

Choral Eucharist

10.00AM 12 MAY 2024

Ascension Day Te R Kakenga

Service Music: Missa Brevis - Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989) sung by The Cathedral Choir with the Boy Choristers

Processional Hymn:



Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise: his reign shall know no end, and round his piercèd feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime: all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) c.f. Revelation 19.12 Music: G. J. Elvey (1816-1893)

Welcome

Presiding Priest:

I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine**. We gather in the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Kua ara a te Karaiti! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Grace and peace to you from God. God fill you with truth and joy.

Kneel or sit for a period of silence

Let us confess 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.

The Kyrie: sung by the Choir

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Translation:

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution:

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.**

Please stand for The Gloria sung by the Cathedral Choir:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis, qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram, qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus, Tu solus Dominus, Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Translation:

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.

Let us pray.

Eternal and gracious God, we believe your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to have ascended with triumph into your kingdom in heaven; may we also in heart and mind ascend to where he is, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

Sit for the The First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 read by Alan Robb Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated to sing the following verses of Psalm 47 in response to verses sung by the Choir (The response is sung first by the Choir):



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Clap your handsall youpeoples: cry out to God with shouts of joy. For the Lord most high is to be feared:

and is the great sovereign over all the earth.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God has gone up with shouts of triumph: the Lord has gone up with a fanfare of trumpets. Sing praises, sing praises to God: sing praises, sing praises to our king.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy : a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

For God is the king of all the earth: sing praises with your utmost skill. God reigns over the nations: God is seated on a holy throne.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy : a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 *read by Christy Allan* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: God is gone up

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: The Lord with sounding trumpets melodies: Sing praise, sing praises out, unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise! Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, and let the King of Glory enter in. Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, in flakes of glory down him to attend, and hear heart- cramping notes of melody surround his chariot as it did ascend; Mixing their music, making every string more to enravish as they this tune sing.

Text: Edward Taylor (c.1646-1729) Music: Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

Stand for The Gospel Acclamation (The response is sung first by the Choir)



Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Gospel: Luke 24:44-53 read by Rev'd Canon Cameron Pickering After the announcement:



After the Reading:

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Please sit for The Sermon: Dean Ben Truman

Silence for reflection

Stand for The Affirmation of Faith (He Tikanga Whakapono)

Ko koe e te Atua tapu, te | tino Atua,

You O God, are supreme and holy,

Nou te mana, te ihi, | te wehi.

You create our world and give us life.

Nou te ao, te mauri, | te ora.

Yours is the world.

Nāu te katoa, i te rangi, i te whenua_

Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours.

Ko koe tonu | te Atua.

You are still God.

Ko koe te māramatanga | o te ao,

You are the light of the world.

I tīaho rā koe i roto i | te pōuri,

You shine through the darkness,

Kia puta ake tāu Tama ko Ihu | Karaiti

to reveal your son Jesus Christ

Hei pou tokomanawa mō te ao_

as the central pillar of faith for the world.

Ko koe tonu | te Atua.

You are still God

Ko koe te Wairua | Tapu,

You are the Holy Spirit

Ko koe | taku rākau,

You are my staff.

Ko koe taku | tokotoko,

You are my walking stick

Ko koe taku oranga | ngākau ē,

You are my life-source

Ko koe tonu rā | te Atua.

You are still God.

Korōria | ki a koe.

Glory to you.

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

Sit or kneel for The Prayers of the People led by Ven Nicky Lee.

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Stand for The Peace:

The Presiding Priest says:

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please share a greeting of peace with those around you.

E te whānau, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

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Offertory Hymn:

During this hymn a collection will be taken in support of the Cathedral's ministry.



Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia, to his throne above the skies; Alleluia, Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia, enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia, lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia. He hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia, take the King of Glory in. Alleluia!

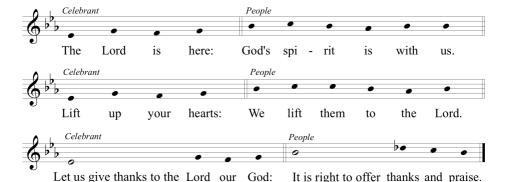
Lo, the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia, yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia, though returning to his throne, Alleluia, still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes, Alleluia, his prevailing death he pleads; Alleluia, near himself prepares our place, Alleluia, he the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia, far above the starry height, Alleluia, grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia, seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823) Music: Robert Williams (1782-1818)

Please feel free to sit at any point during **The Great Thanksgiving**:



It is right indeed, everliving God, 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. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. He made

the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world.

You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory, and gave him the name which is above every name: at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord..

In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit. 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, forever praising you and singing:

The Sanctus and Benedictus sung by the Choir

Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth; Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Translation:

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.

The Presiding Priest continues:

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; 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: 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.

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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. With thanksgiving and hope we sing:

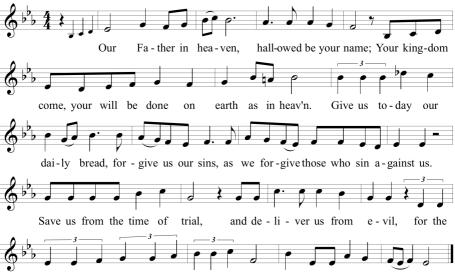


Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service 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.



As Christ teaches us we pray,



king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours, now and for -e - ver, A - men.

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The Presiding Priest continues:

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.

The Presiding Priest invites the people to Communion.

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

The Agnus Dei sung by the Choir:

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Translation:

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.

All are welcome to receive Communion.

Communion is administered in front of the altar. Sidespeople will direct you. If you would like communion brought to your seat, please let a sidesperson know.

Gluten free wafers are available at the altar. Please indicate to the communion administrant.

Communion is offered in two kinds.

However, you are welcome to take only the bread if you prefer.

During Communion the Choir will sing: Above all praise and all majesty
Above all praise and all majesty, Lord thou reignest evermore. Hallelujah!

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

After communion

King of kings, Lord of lords, you have ascended your royal throne carrying the crossbar for your crucifixion.

Now you are lifted high, exalted to draw us all to your love.

You are the captive saviour, who has led us in triumph from the sin, the anxiety, and the doom which held us captive.

May we whom you have redeemed and called to be guests at your table receive and put to use the gifts you offer us.

Praise and glory to you, God of space and time, humble saviour, king of love.

Amen.

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Please stand as the Presiding Priest gives The Blessing.

Recessional Hymn:



Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King! Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, th' eternal name.

Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth! power and majesty concealing by your humble birth: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, th' eternal name.

Suffering servant, scorned, ill treated, victim crucified! death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, th' eternal name.

So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long, ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, th' eternal name.

Words: Michael Saward (b. 1932) Music: John Barnard (b. 1948)

Please turn and face the open doors of the Cathedral for The Dismissal:

Haere i runga i te rangimārie i runga i te aroha me te ngākau hihiko ki te mahi ki te Ariki. Areruria!

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

Organ Postlude:



You are invited to sit and pray through the organ postlude and join us afterwards for morning tea.

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