

**ORDER OF SERVICE – Sunday 28 January 2024**  
**4th Sunday of the Epiphany/Te Rātapu Tuawhā o te Whakaaturanga**  
**Celebrant:** Rev. Derek Keatley  
**Preacher:** The People's Warden  
**Liturgical Assistant:** tdb

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*(Derek)* **Welcome and opening prayer**

**OPENING HYMNS**

***Father in heaven, how we love you***

<b>v.1</b>  Father in heaven, how we love you Father in heaven, how we love you We lift your name in all the earth May your kingdom be established in our praises As your people declare your mighty works	<b>Chorus</b>  Blessed be the Lord God almighty Who was and is and is to come Blessed be the Lord God almighty Who reigns for evermore
<b>v.2</b>  Father in heaven, how we love you Father in heaven, how we love you We lift your name in all the earth May your kingdom be established in our praises As your people declare your mighty works	<b>Chorus</b>  Blessed be the Lord God almighty Who was and is and is to come Blessed be the Lord God almighty Who reigns for evermore

***The power of your love***

<b>v.1</b>  Lord I come to you Let my heart be changed, renewed Flowing from the grace That I found, in you And Lord I've come to know The weaknesses I see, in me Will be stripped away By the power of your love	<b><u>Chorus:</u></b>  Hold me close let your love surround me Bring me near draw me to your side And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle And I will soar with you Your spirit leads me on In the power of your love
<b>v.2</b>  Lord unveil my eyes Let me see you face, to face The knowledge of your love As you live, in me Lord renew my mind As your will unfolds in my life In living every day In the power of your love	<b><u>Chorus:</u></b>  Hold me close let your love surround me Bring me near draw me to your side And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle And I will soar with you Your spirit leads me on In the power of your love

*(Lay Minister)*

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

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

**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 Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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.**

Here God's word to all who turn to Christ:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus said: Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins.

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

*(Derek)*

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you life eternal. **Amen.**

*(Lay Minister)*

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

**The word of Christ dwell in us richly.**

Sentence

My soul is thirsting for you, O God, thirsting for the living God;  
when shall I come to appear in your presence? *Psalm 42:2*

Collect

**Jesus, you spoke with passion, you acted without fear, and we remember. Help us when we have to speak out, to speak the truth and without malice to speak. Hear this prayer for your name's sake. Amen.**

Hebrew Scriptures (Brodie)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Psalm

*(Lay Minister)* "We pray together, by alternate verses, Psalm 111

Whakamoemititia a Ihowa/ Praise the Lord.

I will thank you O Lord with all my heart

In the company of the upright in their assembly.

**Great are your works O Lord**

**and to be studied by all who delight in them.**

Your deeds are full of majesty and splendor

And your righteousness endures forever

**You have caused your marvelous**

**acts to be remembered,**

**You Lord are gracious and full of compassion.**

You give food to those who fear you

You keep your covenant always in mind.

**You have shown your people your power in**

**action, by giving them the lands of other nations.**

The works of your hands are faithful and just

And all your precepts are trustworthy.

**They stand steadfast forever and ever**

**they are grounded in truth and justice.**

You sent redemption to your people, you decreed your eternal covenant, holy and awesome is your name

**The fear of you O Lord is the beginning of wisdom, those who revere you have good understanding, your praise shall endure forever.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Epistle Reading (Raewyn)

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

## GRADUAL HYMN

### *Freely, Freely*

<b>v.1</b> God forgave my sin in Jesus' name I've been born again in Jesus' name And in Jesus' name I come to you To share his love as he told me to	<b>Chorus:</b> He said "Freely freely you have received Freely, freely give Go in my name and because you believe Others will know that I live"
<b>v.2</b> All power is given in Jesus' name On Earth and Heaven in Jesus' name And in Jesus' name I come to you To share his love as he told me to	<b>Chorus:</b> He said "Freely freely you have received Freely, freely give Go in my name and because you believe Others will know that I live"

### Gospel reading (Kathy)

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark  
chapter 1, verses 21-28  
**Praise and glory to God**

This is the Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to Christ the Word**

### **The Sermon** (The Peoples' Warden)

#### The Creed

"We affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed"

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

and became fully human.  
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,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
and 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.

