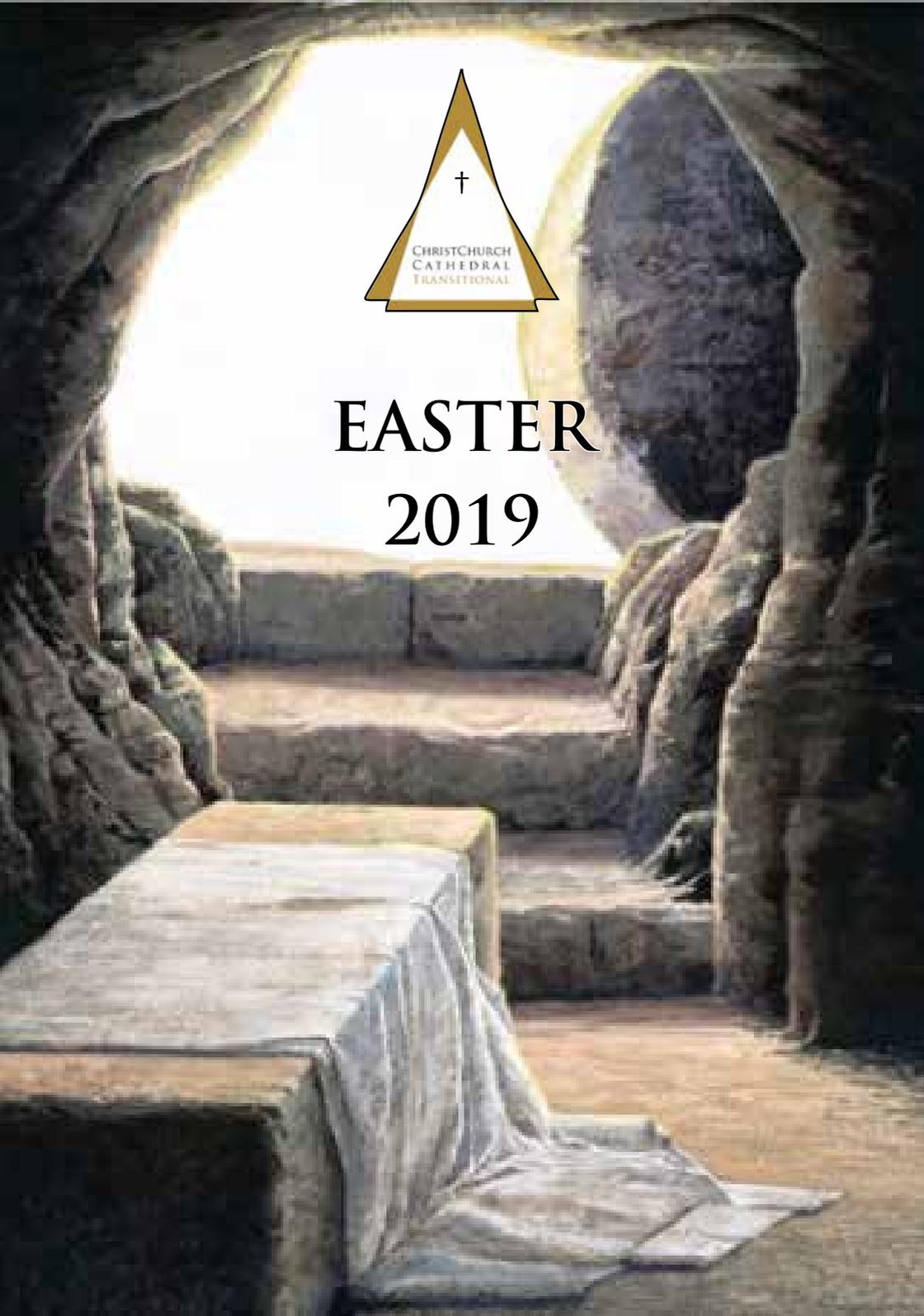




# EASTER 2019



## 9.00PM THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Presiding Priest:	The Rev'd Ben Randall
Preacher:	Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Verger:	Chris Oldham
Director of Music & Organist:	Dr John Linker
Cantor:	Astrid Caruso

## 8.00AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presiding Priest:	Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Preacher:	Bishop Peter Carrell
Deacon:	The Rev'd Alastair Buick
Reader:	Helen Moran
Prayers:	Ian Lothian
Assistant Organist:	Christopher Lynch

## 10.00AM FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Presiding Priest:	Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Preacher:	Bishop Peter Carrell
Deacon:	The Rev'd Nicky Lee
Liturgical Assistant:	Margaret Neate
Verger:	Chris Oldham
Music:	The Cathedral Choir
Director of Music:	Dr John Linker
Assistant Organist:	Christopher Lynch

## 5.00PM CHORAL EVENSONG

Officiant & Preacher:	Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Verger:	Grant Hadley-Bennett
Music:	The Cathedral Choir
Director of Music:	Dr John Linker
Assistant Organist:	Christopher Lynch

### THE CATHEDRAL'S RESPONSE TO THE FIRE AT NOTRE DAME 17 April 2019

Dear Rector and people of Notre Dame Cathedral,  
Those of us in our Cathedral community were shocked and saddened to see the devastation wrought by the major fire in your Cathedral. As a Cathedral community affected by earthquakes we understand the sadness and grief that comes with damage to our sacred place of worship. On behalf of our Cathedral and Chapter, I write to convey our love and prayers, and pray that in this hour of darkness the risen Christ will bring healing, restoration and hope for you and the people of Paris.

