

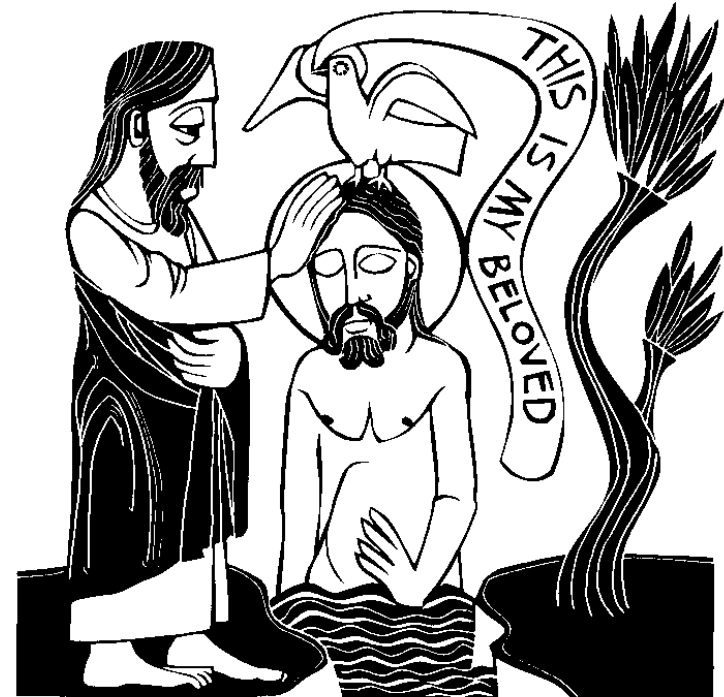
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YOUNG CHILDREN ACTIVITY BAGS

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 Baptism of Christ

THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER

SUNDAY 10 JANUARY

8.00 am	Eucharist	President Preacher
9.45 am	Choral Eucharist	President Preacher
11.30 am	Informal Eucharist	President

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson
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THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

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

INTRODUCTION

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Luke 3:22

OPENING HYMN

<p>1</p> <p>On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.</p> <p>2</p> <p>Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within, prepare we in our hearts a home where such a mighty Guest may come.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.</p> <p>4</p> <p>To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.</p>
<p>5</p> <p>All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free; whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost for evermore.</p>	

*Words: Charles Coffin, 1736;
trans. John Chandler, 1837*

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.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 12 JANUARY

8.45 am Morning Prayer Saint Anne's Chapel

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

WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY

8.45 am Morning Prayer Saint Anne's Chapel

10.00 am Eucharist

THURSDAY 14 JANUARY

8.45 am Morning Prayer Saint Anne's Chapel

12.10 pm Reflective Eucharist

FRIDAY 15 JANUARY

8.45 am Morning Prayer Saint Anne's Chapel

SUNDAY 17 JANUARY

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

9.45 am **Choral Eucharist** President The Rev'd Bryan Smith
Preacher The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson

11.30 am **Informal Eucharist** President The Rev'd Canon Jennifer Stuart

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED

For those in need: Sarah, Shane, Jim & Joan, Joy, Michael, Helen, Soumaya, Matthew, Alan, Nancy, Athol, Richard, Helen, David, Chris, Elaine, Diana, Carrie, Freda, Bob, Nicholas, Lesley, Matthew, Maurice, Pearl.

Birthdays: Alice Buckle 10; Debra Stan-Barton 10; Nialls Turnwald 10; Ursula Bisley 11; Pat Dallinger 11; Jean Wilson 14; Andy Bryant 15; David Lord Cowell 16.

Wedding Brice and Peta Pepperell 14.

Anniversaries:

In Memoriam: Margery Hopegood 10; Mercia Barnes 11; John Robcke 11; John Blaikie 12; Roger Whyte 13; Hazel Lewis 13; Phyllis Dollan 13; Angus Murray 15; Sharon Berkahn 15.

In the Anglican Communion and Diocese of Waikato: The Good Shepherd Lutong in the Diocese of Kuching, and the parishes of Okato, Orakau and Otorohanga in the Diocese of Waikato.

Roster for Sunday 10 January	
8.00 am	
Liturgist	Pam McAdam
Welcoming	Joy McRobie
	Ross McRobie
Readers	
	Bruce Binnie
Prayer Ministry	
09.45 am	
Liturgist	J. Mupandawana
Welcoming	Joan Nicholson
	Chris Hickey
Sidespeople	Mary Dougan
	Jean Redout
Morning Tea	Shirley Muir
	Ann Burroughs
Readers	David McAdam
	Marcia Johnson
Gospel	Clergy
Intercessor	Anne McAloon
Chalice	J. Mupandawana
	Alison Binnie
	Bruce Binnie
	Sheila Smith
	Nigel Kapoor
Prayer Ministry	

Roster for Sunday 17 January	
8.00 am	
Liturgist	Wendy Tyrrell
Welcoming	Margaret James
	Andrea Haines
Readers	Ross McRobie
	Joy McRobie
Prayer Ministry	
09.45 am	
Liturgist	Anne McAloon
Welcoming	Heather Bailey
	Jennifer Peart
Sidespeople	David Bailey
	Alan Peart
Morning Tea	Joan Nicholson
	Chris Hickey
Readers	David Bailey
	Jocelyn Fish
Gospel	Clergy
Intercessor	Alan Parkin
Chalice	Anne McAloon
	Bryan Bang
	Elizabeth Bang
	Sue MacLean
	Pam McAdam
Prayer Ministry	

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 17 JANUARY
Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE
The Cathedral Bookstore will re-open Monday 18 January, 2010.

