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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.



*John the Baptist*

## THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER

### SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER

8.00 am	<b>Eucharist</b>	President Preacher
9.45 am	<b>Choral Eucharist</b>	President Preacher
11.30 am	<b>Informal Eucharist</b>	President

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Rev'd Canon Pine Campbell The Dean, Jan Joustra
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The Rev'd Bryan Smith



Dear Friends,

Over the past year a very dedicated group of stitchers have been tirelessly working on the new kneelers for the Cathedral. Below are some photographs of work in progress. The kneelers will be completed and blessed at our next patronal festival, 27 June.

Blessings, Jan.



## THIS WEEK

### MONDAY 7 DECEMBER

7.30 pm LOFT 699 River Road

### TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER

8.45 am Morning Prayer Saint Anne's Chapel

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

### WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER

8.45 am Morning Prayer Saint Anne's Chapel

10.00 am Eucharist

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

12 noon Retired Clergy Eucharist

5.30 pm Cathedral Singers Rehearsal

7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice Tower

### THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER

8.45 am Morning Prayer Saint Anne's Chapel

12.10 pm Reflective Eucharist

7.30 pm Choir Practice

### FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

8.45 am Morning Prayer Saint Anne's Chapel

### SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER

7.30 pm Hamilton Brass Band Concert

### SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8.00 am **Eucharist** President The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson  
Preacher The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson

9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** President The Dean, Jan Joustra  
Preacher Sunday School

11.30 am **Informal Eucharist** President The Rev'd Canon Pine Campbell

Roster for Sunday 6 December	
<b>8.00 am</b>	
Liturgist	Nigel Kapoor
Welcoming	Peta Pepperell Brice Pepperell
Readers	Russell McQuoid Rosemary Blackwell
Prayer Ministry	Rosemary Blackwell
<b>09.45 am</b>	
Liturgist	Anne McAloon
Welcoming	Glenda King Ernie Stewart
Sidespeople	Alan Simpson Victoria Mann
Morning Tea	Debbie McDonnell Alex Fahey
Readers	Wilma Jennings Bruce Ram
Gospel	The Dean
Intercessor	Bryan Bang
Chalice	Anne McAloon Pam McAdam Jocelyn Fish Bruce Ram Bryan Bang Elizabeth Bang
Prayer Ministry	Sheila Smith Jean Robertson

Roster for Sunday 13 December	
<b>8.00 am</b>	
Liturgist	Wendy Tyrrell
Welcoming	Joy McRobie Ross McRobie
Readers	Joy McRobie Ross McRobie
Prayer Ministry	Andrea Haines
<b>09.45 am</b>	
Liturgist	Lyn Toki
Welcoming	Jean Redout Bruce Ram
Sidespeople	Nigel Sherwen Sandie Sherwen
Morning Tea	Kim Ayers Ken Ayers
Readers	Nativity Play
Gospel	
Intercessor	Rosemary Blackwell
Chalice	Lyn Toki Annika Hinze Andrew McKean J Mupandawana Nigel Kapoor Glenda King
Prayer Ministry	Ann Couch Rosemary Blackwell

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER**  
Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18.

**MEN'S SHELTER DINNER ROSTER**  
5th December. Nigel and Dilip.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*The Eucharistic Liturgy "Thanksgiving of the People of God" may be found in the New Zealand Prayer Book on page 404.*

### INTRODUCTION

My sisters and brothers, we gather on this second Sunday of Advent to hear the call of John the Baptist to repentance. We pray that during this service we may begin to renew our lives and prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah.

### OPENING HYMN      THE ADVENT FLAME

(Number 12 in the red Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Hymn Book)

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Dean:*

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 second 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 second candle?

*A parent replies:*

We light the Second candle to remind us of the great promise made by God and told to us by the prophets.

*Liturgist:*

"A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of its roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." *(Isaiah 11:1-2)*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Dean:*

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

*Rorate Coeli.* Handl (Gallus).

*President:*

I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu.

**Amine.**

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

The Lord be with you

**The Lord bless you.**

Grace and peace to you from God.

**God fill you with truth and joy.**

#### THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Liturgist:*

**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.**

#### THE KYRIES

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Rutter*

#### CHRISTINGLE MAKING

Great holiday activity for the kids. Please come and help make the Christingles at 10 am on Wednesday 23rd December in the kitchen at the Cathedral Centre.

#### FOYER FILE ON CHURCH AFFAIRS

Two documents have been added to this file for those who have not picked them up on the internet; the first the Archbishop of Canterbury's address at a Willebrands Symposium in Rome and an article by Bishop Richard Randerson on the Covenant for the Anglican Communion for which the approval of the New Zealand Province of the Church is sought.

Rowan Williams puts to the Vatican the argument that given the breadth of agreement about the faith shared by the Anglican and Roman churches, the areas of our disagreements should not stand in the way of opening communion between our two congregations. He spells out his hopes for a covenant as a way forward.

