



Choral Eucharist

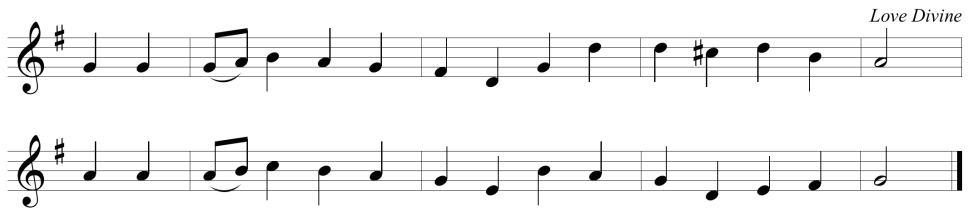
10.00AM 28 APRIL 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Te Rātapu Tuarima o te Aranga

Service Music: Mass of St Thomas (1985) - David Thorne (b. 1973)
sung by The Cathedral Singers

Processional Hymn:



Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.

Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)

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*

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 Singers:

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.

O God, you inspire the hearts of the faithful with a single longing, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, so that in all the changes and chances of this uncertain world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Sit for the **The First Reading**: Acts 8:26–40 read by Peter Rendall

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated to sing the following verses of **Psalm 22** in response to verses sung by the Choir (The response is sung first by the Choir):



For yours is the | kingdom · O | Lord: and you are the | ruler | over · the | nations.

You are the theme of my praise in the full assembly:

my vows I will perform in the sight of those who hear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied: those who seek you O Lord shall praise you, may they be in good heart for ever.

For yours is the | kingdom · O | Lord: and you are the | ruler | over · the | nations.

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to you O Lord:

and let all the families of the nations bow down before you.

As for those who sleep in the grave, how shall they worship you:

all those who go down into the dust, how shall they bow before you?

For yours is the | kingdom · O | Lord: and you are the | ruler | over · the | nations.

But I shall live through you, and my children shall serve you:
they shall tell of you to the generations that are yet to come.
To a people as yet unborn they shall make known:
the saving deeds you have done.

For yours is the | kingdom · O | Lord: and you are the | ruler | over · the | nations.

The Second Reading: 1 John 4:7–21 *read by Gill Atkins*
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: How great the mystery of faith

How great the mystery of faith, how deep the purposes of God, in birth and ageing, life and death, unveiled yet never understood. Attracted by life's deepest claim, we wait, assembled in this place, with needs and hopes we cannot name, athirst for healing truth and grace. The best that we can do and say, the utmost care of skill and art, are sweepers of the Spirit's way to reach the depths of every heart. Come walk among us Holy Friend, as all are gathered and prepared, that scattered lives may meet and mend through open Word and table shared.

Words: Brian Wren (b.1936) Music: David Childs (1941 - 1999)

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



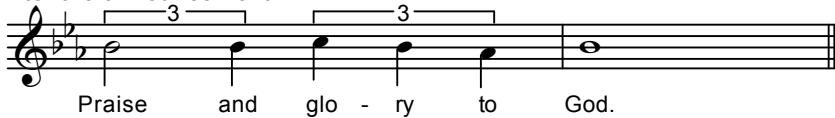
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia, Alleluia , Alleluia!

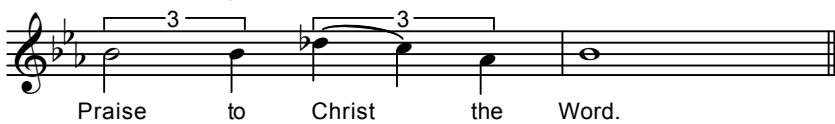
The Gospel: John 15:1-8 read by Lay Canon Carole Muir

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,

Nōu te mana, te ihi, | te wehi.
You create our world and give us life.

Nōu 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.

Offertory Hymn:

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

Kingsfold



I met a stranger on the road
Who read a book alone,
Whose skin was dark and language strange,
Whose status was unknown.
And yet he read my sacred text,
This pilgrim from abroad,
And asked, "Where can I find a guide
To lead me to this God?"

I told the story of the Christ
Whose life denounced each wall,
Whose love expands our narrowed sights:
The Lamb raised up for all.
And when I asked if he believed,
I saw my view was flawed:
We both encountered grace that day,
We both were led to God.

For when we draw our boundary lines
Dividing out from in,
Then Christ stands on the other side;
Exclusion is our sin.
Praise God for strangers on the road –
The diff'rent and the odd –
The pilgrim guides who take our hand
And lead us back to God.

Words: David Bjorlin (b. 1984) Music: English folksong from English Country Songs (1893)

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

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:

Organ *Congregation*

Glor - y to you, Lord Christ, your death we show forth; Your
 res-sur-rect-ion we pro-claim, your com-ing we a-wait; A - men, come, Lord Je - sus.

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.

Bless-ing, hon - our and glo-ry be yours, here and ev-'ry-where
 now and for - ev - er, A - - - men.

As Christ teaches us we pray,

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your name; Your king-dom
 come, your will be done on earth as in heav'n. Give us to-day our
 dai-ly bread, for - give us our sins, as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.
 Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil, for the
 king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours, now and for - e - ver, A - men.

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:*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us 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: He is risen

He is risen, he is risen, tell it out with joyful voice. He has burst his three day prison, let the whole wide earth rejoice. Death is conquered, Man is free, Christ has won the victory. Come ye sad and fearful hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow, Lent's long shadows have departed, all his woes are over now, and the passion that he bore, sin and pain can vex no more. Come with high and holy hymning, chant our Lord's triumphant lay; not one darksome cloud is dimming, yonder glorious morning ray breaking o'er the purple east, brighter for our Easter feast. He is risen, he is risen, tell it out with joyful voice. He has burst his three day prison, let the whole wide earth rejoice. Death is conquered, Man is free, Christ has won the victory.

Words: Mrs C F Alexander (1818 – 1895) Music: Richard Madden (b. 1953)

After communion

Christ, you are risen with the sun;
you are light in our darkness,
warmth in our cold.

You are peace and hope and joy,
for you went willingly to death.

You turned defeat and failure to victory for all.

You live eternally, and with you live the millions,
living and dead, who trust in you. **Amen.**

Please stand as the Presiding Priest gives **The Blessing**.

Recessional Hymn:

Lux Eoi



**Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.**

**Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.**

**Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.**

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) Music: Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

*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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