



Waiapu Cathedral of St John the Evangelist

ORDER OF SERVICE - 20TH DECEMBER 2020 – 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

This morning's service is based on the Eucharistic Liturgy '**Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption**' commencing on **page 456** in the **New Zealand Prayer Book**. Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

The Season of Advent (the 4 Sundays before Christmas) is a time of preparation, prayer and fasting. We can choose the discipline of preparation in prayer before worship begins and leave chatter till morning tea time. Advent is a wilderness time, dominated by the figure of John, who announced the coming of the Messiah, and who called upon God's people to repent of their sins. We omit the Gloria, (the song of the Angels) until Christmastide.

8.00am Eucharists will recommence on 7 February 2021

10.00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

Presider/ Preacher: The Rt. Rev'd Andrew Hedge , Bishop of Waiapu

Liturgist: Jennifer Harris

Director of Music: Anthony Tattersall with the Waiapu Cathedral Choir

Ormond Chapel

Christmas Day Eucharist at 9.00am

No Service in January / February

*Please ensure all cellphones are switched **OFF** or silent when in the Cathedral; and, if necessary, adjust hearing aids to the "Loop" system.*

IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE: Our Diocese has directed parishes to **refrain** from the practice of intinction (**dipping the wafer into the wine**). For health reason please co-operate with this requirement. Receiving the bread only is still regarded as a full expression of the sacrament, or you can simply hold or receive the chalice and then pass it back to the person serving. *Intinction is less hygienic than the common cup*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Tell out, my soul*

1: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

3: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4: Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith, Tune: WOODLANDS

In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.

Amen.

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

**God is with us,
here we find new life.**

Let us give thanks
for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,
release for the captives,
recovery of sight for the blind
and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

Please sit.

Lighting the Advent candle of LOVE:

*We hear a 'Partner Story' from the CWS Christmas Gift Appeal, then:
while the fourth candle is being lit we remain seated to sing:*

**Light a candle bright and tall, for a Love which knows no end.
Love that comes to one and all. Fear and hatred to upend.
Shine within our hearts today
Come, O Love, to us, we pray.**

David Wood, used by permission, tune: DIX

Our fourth Advent candle speaks to our hunger for love;
it speaks to our world's hunger for love.

We have a foodbank for all who are in need.

The candle represents a future of love-filled possibilities for a new way of living
where love is real. **We are hungry for love.**

In silence let us call to mind our sins:

The choir sings the Kyries

Let us confess our sins.

**God of grace,
We confess that we have sinned
In what we have thought, and said, and done.
Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

God forgives your sins.

Know that God pardons you and sets you free. (*Reconciliation of a Penitent, p.740*)

Collect: Let us pray that we may open our hearts to welcome the Christ:

**God of light and life,
you give us the joy of summer as we prepare to greet your Son.
Like Mary and Joseph grant that we may be ready
to recognise and welcome your presence in this world
at Christmas, and at the end of time, when you will,
by your Holy Spirit, renew all things in Christ.
Amen.**

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: 2 Sam 7:1-11,16 Michael Morgan

Choir anthem: *No wind at the window* (J. Bell, tune: COLUMCILLE, Scots. Trad.)

Epistle Reading: Rom 16:25-27 Michael Morgan

GOSPEL HYMN: *Peace Child*

V.1: Peace Child, in the sleep of the night, in the dark be - fore
light you come, in the si - lence of
stars, in the vio - lence of wars - Sa - viour, your name.

2: Peace Child,
to the road and the storm,
to the gun and the bomb
you come,
through the hate and the hurt,
through the hunger and dirt -
bearing a dream.

3: Peace Child,
to our dark and our sleep,
to the conflict we reap,
now come.
Be your dream born alive,
held in hope, wrapped in love:
God's true shalom.

Words: © Shirley Murray
Tune: KINGSLAND, Colin Gibson

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38 Jennifer Harris

The Sermon: Bishop Andrew Hedge

An Advent Credo by Daniel Berrigan SJ, (*abridged*):

It is not true that creation and the human family
are doomed to destruction and loss—

This is true:

**God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;**

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination,
hunger and poverty, death and destruction—

This is true:

I have come that they may have life, and life abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word,
and that war and destruction rule forever—

This is true:

**Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given,
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
his name shall be called wonderful Counsellor, mighty God,
the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.**

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind,
of justice, of human dignity, of peace
are not meant for this earth and for this history—

**This is true: The hour comes, and it is now,
that the true worshippers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.**

So let us complete our Advent in hope,
even hope against hope.

Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.

**Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage:
Jesus Christ— the life of the world!**

The Prayers of the People: The Rev'd Jenny Beale

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Bishop Andrew Hedge

The peace of God be with you all.

In God's justice is our peace.

E te whanau, Christ calls us to live in unity.

We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

We greet the people near us, saying 'Peace be with you' or 'Kia tau te rangimarie'.

We understand that you may prefer to abstain from physical contact at this time.