Richard Randerson's paper opposes clause 4 of the proposed covenant, which establishes criteria for judging congregations and excluding them from communion if they refuse to toe the line. He sees this judgmental process as alien to Anglican ways

Fred Marshall

**ERNIE AND GLENDA** wish to extend an invitation to their friends at church to attend their wedding on Saturday 23rd January 2010 at



2pm followed by light refreshments and later a wedding dance at 8 pm. If you are interested please let Ernie and Glenda know so they have an idea of numbers. Telephone 852 5448.

#### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes will begin early next year and the Confirmations will take place on the Feast of Pentecost, 23 May 2010. Enrolment forms are available from the Cathedral Office.

#### CHURCH ALIVE MAGAZINE

The new edition of *Church Alive* is available at the back of the Cathedral. Please take a copies for your friends and those who may not otherwise receive one.

**ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE**  
 Christmas Cards, Christmas Music, Gifts and Nativity Sets

<b>SPECIAL ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES</b>		
13 December	9.45 am	Sunday School Christmas Service
20 December	7.00 pm	Lessons and Carols
24 December	2.00 pm	Blue Christmas Service
	5.30 pm	Christingle (for the kids)
	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass (with incense)
25 December	8.00 am	Eucharist (with Carols)
	9.45 am	Choral Eucharist

**OPUS ORCHESTRA**  
**Handel's Messiah**  
**GALLAGHER**  
**Hamilton Civic Choir**  
 PETER WALLS - conductor  
 ANNA LEESE - soprano  
 KATE SPENCE - mezzo soprano  
 PATRICK POWER - tenor  
 KIERAN RAYNER - baritone  
**DEC SAT 12**  
 Founders Theatre 7.30pm  
 Ticket Direct 0800 224 224  
 www.ticketdirect.co.nz

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

*(please kneel or sit)*

*Liturgist*

Jesus said: There is joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.  
 Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

**Merciful God,  
 we have sinned in what we have thought and said,  
 in the wrong we have done  
 and in the good we have not done.  
 We have sinned in ignorance:  
 we have sinned in weakness:  
 we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.  
 We are truly sorry.  
 We repent and turn to you.  
 Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,  
 and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*President:*

Through the cross of Christ,  
 God have mercy on you,  
 pardon you and set you free.  
 Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
 God strengthen you in all goodness  
 and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

**THE COLLECT**

**Almighty God, you sent your Son into the world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE READINGS

*Please sit.*

*Malachi lived in the 5th century BC when Judaism was being restored after the exile. He has an exalted view of the responsibilities of the priests and is devoted to the temple and the purity of its worship.*

### **A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.** (3:1-4)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi 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 former years. (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF ZECHARIAH



- 1 Blessed are you O 'Lord our' God:  
you have come to your ' people • and set them' free.
- 2 You have raised up for us a ' mighty' Saviour:  
born of the ' house • of your' servant' David.
- 3 Through your holy prophets you ' promised • of' old:  
that you would save us from our enemies, from the ' hands of' all who  
hate us.
- 4 You promised to show ' mercy • to our ' forbears:  
and to re'member • your ' holy' covenant.
- 5 This was the oath you swore to our ' father ' Abraham:  
to set us' free • from the' hands of • our ' enemies,
- 6 free to worship you with'out' fear:  
holy and righteous in your sight' all the' days of • our' life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the ' Most' High:

## ARCHDEACON REG SHARES SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT HOPE

The former Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, was visited one day by one of his clergy. The man had been rather upset. In his parish there had been a number of deaths, one after another, and this had really got through to him. Then came another blow, the terminal illness of one of his closest parishioners and friends.

The man remarked: “You know what it is like, Bishop, you begin to wonder where God is in all this!” He went to a local hospice, to see a lady who was dying of cancer. His gloom must have communicated itself to the woman, because she looked up at him and beamed and said: “Don’t look so miserable, Vicar, I’m only dying!” The Vicar said her words put everything in a Christian perspective. All is well if we have the Christian hope.

The theme of hope runs through the season of Advent. It is the history of God working in your story and mine. It is our history. God is always telling us to have hope. The whole story of the Old Testament is that even in exile and defeat, the faithful of Israel were always a people of hope.

A Christian should be a realist but never a pessimist! Hope is something that even in despair and trouble is prepared to look at other possibilities. Christian hope says there is a way out and there is a destiny to our daily existence.

In the darkest days of World War II, just after France had capitulated, Mr Churchill (as he then was) outlined the situation to his cabinet. Quite literally, Britain stood alone in Europe. There was a silence when Churchill finished speaking. On the faces of some of the cabinet ministers there was a look of despair and there were some who would have given up the struggle.

Mr Churchill was silent for a moment. Then he looked around that dispirited group of people, and said: “Gentlemen, I find it rather inspiring.”

