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2023

**CONFIRMATION
SERVICE**

BISHOP ROSS BAY
BISHOP OF AUCKLAND

EASTER 4

Candidates for Confirmation

Tamara Catherine Mary Craigen
Jeffery Ji

Jessica Ji
Harriet Strom Kerrigan Miles

Candidate for Renewal

Liam Lithgow

*At any time in the service when we invite you to stand
you are welcome to remain seated if you need to.*

INTROIT

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus calls us here to meet him,
as through word and song and prayer
we **affirm God's promised presence**
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps such promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life including all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other:
found in him are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language –
such are barriers he derides.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

*Words: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, adapted
Tune: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991). TiS 153*

WELCOME

Bishop:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Liturgist:

In this Easter season,
we celebrate that the powers
of despair and destruction
do not have the final word;
that new life can still break out;
that love is stronger than death;
and that nothing can stop the life, hope,
and determination of Easter people.

**God of grace, we come today with Easter joy,
seeking to be a people of resurrection.
Gather us together now,
form us into a community of your people,
and reveal to us the Holy One. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FORGIVENESS

Liturgist:

We come seeking forgiveness
for all we have failed to be and do
as members of Christ's body.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

Loving and all-seeing God,
forgive us where we have failed to support one another
and to be what we claim to be.
Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;
and where our thoughts and actions have been
contrary to yours we ask your pardon.

Bishop:

God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

Rejoice and be glad,
for Christ is resurrection,
reconciliation for all the human race.

We shall all be one in Christ,
one in our life together.
Praise to God who has created us,
praise to God who has accepted us,
praise to God who sends us into the world.

A NEW COMMANDMENT

Liturgist:

Hear the teaching of Christ:
A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is my shepherd;
leading me beside still waters and restoring my soul. *Psalm 23:1-3*

Good shepherd of the sheep,
by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold;
feed us and we shall be satisfied,
heal us and we shall be whole,
and lead us that we may be with you. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Acts.

Acts 2:42-47

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

E te Atua, kua ruia nei;
O purapura pai:
homai e koe he ngakau hou,
kia tupu ake ai.

E Ihu, kaua e tukua
Kia whakangaromia,
me whakatupu ake ia,
kia kitea ai nga hua.

A ma te Wairua Tapu ra
matou e tiaki,
kei hoki ki te mahi he
O matou ngakau hou. ¹

Words: Traditional Maori Hymn

*Tune: For all the mercies, trad. Maori melody,
harm. Jillian Margaret Bray (1939-2018). WOV 650*

¹ O God, sown is your good seed. Give us a new heart to make it grow. O Jesus, do not let it go, do not let it be destroyed; let it grow so that the fruits may be seen. May the Holy Spirit keep us, lest evil deeds return to our new heart.

We turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to John,
chapter ten, beginning at verse one.



Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah!

John 10:1-10

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah!

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

The Lord is my shepherd (from Requiem)

John Rutter

THE CONFIRMATION

GOD'S CALL

Bishop:

E te whānau a te Karaiti,
God is love, God gives us life.
We love because God first loves us.
In baptism God declares that love;
in Christ God calls us to respond.

THE PRESENTATION

The sponsors present each candidate

Bishop Ross, I present N to profess his / her faith.
Bishop Ross, I present Liam to re-affirm his faith.

Bishop:

Tamara, Jeffery, Jessica, Harriet, Liam
we welcome you as you come to profess
and reaffirm your faith.

At your baptism you were made a disciple of Christ,
and we signed you with the cross.

Come now to receive the laying on of hands with prayer,
to strengthen you for the work of God's kingdom.

THE AFFIRMATION

Please stand.

Praise to God who has given us life.

Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

Blessed be God who sets us free.

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

Let us, the baptised, affirm that we renounce evil
and commit our lives to Christ.

All respond:

Blessed be God

Jesus is Lord!

The bishop then says to the candidates for laying on of hands

What is your faith?

