



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY

8

2022

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

INTROIT

These are they which follow the Lamb

John Goss (1800-1880)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever!

> Words: Psalm 23; para. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877) Tune: Dominus Regit Me, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876). TiS 145

WELCOME

Priest: Kua ara a te Karaiti. 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.

THE GLORIA Praise the liv- ing God from the earth! Praise God from the heav-ens, sun and moon, and shin- ing stars, praise the liv- ing God!

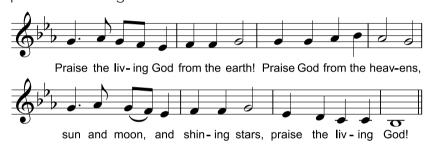
Praise the Holy Name,

whose word speaks all things into being, who created the forces of the universe and the laughter of children. Praise the Holy Name!



Praise the living God:

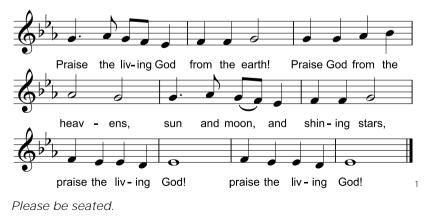
clouds and storms and ocean currents, fish in the sea and creatures of the deep, animals and cattle, insects and birds, praise the living God!



Praise the Holy Name

who did not rely only on angels and messengers

but came among us in person, whose living presence saves us! Praise God's Holy Name!



¹ Words: Brian Wren (adapted)

A NEW COMMANDMENT

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, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters.

Good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought; feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us forward. Amen.²

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23:1-2

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Faithful Shepherd, feed me in the pastures green; faithful Shepherd, lead me where your steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me in the narrow way; so, with you beside me, I need never stray. Daily bring me nearer to the heavenly shore; make my faith grow clearer, help me love you more.

Consecrate each pleasure, every joy and pain; you are all my treasure, all I hope to gain.

Day by day prepare me as you purpose best, mercy shall pursue me to your promised rest.

> Words: Thomas Benson Pollock (1836-1896) Tune: Pastor Pastorum, Philipp Friedrich Silcher (1789-1860). HfTC 29

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to John, chapter ten, beginning at verse twenty-two.



John 10:22-30

This is the Gospel of Christ.



THE SERMON

ANTHEM

The Lord is my shepherd (from Requiem)

John Rutter

COMMISSIONING OF VESTRY

At the AGM on 27 March 2022, John Aston, Jennifer Broom, Matthew Chubb, Joanne Drayton, Wendy Earles, Susanna Howes, Gavin Rennie, Jane Stevenson were elected to the Vestry of this parish; Jon Lamb as Vicar's Warden (Jennifer Broom as Acting Vicar's Warden) and Elena Philp as People's Warden, and Martin Brown and Anne Walsh as our Synod Representatives.

Vestry members are called to leadership and stewardship. They are our leaders in our life as a community of faith and they are stewards of our resources and our buildings. Members of Vestry do you commit yourselves to this task of leadership and stewardship for the coming year?

With God's help we do.

Members of the parish community, will you uphold these people in your prayers and support them in their tasks?

With God's help we will.

May faith be yours, wisdom, vision and energy, that you may be equipped to lead.

Love be yours, compassion, gentleness and humility, that you may be equipped to serve.

Insight be yours, patience, perseverance and dedication, that you may be equipped to release the gifts of others.

God's grace be upon you, Christ's love work within you, and the Spirit's power flow through you,

that you may faithfully share in nurturing

and building God's community of faith at St Matthew's. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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 ³

Jesus Christ is risen today in this South Pacific land, this the resurrection day, in these islands where we stand; morning sky in autumn light, shining forth for our delight.

> Jesus Christ is risen today over valley, crag and hill, countryside and sandy bay, bush and forest, deep and still; summer's gone, but leaves are gold, bright creation we behold.

Jesus Christ is risen today in the city's busy street, many cultures passing by, finding friendship when they meet; come and share the wondrous feast, peace and love will be increased.

> Words: Jenny Blood (1932-2022) Tune: Ratisbon, melody from Johann Gottlob Werner's 'Choralbuch', Leipzig, 1815 harmony from William Henry Havergal (1793-1870). WOV 140(ii)

- ³ There is a donation bowl on the back table. For electronic giving option:
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THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Glory be to God who flows through all creation, blessing us with gifts to share.



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,

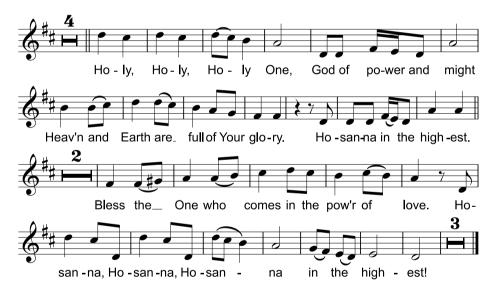
your love remains steadfast.

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:



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,

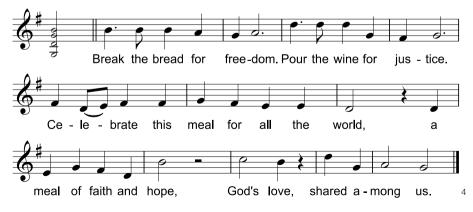
which is shed for you and for all,

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.



⁴ Words by Jenny Blood

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.⁵



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 āianei 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.

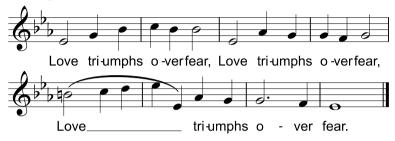
⁵ Richard Fabian, St Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco, adapted

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the hope of Christ.

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

We sing three times:



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; there are gluten free wafers, just ask the serving priest.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Worthy is the Lamb (from Messiah) George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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

NOTICES

FINAL HYMN

Christ is alive, with joy we sing; we celebrate our risen Lord, praising the glory of his name. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is the grain of wheat that died, sown in distress and reaped in joy, yielding a harvest of new life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is the sun which brings the dawn: he is the light of all the world, setting us free from death and sin. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is the vine set in the earth, sharing our life, from birth to death, that we might share in God's own life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is the bread that comes from God, broken to feed us in our need, given to bring eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

⁶ Steven Shakespeare

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> Words: Pamela Stotter Tune: Vulpius, melody from Melchior Vulpius (c.1560-1615) in his 'Gesangbuch', Jena, 1609. TiS 393

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

Prelude in C major BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

MUSIC NOTES

John Rutter's *Requiem*, completed in 1985, combines texts from the Requiem Mass and the Book of Common Prayer. Fauré, Brahms and Duruflé were composers who also followed their own individual preferences when selecting appropriate texts to set. Rutter chose to include the familiar words of Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd". This exquisite and moving piece had been composed as a separate anthem several years earlier for a church choir in Omaha, Nebraska. Rutter felt that it encapsulated his work's message of reassurance. Handel's magnificent *Worthy is the Lamb* is the final chorus of his

Handel's magnificent *Worthy is the Lamb* is the final chorus of his oratorio *Messiah*. It describes Christ's acclamation in Heaven, having conquered death and sin. One critic has described it as "a remarkable confluence of Hebrew theology, Italian operatic genius, English class and German piety."

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 **OR put in a recycling bin provided at the back of the church**.

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