With love and prayers,  
Lawrence Kimberley, Dean of Christchurch Anglican Cathedral, New Zealand.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



No cellphones or  
cameras please

Welcome to all on this Easter Day. We are glad you have chosen to come to the Transitional Cathedral. If you're a long way from home, we hope you are enjoying your time in Canterbury. God bless you and your family and friends.

A big **thank you** to all those who have worked on the various Holy Week and Easter Services. A huge amount of preparation has gone into all the services and the work of all those volunteers is very much appreciated; as has been the donations of easter eggs and hot cross buns.

Thank you to all who have helped with **the flowers** this Easter. Donations towards the provision of flowers over the Easter Season are very welcome and can be given to The Rev'd Nicky Lee.

**ANZAC DAY:** The annual ANZAC Day Citizen's Service will be held in the Transitional Cathedral on Thursday 25 April at 10.00am. Due to heightened security concerns, additional measures have been put in place by the City Council. While we welcome you to the service, entry to the Cathedral will be via Madras Street, and people entering must be willing to consent to a bag search. We recommend you not to bring bags to the service. Right of admission is reserved.

**Prayer for the Diocese:** Each week the Cathedral prays for the wider Church including parishes in the Diocese. This week we pray for The Bishop, and all the Ministry Units of this Diocese. Likewise we give thanks for all who are praying for this Transitional Cathedral today.

Please continue to hold in your prayers our NZCMS Mission Partner, **Miriam Tillman**; praying for a blessed Easter for her and all at the Hospital of Hope in Togo.

**The Annual Meeting of Regulars** has been provisionally scheduled for Sunday 12 May, following the 10am Eucharist. This date is subject to the auditors providing the necessary information to us in time. Further details and a confirmed date to follow.

The Cathedral has a **hearing aid loop** for the hard of hearing. This can be picked up in the front five rows.

## THIS WEEK 22 APRIL ~ 28 APRIL

### Monday 22 April

12.05pm Middy Prayer

### Tuesday 23 April

12.05pm Holy Eucharist  
with prayers for healing

### Wednesday 24 April

12.05pm Holy Eucharist  
in the Celtic tradition

### Thursday 25 April ANZAC DAY

10.00am Citizen's Service  
12.05pm Holy Eucharist in Te Reo Māori

### Friday 26 April

12.05pm Holy Eucharist

### Saturday 27 April

12.05pm Middy Prayer

### Sunday 28 April ~ Easter 2 Low Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Choral Eucharist  
Music: The Cathedral Choir

5.00pm Choral Evensong  
Music: The Cathedral Choir

## REFLECTION

**D**ear Friends, Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! Welcome to the Transitional Cathedral, the broad tent with a wide open door! Welcome to those visiting us from near and far, to all who gather from around the Diocese and to those who worship here Sunday by Sunday.

Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Our services today are our 'Alleluia!', our song of praise to the risen Christ who is our life and whose triumph over death we proclaim to all the world. The Gospel text before us today takes us to the tomb in the early hours of Easter Day where the stone covering the entrance to the Jesus' tomb has been rolled away. All the barriers that come between us and God have been removed. The grave clothes are neatly folded; the risen Jesus breaks free from the bondage of sin and death so that he can come face to face with God. The risen Christ is the dawning of a new creation, and when we hear of Jesus wandering in the garden outside the tomb and encountering Mary our minds are cast back to the Garden of Eden in the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis. Where Adam and Eve's relationship with God was broken, now it is restored in Christ, the new Adam, at the dawning of a new creation.

John's Gospel opens by describing Jesus as the Word-Made Flesh. That Word was God; the very Word that God spoke at the dawn of time through which the world came into being. On Christmas Day we celebrate that Word coming to us in a whole human life, in the person of Jesus Christ, so that God could speak to us on our level and in our language. On Good Friday it looked as if that Word had been silenced when Jesus died on the cross. Today that Word speaks again, to Mary who is weeping at the tomb. The Word spoken to Mary is only Love, full of grace and truth; Love which violence and bigotry had tried to silence has overcome evil and is coming back to us, bringing hope, forgiveness, and a renewed creation. The risen Jesus sees exactly who Mary is and calls her by name, and she recognises the voice of the Good Shepherd and responds with love from the depth of her heart.

We live into the resurrection every time we hear that Word and respond by passing on the message of love, grace and truth to others; when we give voice to words that build up and encourage, the same love that is in the risen Jesus is passed on. This is Love that avoids self-interest and conceit and is instead full of humility, looking to the best interests of others (see Phil 2:1-5). Further, we live into the resurrection when we give voice to those who are powerless, to those who have been silenced, and when we stand with them and empower them to speak truth and cry for justice and healing. By so doing we become people who bring reconciliation, healing, and forgiveness that is the mark of the New Creation that is being brought to birth on this day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! May God bless you this Easter.

*Dean Lawrence.*