

## 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.*

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

## ANTHEM

Noel Nouvelet.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the 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

## FINAL HYMN

**22—Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

## 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 Holy Family*

# THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER

## FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER

8.00 am **Eucharist**

President  
Preacher

The Rev'd Canon Jennifer Stuart  
The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson

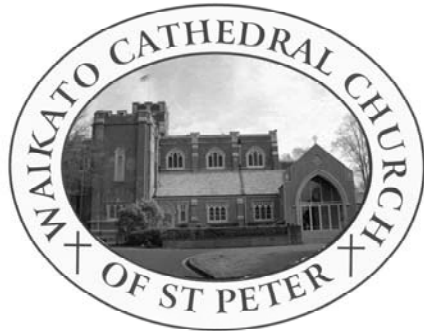
9.45 am **Choral Eucharist**

President  
Preacher

The Dean, Jan Joustra  
The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson

## CHRISTMAS DAY

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Dear Friends,

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

A happy and blessed Christmas to you all.

Services will continue as normal during January.  
(There will be no Thursday Eucharist on 31 Dec)

Jan Joustra,  
Dean of Waikato.

### CATHEDRAL SUMMER CAMP 2010 – WAIHI

The dates of our booking are from the 2<sup>nd</sup> January to the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010. The camp is free however from the 1<sup>st</sup> if you want to go earlier. More information will be out shortly but register your interest with Warren or Kerry.

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.**

### 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

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*

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 life-giving Spirit.

In him the light which shines for all has come into the world, and he has become one with us that we may become one with you

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

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

## **INTRODUCTION**

My friends, we gather today to celebrate the love of God for humanity manifested in the birth of the long-awaited Saviour of the world. We come to worship and pray as a people who once walked in darkness and who this day receive Christ as our light. In the silence of this service we pray that we will be made aware of the miracle of God's love for us and help us realize that our response to him is found in our sincere love and service of each other.

## **OPENING HYMN**

### **27—O Come, All Ye Faithful**

## **INTROIT**

In Dulci Jubilo.

*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.**

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

*Liturgist:*

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: ‘You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

*cf Matthew 1.21*

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

*Silence is kept*

Lord of grace and truth,  
we confess our unworthiness  
to stand in your presence as your children.

We have sinned:

*All*     **forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.  
Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:

*All*     **forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger.  
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

We have sinned:

*All*     **forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.  
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.

We have sinned:

*All*     **forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King.  
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.

We have sinned:

*All*     **forgive and heal us.**

*The president says the absolution*

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*     **Amen.**

**THE PEACE** (*please stand*)

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace

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**

**31—Once in Royal David’s City**

**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,

**THE SERMON**

*(please sit)*

**THE CREED**

*(Please stand)*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

*All* **We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,  
the only Son from before time began;  
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;

*All* **fully God and fully human;  
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,  
as human he is less than the Father.

*All* **Although he is both divine and human  
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,  
but by taking humanity into God;

*All* **truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,  
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being  
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

*All* **The Word became flesh and lived among us;  
we have seen his glory,  
the glory of the only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.**

*from the Athanasian Creed*

**INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING**

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

Emmanuel, God with us:  
**we welcome you!**

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

**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**

**Almighty God, who gave your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary: grant that we being born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, ever one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE READINGS**

*Please sit.*

*About 540 BC, the Persians conquered Babylon, and the Jewish exiles were free to go home. The prophet who added to the 8th century book of Isaiah cannot contain his delight at the prospect.*

**A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. (52:7-10)**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth

together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 96

1. Sing to the Lord a new song; ♦  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
2. Sing to the Lord and bless his name; ♦  
tell out his salvation from day to day.
3. Declare his glory among the nations ♦  
and his wonders among all peoples.
4. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; ♦  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
5. For all the gods of the nations are but idols; ♦  
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
6. Honour and majesty are before him; ♦  
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.
7. Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ♦  
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
8. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ♦  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
9. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; ♦  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
10. Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king. ♦  
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.
11. Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; ♦  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
12. Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them; ♦  
let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.
13. For he comes, he comes to judge the earth; ♦  
with righteousness he will judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

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

*The anonymous treatise we know as the Letter to the Hebrews argues strongly for the superiority of Christ over all that had preceded in Israel. It was written as a letter of encouragement.*

### A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (1: 1-4)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. (NRSV)

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### GRADUAL HYMN

#### 16—Away in a Manager

### THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia!** A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John (1:1-14)

**Praise and glory to God.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**