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 GLORIA

(please stand)

ARCHDEACON REG THINKS ABOUT THE TWELVE DAYS

Last Tuesday was the last day of Christmas. As we know, Christmas lasts for 12 days, and we are reminded of this every year when the old carol called ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas’ is sung.

About ten years ago an American man made up a commentary on this carol, claiming it had been created as a coded reference to the articles of the Christian faith.

You may have seen the piece he wrote. It appears in emails every year. At first glance it seems plausible. But although many people have been taken-in by it, it is quite untrue.

He began it by saying that Catholics in England during the period 1558 to 1829 were prohibited from any practice of their faith, private or public, and this is erroneous — for as we know, some prominent people (even including members of the royal family) were Roman Catholics.

The writer then listed articles of the Christian faith which he said had to be taught secretly, lest people get punished for knowing about them. The strange thing is that all the things he listed, such as the Bible, the four evangelists, the gifts of the Holy Spirit — were currently being taught by Anglicans, Methodists, and Prebyterians, etc — in other words, by all Christians.

There was absolutely no reason for any Catholic to hide his knowledge of these basic Christian beliefs, because they were common to all Christian denominations. What the writer is really suggesting is that only the Roman Catholic Church was teaching the true faith.

Thankfully, some of the collections of “myths” on the Internet, like the collection known as snopes.com, correctly describe the man’s explanation of the carol as being quite untrue.

But once a myth is created it is almost impossible to correct, and because not everybody is fully aware of English history, many fall into the trap of repeating the man’s story year by year.

What is the betting that someone will send the man’s claims to you next December? Ah, well. At least you will know now to be aware of them.

Reg Nicholson

CATHEDRAL CENTRE

New carpet is being laid throughout the centre this coming week. Please bear with the inevitable disruption this will cause.

GIVING ENVELOPES

Those who make their offering through the Giving Envelopes will find that the Jan-July 2010 ones are available at the back of the Cathedral.

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Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

4

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart:
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish, c. 8th century
Tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
Versified, Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

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.

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.



34 *mp*
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

38 *un poco rall.* *a tempo*
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the

43 *un poco rall.*
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

47 **Tempo I** *mf* *un poco rall.* *a tempo*
You a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

53
you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,

59 *f*
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry, the

54 *mf*
glo - ry, the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men,

59 *f cresc.* **Largo** *ff cresc.*
a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

THE COLLECT

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptised in his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE READINGS

Please sit.

After the end of the exile in Babylon in 537 BC, an anonymous prophet added to the 8th century book of Isaiah words of hope and joy at the prospect of returning to Jerusalem.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah (43:1-7)

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made. (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; 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

May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts on you who have come to the waters of new birth, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon and remain with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL HYMN

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

2

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

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.**

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



Larghetto (♩ = 66) *un poco rall.* *p* Je - sus, Lamb of God, Je - sus, Lamb of God, you
p semplice e calmo

7 *mp* take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God, Je - sus, Lamb of God, you

12 *mf* take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God, Je - sus, Lamb of God, you

17 *rall.* *p dim.* take a - way the sins of the world; grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The president says the invitation to communion.

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

PSALM 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
- 10 **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.**
- 11 May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

**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.**

Luke organises the book of Acts to show the expansion of the church, beginning from Jerusalem. Chapter 8 of Acts tells of the spread of the church to Samaria.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8: 14-17)

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

God, be with us throughout the coming year,
your presence guiding as we chart our course;
our hope replenished, resolutions made
to live our lives, Christ's teaching to endorse;
and now, with Christmas celebrations past
the joy remains, faith's flame renewed will last.

2

We give you thanks for gifts we have received:
for gold of friendship, an unbroken chain
which links us with our loved ones through the years;
for myrrh of memory, healing grief and pain;
for frankincense of beauty, laughter shared,
and knowing you have loved, sustained and cared.

3

Just as the Wise Men having seen, returned,
their task accomplished, prophecy fulfilled,
may we take up our tasks, empowered by you,
your star to guide, its light in us instilled,
with knowledge that you journey at our side;
that faith, hope, love forever will abide.

4

Faced with the challenges this New Year brings,
we need your wisdom, patience, courage, strength:
the hope that warring factions will seek peace,
pursue Christ's way, his kingdom come at length.
Help us to strive for justice, equity;
inspire with vision all humanity.

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THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia!** John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke
(3:15-17, 21-22)

Praise and glory to God

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of

41 *f* *dim.* *rall.* *mp* Bles-sed is he, bles-sed is he, bles-sed is he who
28 *cresc.* *f* comes in the name, he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na, ho-
34 *rit. al fine* *cresc.* *ff* san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

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.**

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 life-giving Spirit.

And now we give you thanks because you celebrated your new gift of baptism by signs and wonders at the Jordan. your voice was heard from heaven to awaken faith in the presence among us of your Word made flesh.

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

Moderato (♩ = c. 56)

mf *dim.* *rall.* *mp* *allegro* *cresc.* *f*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
8 God of might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est; ho - san - na, ho -
14 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est; ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

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.**

INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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

Come, Holy Spirit:
fill our lives.

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

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes, with succour speedy,
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him, on the mountains,
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
his changeless Name of love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

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.