There is something in Christian hope that nothing can kill, and that something is the conviction that God is still alive. **Reg Nicholson**

## HAMILTON DEAF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

We invite you to come and join our Christmas Theme with us! There will be a Christmas theme/Bible study on Friday 18th December at 7.30pm.

Place: St Columba Catholic Study Room, 50 Rifle Range Road, Frankton.

There will be no Christmas service on 13th December

Any enquires, please contact Jean Masters – co ordinator of Hamilton Deaf Fellowship at 07 847 2998 (ph/Fax), email: [crosslight@xtra.co.nz](mailto:crosslight@xtra.co.nz) (subject heading: for Jean Masters in email) Or [jemphotos@woosh.co.nz](mailto:jemphotos@woosh.co.nz) TEXT: work 021 243 8320

### THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED

<b>For those in need:</b>	Helen, Soumaya, Matthew, Alan, Nancy, Athol, Richard, Helen, David, Chris, Elaine, Diana, Carrie, Freda, Bob, Nicholas, Lesley, Matthew, Maurice, Pearl.
<b>Birthdays:</b>	Vickie Wild 6; Warren Turnwald 7.
<b>Wedding</b>	Trevor and Janie Gibbs 7; Bryan and Elizabeth Bang 10.
<b>Anniversaries:</b>	
<b>In Memoriam:</b>	Kenneth Marsh 6; Margaret Leigh 7; Shura Jones 8; Doug Joyce 8; Arthur Bainbridge 9; James Greig 9; Denis Rogers 11; John Franklin 11; Ack Malcolm 12.
<b>In the Anglican Communion and Diocese of Waikato:</b>	St Faith's Church in the Diocese of Kuching, and the parishes of Hamilton East, Hawera and Hillcrest in the Diocese of Waikato.

### ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH, NEW PLYMOUTH

A service marking the official recognition of the identity and role of **St Mary's Cathedral Church** to **Cathedral status** is to be held on **6<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 10am** (*please note the change in time*). **The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr John Sentamu, The Archbishop of York** has graciously accepted an invitation to Aotearoa New Zealand and will be the preacher on this occasion. Bishop **Sir Paul Reeves** will preside. This will be an exciting time in the life of this Diocese and of this Church as an Archbishop of York has never visited us in this way before. This is also the first time since 1926 that an Anglican Cathedral has been dedicated.

There will be widespread diocesan, community and ecumenical interest in attending this service. As such, we want to be sure that people from our own parishes and ministry units have a chance to attend. Please let the Administrator know if you are interested in attending by **Thursday 10 December 2009**. If the interest is very great there may have to be a ballot for tickets.

### THURSDAY STUDY GROUP

The Thursday study group that meets after the Reflective Eucharist on Thursdays is having an Advent-themed study until Christmas. All are welcome.

### CHRISTMAS CAKES

Christmas cakes will be on sale after the 9.45 am services on Sundays in Advent. If you have special requests (e.g. no mixed peel) please speak with the Dean or Rosemary Blackwell.

- for you will go before the ' Lord • to pre'pare the ' way,  
8 to give God's people knowledge ' of sal'vation:  
through the for'giveness' of their' sins.  
9 In the tender compassion' of our' God:  
the dawn from on' high shall' break up'on us,  
10 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the' shadow • of' death:  
and to guide our feet' into • the ' way of ' peace.

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.

*Paul wrote from prison to the church in Philippi to thank them for the gift they had sent him. The letter is one of the warmest from Paul, and expresses his joy in Christ.*

### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians. (1:3-11)

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God (NRSV)  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN**

**THE LORD WILL COME AND NOT BE SLOW**

(**Number 7** in the red Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Hymn Book)

### THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia!** Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke (3:1-6)

**Praise and glory to God.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

**THE SERMON**

*(please sit)*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*(Please stand)*

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

**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;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became fully human.  
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;**

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

**ANTHEM**

*How lovely are the messengers. Mendelssohn.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

**BLESSING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE DISMISSAL OF THE COMMUNITY**

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

**FINAL HYMN O COME , O COME EMMANUEL!**

**(Number 1 in the red Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Hymn Book)**

*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.*

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

## 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

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

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

## 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.

## THE INVITATION

*God invites everyone to gather around his table. We extend an invitation to all  
to come forward and receive this Holy Sacrament.*

**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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
Who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
and has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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

Holy God:  
**we want to know you better.**

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

## THE PEACE (*please stand*)

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou./The peace of Christ be  
always with you.

**A ki a koe ano hoki./And also with you.**  
*Please respond in either language.*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## OFFERTORY HYMN      LONG AGO PROPHETS KNEW

(**Number 2** in the red Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Hymn Book)

## 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:*

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 right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature.

By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

In his coming among us the day of our deliverance has dawned, and through him

you will make all things new when he comes in power and majesty to judge the world.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing

**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.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given 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; when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said: 'Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me'.

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

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Jesus Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and forever. Amen.**