

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

16 August 2020

ST MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS
MERI TAPU, TE WHAEA O ĪHU




Holy Trinity
Cathedral
AUCKLAND

Officiant

The Reverend Sarah West, *Cathedral Curate*

Preacher

The Very Reverend Anne Mills, *Dean of Auckland*

Cantor

Rowan Johnston, *Director of Choirs*

Cathedral Organist

Dr Philip Smith

Setting

Anglican Folk Mass, Martin Fallas Shaw

The Dean greets the congregation.

The Gathering

I runga I te ingoa o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama, me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**

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.

Sentence

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Revelation 12:1

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.**

The Confession

Jesus, our deliverer, we take your freedom from others.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, our hope, we deprive others of hope.
Christ, have mercy.

Jesus, God's shalom, we distort your peace.
Lord, have mercy.

In silence before God,
we confess our sins.

Silence

Kyrie (sung by the Cantor)

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

The Absolution

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you.
Take hold of this forgiveness
and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.
Amen.

Gloria (sung by the Cantor)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence

God of love, you chose the blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your only Son; grant that we who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-11

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

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 God's name:
make known God's might,
the deeds God's arm has done;
God's mercy sure,
from age to age the same;
God's holy name, the Lord,
the Mighty One.

3

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of God's 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 God's word:
firm in God's promise
and God's mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord
to children's children
and for evermore.

Text: T. Dudley-Smith

Tune: Woodlands, AM 394

Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Praise and glory to God.

Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ the Word.

Homily

The Very Reverend Anne Mills

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

The Reverend Ivica Gregurec, *Cathedral Precentor*

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

To the bidding: Loving God, in your mercy,
respond: hear our prayer.

The Prayers conclude with the following Prayer.

Mary's God and our God, you have blessed us with the gift of your beloved Son and the example of the life of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, like her, proclaim your greatness in all that you accomplish for us. We ask this through Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Spiritual Communion

During the coronavirus pandemic the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia is having to put public worship on hold. This means that many people who would have received Holy Communion each Sunday, and some of them more often than that, are not able to receive the comfort and benefits of the sacrament.

This is a huge loss. However, it is not the first time that the Church has been in such a position. Throughout Christian history some Christian people have found themselves isolated from the sacramental life of the Church for all sorts of reasons, and particularly in times of plague, famine and warfare.

At such times the Church has encouraged people to make what is called a spiritual communion. It is a way of uniting yourself with Jesus and entering into communion with him even though you are not able to receive the sacrament itself.

We are not able to receive the sacramental bread and wine. But in a spiritual communion we still come to Jesus and he still receives us.

"This is, now, a time of eucharistic fasting, in which we join with the whole communion of saints in longing for the bread of new life and the wine of the age to come. This can seem very strange to us as we are discovering ways through videoconferencing and social media to keep connected and to nurture community. Aren't those connections enough to 'make' eucharist? Simply put, no. We are blessed to have the technological tools at our hands in order to connect and to make community as St. Paul did when he was able to write letters and have them securely delivered to Corinth and Rome. But as Paul knew, even when we cannot gather to make eucharist together we are not without the real presence of Christ in our very real, socially isolated, midst. This may be a time to build from the evangelical foundations of what we have been given: the Good News of Christ's presence with us that compels us to be healing real presence to the world. Our fasting from the eucharist can help to push us out of our normal patterns in order to discover some deep rhythms of faith. We are reminded that sacramentality itself - the awareness of the reality of Christ's true presence with us here and now and at all times - is broader than the specific celebrations of baptism and eucharist in which we have shared and will share. We are reminded that the Body of Christ - we disciples - is the sacrament to the world."

The Rev'd Dr Eileen Scully, Director of Faith, Worship, and Ministry of the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada

A New Zealand Prayer Book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa says about those who cannot receive Holy Communion:

“When people who desire to receive the Holy Communion are unable to do so for any other reason, their desire and such prayers as they are able to offer ensure that they do spiritually receive the body and blood of Christ” (page 729).

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.**

You are welcome to pray the following prayer together with the Officiant.

**Loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the precious Body and Blood of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you praise and thanksgiving.
Even though we cannot taste the Bread of Heaven and drink the Cup of Life, we pray that you will unite us with all the baptised and with your Son who showed us how to love to the end.
Come Lord Jesus, dwell in us and send your Holy Spirit that we may be filled with your presence.
Jesus, as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so may the soul of us, your people, be healed, for though we cannot receive you in the Sacrament, we can through this offering of our prayers, receive you in our hearts; grant this for Christ's sake.
Amen.**

Hymn

1

**Ye who own the faith of Jesus
sing the wonders that were done,
when the love of God the Father
o'er our sin the victory won,
when he made the Virgin Mary
mother of his only Son.**

*Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary, full of grace.*

2

**Blesséd were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come,
blessed was the land of promise
fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessed far the mother
she who bare him in her womb.**

**Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary, full of grace.**

3

Let us weave our supplications,
she with us and we with her,
for the advancement of the faithful,
for each faithful worshipper,
for the doubting, for the sinful,
for each heedless wanderer.

*Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary, full of grace.*

4

For the sick and for the aged,
for our dear ones far away,
for the hearts that mourn in secret,
all who need our prayers today,
for the faithful gone before us,
may the holy Virgin pray.

*Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary, full of grace.*

5

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father, praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit, who hath made thee ark and throne;
o'er all creatures high exalted, lowly praise the Three in One.

Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary, full of grace.

Text: V. Stuckey, S. Coles

Tune: Daily, daily, AM 318

Notices

Blessing

God give you grace to follow Mary in faith and truth and gentleness; and the blessing of God our ✠Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal of the Community

Grace be with you.

Thanks be to God.

Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Organ Sortie

Improvisation on Salve Mater misericordiae,

Dr Philip Smith

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Welcoming, Worshipping, Nourishing, Empowering**



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**Loving God, the source of all life, as we worship you and
rejoice at your presence in our midst;
open our hearts that we may always be a welcoming and
nourishing community; empowering each other to be
active in your service, through Jesus Christ, Redeemer of
the world. Amen.**

Liturgical Sources:

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