

Holy Eucharist,

New Zealand Rite

Opening Hymn *The People Stand*

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Words: Ignace Franz (based on the Te Deum), 1744; trans. Clarence Walworth, 1858

Music: Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee.
Saints on earth thy rule acclaim; All in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain; Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Lo, the apostolic train Joins thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the loud refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun, Through the Church the song goes on.

Opening Sentences

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

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE ***The Lord bless you.***

CELEBRANT This is the day which the Lord has made.
PEOPLE ***Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

LEADER God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. Please kneel, as we prepare our hearts for confession.

LEADER & PEOPLE

*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 Savior Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.*

CELEBRANT

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Song(s) of Worship

How Great Is Your Faithfulness

Matt Redman

Now unto the King who reigns over all
And never changes or turns
Unfailing justice, unfading grace
Whose promises remain
Yes, your promises remain

*The heavens ring
The saints all sing
Great is your faithfulness
From age to age we will proclaim
Great is your faithfulness
How great is your faithfulness*

Everything changes, but you stay the same
Your word and kingdom endure
We lean on the promise of all that you are
And trust forevermore
We will trust forevermore

From generation to generation,
You never fail us, O God
Yesterday and today and tomorrow,
Until the day you return

The Collect of the Day *The People Stand*

LEADER The Lord is here.

PEOPLE *And his Spirit is with us.*

LEADER Let us pray.

ALL *O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

First Reading *The People Sit*

Isaiah 7:13–17 (NIV)

^{7:13} Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also?”

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, ¹⁶ for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste. ¹⁷ The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria.”

LECTOR The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

Psalter *The People Stand*

Psalm 114

LECTOR Let us pray **Psalm 114** together in unison.

- 1 *Hallelujah!*
*When Israel came out of Egypt, **
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 *Judah became God's sanctuary **
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 *The sea beheld it and fled; **
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 *The mountains skipped like rams, **
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 *What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? **
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 *You mountains, that you skipped like rams? **
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 *Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, **
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 *Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water **
and flintstone into a flowing spring.

ALL *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Gospel Song

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Words & music by Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace

The Gospel

Matthew 1:18–25

DEACON The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. Matthew.

PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

^{1:18} This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord

PEOPLE *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full in his wonderful face

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of his glory and grace

The Sermon

The People Sit

The Nicene Creed

LEADER Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

LEADER AND PEOPLE

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven:
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* Universal

The Prayers of the People

LECTOR Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Saving God, you alone are our rock.

In faith we pray: *God, our refuge, hear our prayer.*

Make your church a living sign of your love and compassion.

In faith we pray: *God, our refuge, hear our prayer.*

Help us to construct our cities and communities in ways that promote mental, physical, and spiritual well-being for all people.

In faith we pray: *God, our refuge, hear our prayer.*

Sustain the faith of Christians who suffer persecution for their Fidelity to the gospel.

In faith we pray: *God, our refuge, hear our prayer.*

Free our hearts from all that keeps us from extending hospitality to one another and to those in need.

In faith we pray: *God, our refuge, hear our prayer.*

For those in any need or trouble, especially...

In faith we pray: *God, our refuge, hear our prayer.*

Give peace to the dying and those who wait beside them.

In faith we pray: *God, our refuge, hear our prayer.*

May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts so we may rejoice with hope in the glory of God.

CELEBRANT

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us

to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace *The People Stand*

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE *And also with you.*

The people sit.

Announcements

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

O God, you have so blessed the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your children, that their lives together may continue to reflect your love and forgiveness and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

CELEBRANT Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offering & Congregational Song

Breastplate of Saint Patrick

Words & music by Wendell Kimbrough & Dan Wheeler, 2022

When my work takes me places I don't want to go
Christ before me
And my heart aches with sorrow as I hit the road
Christ be with me

When the care of my family takes all that I have
Christ within me
When I'm worn and exhausted, ashamed that I'm mad
Christ defend me

*I rise up today in a strength that is not my own
I'm held by the promise of God that I'm never alone*

When I'm tossed to the side and I want to give up
Christ beside me
When I'm breaking my back but it's never enough
Christ beside me

When I work hard but someone else gets the reward
God's eyes see me
When I ask for promotion, and they shut the door
God's ears hear me

When I climb the first steps toward a long-held dream
Christ above me
And I leap out in faith and I hope to find wings
Christ beneath me

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Holy Communion, *The People Stand*

CELEBRANT The Lord is here.

PEOPLE *And his Spirit is with us.*

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE *We lift them up to the Lord.*

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places 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
and formed us in your own image;
male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away
you called us back to yourself
and gave your Son to share our human nature.
By his death on the cross,
he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world
and freed us from the bondage of sin.

You raised him to life triumphant over death;
you exalted him in glory.
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, for ever praising you and saying:

*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 People Kneel or Stand

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.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.*

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.
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:

*Blessing, honor and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever. AMEN.*

As Christ teaches us we pray..

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*

*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
Forever and ever, Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

PEOPLE *We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.*

CELEBRANT The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

We Do Not Presume

Music by Andy Piercy & David Clifton

We do not presume to come to your table
Trusting in our own righteousness
For we are not worthy so much as to gather
The crumbs from under your table

But trusting, O Lord, in your great and manifold mercies
For you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy
So cleanse us and feed us with the body and blood of your Son
That we may live in him and that he may live in us
For ever and ever. Amen.

Remembrance

Matt Maher & Matt Redman, 2009

Oh how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery,
Say, "Take this bread, take this wine,"
Now the simple made divine,
For any to receive?

*By your mercy we come to your table.
By your grace you are making us faithful.*

*Lord, we remember you,
And remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship you,
Our worship leads to communion.
We respond to your invitation;
We remember you.*

See his body, his blood,
Know that he has overcome
Every trial we will face.
None too lost to be saved,
None too broken or ashamed,
All are welcome in this place.

Dying, you destroyed our death;
Rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

You Are So Good to Me

Don Chaffer, Ben Pasley, Robin Pasley, 1999

You are so good to me
You heal my broken heart
You are my Father in heaven

*You are beautiful, my sweet sweet song
You are beautiful, my sweet sweet song
You are beautiful, my sweet sweet song
I will sing again*

You ride upon the clouds
You lead me to the truth
You are the Spirit inside me

You are my strong melody
You are my dancing rhythm
You are my perfect rhyme
And I want to sing forever

You poured out all your blood
You died upon the cross
You are my Jesus who loves me

Prayer for Mission

ALL

*Almighty God, giver of all good things,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the precious body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
We thank you for your love and care
in assuring us of your gift of eternal life
and uniting us with the blessed company
of all faithful people.*

Therefore, everliving God,

*keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.
And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are,
to serve you faithfully in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing

CELEBRANT

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Procession into the World *The People Stand*

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name thee;
While in essence only One, Undivided God, we claim thee;
Then, adoring, bend the knee And confess the mystery.

Christ, thou art our glorious King, Son of God enthroned in splendor;
But, deliverance to bring, Thou all honors didst surrender,
And wast of a virgin born, Humbly on that blessed morn.

Thou didst take the sting from death, Son of God, as Savior given;
On the cross thy dying breath Opened wide the realm of heaven.
In the glory of that land Thou art set at God's right hand.

As our judge thou wilt appear, Savior, who hast died to win us.
Help thy servants drawing near. Lord, renew our hearts within us.
Grant that with thy saints we may Dwell in everlasting day.

The Dismissal

DEACON Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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