They respond:

I believe and trust in God the Father,
maker and sustainer of all things;
and in God the Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ;
and in God the Holy Spirit, giver of life and truth.
This is my faith.

Please be seated.

COMMITMENT TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. From the beginning, believers have continued in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

Bishop: Will you commit yourself to this life?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you forgive others, as you are forgiven?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek to love your neighbour as yourself, and strive for peace and justice?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you accept the cost of following Jesus Christ in your daily life and work?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: With the whole Church will you proclaim by word and action the Good News of God in Christ?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The candidates kneel, the bishop continues

Let us pray for these who have declared their commitment to Christ's service.

Silence

INVOCATION

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Matthew Howes

Ko te Ingoa o te Atua ora tonu, tō tātou oranga,
Our help is in the name of the eternal God
who is making the heavens and the earth.

Haere mai, e te Wairua Tapu
Come Holy Spirit
bearing your gifts of grace

The bishop prays

God of mercy and love,
new birth by water and the Spirit is your gift,
a gift that none can take away;
grant that your servants may grow
into the fulness of the stature of Christ.
Fill them with the joy of your presence.
Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of love, patience and gentleness,
the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

*The bishop lays hands on each candidate in silence
and then prays.*

FOR CONFIRMATION

Creator Spirit,
strengthen *Tamara / Jeffery / Jessica / Harriet*
with your gifts of grace,
to love and serve
as a disciple of Christ.

Guide, protect, uphold her/him
that s/he may continue yours forever.
Amen.

FOR RENEWAL

Creator Spirit, rekindle in *Liam* your gifts of grace,
renew his life in Christ
and bring to completion all that your calling has begun.
Amen.

*At the conclusion of the laying on of hands for all the
candidates, the bishop prays*

Living God,
empower your disciples to bring life to the world.

Amen!

**May we and they together be found in Christ
and Christ in us.**

THE CELEBRATION OF FAITH

All standing, the bishop says to the congregation

Let us rejoice with those who have committed themselves to
Christ, and celebrate the faith of our baptism.

All: 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.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Please be seated.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bishop:

Let us pray for those far and near,
people and places, powerful and powerless,
all for whom we are concerned.

Leader: For your love and goodness

All: we give you thanks, O God.

THE PEACE

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.

The peace of God be with you all.

In God's justice is our peace.

E te whanau, Christ calls us to live in unity.

We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN ²

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes her dwelling.

*Words: Bianca of Siena (c.1345 – c.1412)
tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)*

Tune: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). TiS 398

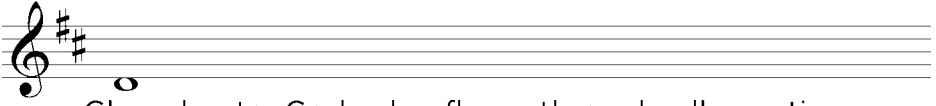
² *There is a donation bowl on the back table.*

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THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Bishop



Glory be to God who flows through all creation,



blessing us with gifts to share.

All:



Bless-ed be God for ev - er.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop



The Spirit is here.

All

God's hope is in us.

Bishop



Lift up your hearts.

All

We lift them up to God.

Bishop



Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

All



It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Creating God.
In you all things are good.

You love us into being, you form us in your image
and breathe into us the breath of life.

When we turn away, and our love fails,
your love remains steadfast.

Your love delivers us from captivity,
and brings us into lands flowing with milk and honey.

You set before us the way of life.

And so, with the people of earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name as we join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One, God of po-wer and might

2
Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

2
Bless the One who comes in the pow'r of love. Ho -

3
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus.
By his baptism and death
you give your church birth into a living hope.
In Christ, risen from death,
you make a new covenant with us
by water and the Spirit, and deliver us into freedom.
We are now your resurrected people, the living body of Christ.
declaring life, hope and justice.

On the last night Jesus shared a meal with his friends,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all,
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.

