	Alan Parkin
Chalice	Bryan Bang Elizabeth Bang Shirley Wilson Kim Ayers Lin Toki
Prayer Ministry	Jean Robertson Ann Couch

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 31 MAY
Acts 2: 1-21; Romans 8: 22-27; John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

INTRODUCTION

We gather today to celebrate God's faithfulness to us in that after his Ascension into heaven he did not leave us comfortless, but gave us the promised Holy Spirit to be with us for ever. So in the power of that same Spirit we come now to worship God who is our hope, our wealth and our everlasting theme.

OPENING HYMN

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| <p>1. The head that once was crowned
with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.</p> <p>2. The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light;</p> <p>3. The joy all of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his Name to know.</p> | <p>4. To them the cross with all
its shame,
with all its grace is given;
their name, an everlasting name;
their joy, the joy of heaven.</p> <p>5. They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.</p> <p>6. The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.</p> |
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Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855), 1820

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS (during term time)

INTROIT

Coelos ascendit Stanford

Coelos ascendit hodie Jesus Christus, rex gloriae. Alleluia. Sedet ad Patris dexteram. Gubernat coelum et terram. Iam finem habent omnia patris Davidis carmina. Nam Dominus cum Domino sedet in Dei solio in hoc triumpho maximo. Benedicamus Domino, laudatur Santa Trinitas, Deo dicamus gratias, Amen.

Today Jesus Christ, the King of glory, has ascended into the heavens, Alleluia! He sits at the Father's right hand, ruling heaven and earth, Alleluia! Now are David's songs fulfilled, now is the Lord with his Lord, Alleluia! He sits upon the royal throne of God, in this his greatest triumph, Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord: let the Holy Trinity be praised, let us give thanks to the Lord, Alleluia! Amen.

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 calls 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.**

**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.**

INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN ART HISTORY

Centre for Continuing Education

Waikato Pathways College

Frequently asked questions are:
How can I tell the age of a building by prominent stylistic elements?

How come medieval cities spent 60% of their Gross Domestic Product on building a cathedral?

Why are there so many Baroque buildings in Italy and Southern Germany but so few in North Western Europe?

Focusing on some highlights of European architecture and painting from Ancient Greek to Postmodernism, find out more about styles, techniques and the historical and social context of European art.

The paper should be beneficial to anyone interested in the arts, history, community architecture, and also to travellers.



PRESENTER: Norman Franke
DATES: Wednesdays, 20 & 27 May, 9 June
TIME: 7.00pm-9.00pm
VENUE: Centre for Continuing Education, RS5, Ruakura
Satellite Campus, 21 Ruakura Rd, Hamilton
FEE: \$30.00
COURSE No: CEAL337C

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REMINDER—VISION AND STRATEGY CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Your comments and responses to the Consultation Document are vital for its review and reconsideration planned for July 2009. Responses may be as short or as long and as formal or informal as you wish.

Please send them to St Peter's Vestry, PO Box 338, Hamilton 3240, or email to admin@stpeter.org.nz or deliver to The Cathedral Office. Thank you.

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.

FRIDAY STAFF MEETING

The Dean has started a regular staff meeting on Fridays from 9-10 am. The Administrator is involved in this meeting so please be advised that the Cathedral office phone will not be answered during this time.

ROSTERS

Thank you to all those who have volunteered for duties on the various rosters. The Administrator will be sending out the rosters for July-Sept next month.

SOCIAL CLUB

The next meeting will be on 12 June at 2.00 pm in the Cathedral Centre and Evelyn Gabbittas will be speaking on the subject "Six Cathedrals".

There will be a sales table as usual.



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.**

Vivaldi

THE COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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.

One of the first acts of the early church, according to Luke, was to elect Matthias to take the place of Judas as one of the twelve who would be witnesses to the resurrection.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1.15–17, 21–end)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us

and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles. (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1



- 1 Blessed are those who do not follow the ' counsel • of the ' wicked:
or linger in the way of sinners, or sit down a'mong ' those who ' mock.
2. But their delight is in the ' law • of the ' Lord:
and on that law they ' medi-tate ' day and ' night.
- 3 They are like trees planted be'side a ' watercourse:
which yield their ' fruit in ' due ' season.
- 4 Their leaves also ' do not ' wither:
and look, what'ever • they ' do•it shall ' prosper.
- 5 As for the wicked, it is not ' so with ' them:
but they are like the chaff, which is ' driven • a'way • by the ' wind.
- 6 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand when ' judgment ' comes:
nor sinners in the as'sembly ' of the ' righteous.
- 7† For the Lord watches over the ' way • of the ' righteous:
but the ' way • of the ' wicked • is ' doomed.

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED

- For those in need:** Nicholas, Len, Lesley, Matthew, Maurice, Pearl, David, Bill, Bernard, Win, Murray, Elvin, Chris, Heather, Elaine.
- Birthdays:** Rod Greig 24; Geoff Hyde 24; Jim Stirling 25; Ben Kapoor 25; Tia Neha-Toki 25; Keith Friend 26; Libby Fischer 27; Richard Francombe 28; Lorna Nicholson 28; Remani Dilip 28; Barry Barton 29; Sheridan Till 29.
- Wedding Anniversaries:** John and Jill McCandlish 28.
- In Memoriam:** Margorie Graham 24; Norman King 25; Huntly Elliott 27; Kathleen Hoyes 28.
- In the Anglican Communion and Diocese of Waikato:** St John's Sibu in the diocese of Kuching. Association of Anglican Women. All the assistants to the Bishops in the diocese of Waikato.

DAVID THOMPSON—INTERMENT OF ASHES

A brief service will be held at 12:00 noon on Sunday 31st May to inter the ashes of David Thompson at the memorial wall in the Cathedral gardens and to place a plaque on the wall in memory of David. The service will be led by The Very Rev'd Keith Lightfoot Dean Emeritus of the Cathedral. Dorne and her family extend an invitation to any members of the Cathedral family who would like to attend this service.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, Shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your Word
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain

Graham Kendrick

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 and 9.45 am services.

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 author of the early Christian treatise we know as the first letter of John emphasises that God's love for us is the foundation of our love for each other, and that we have valid testimony of this through Jesus.

A reading from the first letter of St John (5.9–13)

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

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| 1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do. | 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine. |
| 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure. | 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die;
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity. |

Words: Edwin Hatch, 1878

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia!** 'I will not leave you comfortless', says the Lord. 'I will come back to you and your hearts will rejoice'. **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John (17.6–19)

Praise and glory to God.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they

have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.' (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.**

THE INVITATION

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

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

ANTHEM

I will not leave you comfortless. *Titcomb.*

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.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL HYMN

Lord the light of your Love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus, Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me. Shine on me.

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.**

Rimsky-Korsakov

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.**

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GIVING OF COMMUNION

The president says the invitation to communion.

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

**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.

Lord we wait in hope;
fill us, Holy Spirit of God.

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

1. Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore. *Refrain*

2. Jesus, the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love:
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above. *Refrain*

3. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given. *Refrain*

4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet: *Refrain*

Refrain:

Lift up your heart!
lift up your voice!
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), 1746

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.

And now we give you thanks because, after his glorious resurrection, he appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with his in glory.

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.**