The Offertory Hymn: Star-child, earth-child

1: Star-Child, earth-Child
go-between of God,
love Child, Christ Child,
heaven's lightning rod,
*This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone,
everyone alive!*

2: Street child, beat child,
no place left to go,
hurt child, used child,
no one wants to know, *this year...*

3: Grown child, old child,
memory full of years,
sad child, lost child,
story told in tears,
*This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone,
everyone alive!*

4: Spared child, spoiled child,
having, wanting more,
wise child, faith child,
knowing joy in store,
*This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone,
everyone alive!*

5: Hope-for-peace Child,
God's stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child,
star of stars that shine,
*This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone,
everyone alive!*

Shirley Erena Murray
Tune: Carlton R. Young, CoC #40(ii)

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

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 right indeed that we should praise you,
God of love, our source and our fulfilment,
for you create all things, and in you we live and move and have our being.
Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.
When the times had at last grown full and the earth had ripened in abundance,
you made us in your image for yourself.

And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself,
and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own
to rear them in your way of compassionate love.
From your own being you sent Jesus among us,
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary our sister.

Jesus revealed your care for all you have made,
and showed us your way of reconciliation.
Looking forward to the joy of new life
Jesus suffered the pangs of the cross and in rising again
became the firstborn of the renewed whanau.

You sent your Holy Spirit
and gave birth to us your church.
Your Spirit stays to nurture and to guide us.
Now we join hands around your table,
and with all creation
we hymn your praise for your unending love, as we sing

**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.**

To you indeed be glory, almighty God,
because on the night before he died,
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given 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;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it
to remember me.

And so in this great sacrament
we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God,
recalling now Christ's death and resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration,
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son
and be filled with your life and goodness.

Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world.
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

Through your Holy Spirit, burning as a flame, gentle as a dove,
may we who receive these gifts live lives of justice, love, and prayer,
and be a voice for those who are not heard.

In union with your whole church
we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

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

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka inoi/waiata tātou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,

kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

Hōmai ki a mātou āianeī he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātou hara, me mātou hoki e muru nei

i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;

Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,

me te korōria, Āke ake ake. Āmine.

The priest breaks the bread. Silence may be kept.

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.**

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

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua, tangohia enei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

All those who seek Christ in the sacrament are welcome to this table.

For the post-communion prayer:

1: Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body,
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

2: Come now, O God of love, make us one body,
come O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

3: Come now and set us free, O God, our Saviour,
come O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

4: Come, Hope of unity, make us one body,
come. O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Words & music by Geonyong Lee, Tune: O SO SO (S. Korea)

Blessing: Bishop Andrew

*Notices and news, followed by **The Recessional Hymn:***

1: Joy to the world, the Lord is come,
let earth receive her king.

Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven
and nature sing.

(repeat refrain each verse)

2: No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground.

He comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found.

3: He rules the world
with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts, Tune ANTIOCH

Dismissal:

Grace be with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Organ Voluntary

*You are warmly invited to join us for a cup
of tea or coffee served at the back of the Cathedral
following the service.*

Upcoming services

Following Christmas day all midweek services are postponed till the beginning of February.

Choir will be in recess till the end of January.

The Clergy, Wardens and Vestry wish you all a blessed Christmas and new Year.

Upcoming Cathedral events

- ◆ **Today** -Traditional Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols (7.00pm)
- ◆ **24th December**– Christmas Eve nativity service (6.30pm)
- ◆ **24th December**– Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (11.15pm)
- **25th December**– Christmas day Eucharist (10.00am)

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*Deadline for notices to be included in this
bulletin: Wednesdays, noon.*

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

27 December 2020

St John the Evangelist

... at the Cathedral ...

10.00 am - Eucharist with hymns

Readings

Exodus 33:17-23

Psalms 97

1 John 1:1-5

John 21:20-25

... at Ormond Chapel ...

Christmas day Eucharist at 9.00asm

- * **Signing in**– As a requirement of the Diocese, a sign in/out form is located on the table in the fountain entrance.
For health and safety, all people in the building (including key holders) outside of service times are required to please sign in and out. Even if you have signed in using the QR code, please sign in on the Cathedral form. If you are entering the building during office hours, please check in at the office on arrival.
- * **Napier Community Christmas Lunch**– because no has to be alone on Christmas. Salvation Army Hall, 56 Tait drive, Greenmeadows. From 12 noon on Christmas day, lunch served at 12.30pm.
Please let us know if you, or someone you know would like to be there. Text or phone 027 3951 702 or 844 4634) or by email: napiercommunitychristmaslunch@gmail.com
- * The **Foodbank** are currently low on pasta, pasta sauce, soup and egg cartons. We will be closing on Christmas Eve and reopening on Tuesday 5th January 2021.
- * **Stamps**– The Christian Blind Mission needs used stamps. Last year they funded 30 cataract surgeries from the money they raised. These can be posted to PO BOX 303477, North harbour, Auckland 0751 or please contact Sue Myles if you need them collected on 8355 8050 or 027 208 3300
- * We remember Phyllis Simmonds who has died, with thanksgiving. Phyllis painted the Stations of the Cross and gave them as a gift to the Cathedral.

Cathedral Christmas Fair Was a Huge Success!

Helped by perfect weather, a great crowd and huge community support, the Fair was a winner! We raised a net \$ 9,500 to fund earthquake strengthening. It was a great family day. People had fun and enjoyed themselves, the planning worked, commercial stallholders were delighted, the music and food were fantastic.

It worked because of the enthusiasm and commitment of all of you and our wider group of supporters in Napier and beyond. There was a huge contribution of time and effort at all levels. The Fundraising Committee has nothing but gratitude for all your efforts as a parish. Have a wonderful Christmas!

Your Fundraising Committee: Kerryn Yule, Julie Burt-Andrews, Peter Meyer.