On the third day he was revealed to the women
and was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of bread.



³ Words by Jenny Blood (1932-2022)

And so, remembering these
 your mighty acts in Jesus the Christ,
 we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
 and we praise you and we bless you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 By your spirit make us one with Christ,
 one with each other, and one in loving service to all the world,
 until all feast at your heavenly banquet. ⁴

Blessing and hon-our and glo - ry be Yours, here and
 ev-'ry -where now and for - ev - er, A - men.

Please be seated.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e to tātou Ariki, ka inoi tātou:

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi,

kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,

kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane

he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātou hara,

me mātou hoki e muru nei,

i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;

engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,

Āke, ake, ake. Āmine.

⁴ Richard Fabian, *St Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco, adapted*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

We sing three times:

Ve - ni San-cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris i - gnemac - cen - de.

Ve - ni San-cte Spi - ri - tus, ve - ni San-cte Spi - ri - tus.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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THE INVITATION

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,
tangohia enei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Come, bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,
for all are welcome to share in this act of communion.

*All are welcome to come and receive the bread and wine;
there are gluten free wafers, just ask the serving priest.*

*There is a chalice for dipping -
simply hold the bread in front of you to signify your choice.*

*If you do not wish to take communion
you may come forward for a blessing.*

*If the stairs are a barrier please sit in the front pews
and communion will be brought to you.*

Te Taro o te Ora. The bread of life.

Te Kapu o te Ora. The cup of salvation.

⁵ Text: Taizé Community. Tune: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Come Holy Ghost

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

The Spirit of the Lord

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Risen Christ,
whom we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands;
the word of life in whom our joy is complete:
send us out to declare your truth,
your unshakeable faith in the world you love.
Amen. ⁶

THE BLESSING

⁶ *Steven Shakespeare*

FINAL HYMN

Church of the living Christ,
people of Easter faith –
speak to the Man who walks
free from the dark of death!
The Christ who burst the tomb apart
comes questioning the Church's heart.

No use old wineskins now –
new wine is here to stay:
no patching up old schemes –
new patches tear away,
old gear, old concepts have no place
where Christ's own presence sets the pace.

Women and men of God,
come, as one Church, to serve,
bring all the skills we have,
sharpen our every nerve:
to save a world in bitter need
the rule of love must come in deed.

We are the Body now –
our feet must mark the Way,
our speech declare the Word
and live it day by day,
the resurrection story ours,
disciples gifted with new powers!

*Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)
Tune: Little Cornard, Martin Shaw (1875-1958). TIS 469*

Deacon from the rear of the Church:

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.

Amen. We go in the power of love.

Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Jacques Nicolas Lemmens (1832-1881)

MUSIC NOTES

John Rutter's Requiem was written in 1985 and first performed in October of that year. Following the precedent established by Brahms and Fauré, among others, it is not strictly a setting of the Requiem Mass as laid down in Catholic liturgy, but instead is made up of a personal selection of texts, some taken from the Requiem Mass and some from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. The Lord is my shepherd sets Psalm 23 and was originally written in 1978 as a stand-alone anthem for Mel Olson and the Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church in Omaha, Nebraska.

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838) became a chorister at the Chapel Royal at the age of nine. At the age of sixteen he was presented to the Prince of Wales (who later became George IV) who was impressed enough to send him on a course of study abroad in Naples and then in Vienna where he became a pupil of Mozart. In 1796 he was appointed organist of St Paul's Cathedral. The anthem **Come, Holy Ghost** is a paraphrase by John Cosin (1594-1672) of *Veni Creator Spiritus*, the ancient hymn for Pentecost.

Edward Elgar's stirring anthem **The Spirit of the Lord** is the prologue to his oratorio *The Apostles*, which tells the story of the disciples of Jesus and their reactions to the extraordinary events they witness on the first Pentecost through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

*We invite you to **keep** this copy of the Service and take it home with you to share with another member of your family, or with a friend
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