Prayers of the People (Hazel)

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

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

**By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.**

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.**

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

*He came singing love*

<p><b>v.1</b></p> <p>He came singing love and he lived singing love  He died singing love <i>He arose in silence</i>  For the love to go on we must make it our song  You and I be the singers</p>	<p><b>v.3</b></p> <p>He came singing hope and he lived singing hope  He died singing hope <i>He arose in silence</i>  For the hope to go on we must make it our song  You and I be the singers</p>
<p><b>v.2</b></p> <p>He came singing faith and he lived singing faith  He died singing faith <i>He arose in silence</i>  For the faith to go on we must make it our song  You and I be the singers</p>	<p><b>v.4</b></p> <p>He came singing peace and he lived singing peace  He died singing peace <i>He arose in silence</i>  For the peace to go on we must make it our song  You and I be the singers</p>

## THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS (Derek)

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty.  
**All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Derek)

The Lord is here. **God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to offer 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.

### ***Variation for Epiphany***

In him we see you, the eternal God, revealing your glory in our flesh, for he is the  
light of the nations who illuminates our darkness.

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.**

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.

Likewise, 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.

**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, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

As Christ teaches us we *sing and 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 forever. Amen.**

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.**

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died  
for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## SONGS DURING COMMUNION

### *He is Lord*

<b>v.1 (of 1)</b>  He is Lord He is Lord He is risen from the dead and He is Lord Every knee shall bow Every tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord	<b>Repeat</b>  He is Lord He is Lord He is risen from the dead and He is Lord Every knee shall bow Every tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord
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### *Father we adore you*

<b>v.1 (of 1)</b>  Father we adore you. Lay our lives before you, How we love you.  Jesus we adore you. Lay our lives before you, How we love you.  Spirit we adore you. Lay our lives before you, How we love you.
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### *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

<b>v.1</b> I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto Me and rest; lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon My breast' I came to Jesus as I was, weary, and worn, and sad; I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.	<b>v.2</b> I heard the voice of Jesus say I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live'. I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.
<b>v.3</b> I heard the voice of Jesus say I heard the voice of Jesus say 'I am this dark world's light; look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright': I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.	



Post-Communion Prayer (Lay Minister)

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 Saviour, 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 honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing (Derek)

***This or any blessing (words are not display on the powerpoint)***

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Birthdays and Notices (Derek)

- Birthdays this week: 29th Tyler, 30th Oliver, 3rd Feb Jackie, Nola.
- Invite people to add their birthdays and celebrations to the birthday book on the table at the back of the church (by this point Hilary will probably be holding it aloft).
- Ash Wednesday is on 14 February 2024, 7.00pm at Holy Trinity. The people of St. Patrick's Catholic Church have been invited to join us. Please continue to bring last year's Palm Crosses back to church. Leave them in the bowl at the back of the church.
- Lenten Studies will commence on Wednesday 21 February. Kathy will lead us through the 2024 Diocesan Lenten Studies workbook which is available free of charge to those who come along.
- Those who can't attend Lenten Studies, but who would like a book to work through themselves at home please let Kathy or Vance know and we'll order them from the Diocese. Workbooks for use at home come at a cost of \$5 for the waged and what's manageable for the unwaged.
- We are gathering stationery and school supplies again this year to be donated to lower decile schools in Wainuiomata. Pop them under the altar as a love offering and we'll bless them before they get distributed. If you'd rather offer a cash donation for their purchase please mark it in an envelope for the offertory plate or hand it to Hazel.
- Vestry met last Sunday to conduct the affairs of the Parish and agree the date of the next AGM which will be after church on Sunday 28 April. This is an election year for Vestry Officers and Members. If you discern a calling to serve the Parish on Vestry, please speak to any of the current members or churchwardens to learn more about this ministry. It would be a blessing to the Parish to have others join those who will be continuing.
- Please call for any other notices from amongst the people (sometimes, some like to offer a personal testimony at this point).

Recessional Hymn

***Lift high the Cross***

<p><b>Chorus (sung first)</b> Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.</p>	<p><b>v.1</b> From farthest regions let them homage bring And on his Cross adore their Saviour King: <b>Chorus</b></p>
	<p><b>v.2</b> Come Christians, follow where our Captain trod, Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God: <b>Chorus</b></p>
	<p><b>v.3</b> O Lord, once lifted on the glorious Tree, As though hast promised, draw people unto thee: <b>Chorus</b></p>
	<p><b>v.4</b> Let every race and every language tell Of him who saves our souls from death and hell: <b>Chorus</b></p>
	<p><b>v.5</b> Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease Beneath the shadow of its healing peace: <b>Chorus</b></p>
	<p><b>v.6</b> For thy blest Cross which doth for all atone Creation's praises rise before thy throne: <b>Chorus</b></p>

The sending out of the people

Go now to love and serve the Lord.

Go in peace.

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**