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***The Feast of All Saints
and the celebration of
The Laying on of Hands for Confirmation
3rd November 2024***

*Presider and Preacher:
The Rt. Rev'd Andrew Hedge, Bishop of Waiapu*

The Gathering of the Community

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest;
who to the world by faith their Lord confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed:
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
you, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight,
and in the darkness their unfailing light.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**So may your soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**One holy people, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine
in earth and heaven the saints in praise combine:
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
faintly we hear the distant triumph-song;
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west:
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest,
the peaceful calm of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**But look! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
saints all-triumphant rise in bright array
the king of glory passes on his way!
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest shore
through gates of pearl, ascending, they adore
the Father, Son and Spirit evermore:
Alleluia, alleluia!**

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The bishop greets us and introduces the liturgy

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power in us who believe. (*Eph 1:18,19*)

The Song of the Church – *Te Deum Laudamus*

We praise you O God: we acclaim you as the Lord.

All creation worships you: the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven:

cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise,

'Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:

heaven and earth are full of your glory.'

The glorious company of apostles praise you:

the noble fellowship of prophets praise you,

the white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded,

your true and only Son, worthy of all worship:

and the Holy Spirit, our advocate and guide.

You Christ are the king of glory:

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became incarnate to set us free:

you humbly accepted the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death:

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory:

we believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then Lord and help your people:

bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

We sit or kneel

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all, and your mercy is over all creation.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name,
and speak of the glory of your kingdom.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In silence before God, we confess our sins.

Silence

God forgives you.
Be at peace.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Eternal God,
you have always taken men and women
of every nation, age and colour
and made them saints;
like them, transformed,
like them, baptised in Jesus' name,
take us to share your glory;
where you reign one God for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation

The Readings

A reading from Isaiah 25:6-9

A prophetic hymn envisioning the day of the Lord's salvation

After the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lords and all that is in it:
the world and its inhabitants.

For the Lord has founded it upon the seas:
and planted it firm upon the waters beneath.

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord:
or who may stand in Gods holy place?

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart:
**who have not set their minds on falsehood,
or sworn a deceitful oath.**

They shall receive blessing from the Lord:
and recompense from God their saviour.

So it is with those who seek the Lord:
with those who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads you gates,
lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors:
that the king of glory may come in.

'Who is the king of glory?':
**'It is the Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'**

Lift up your heads you gates,
lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors:
that the king of glory may come in.

'Who is the king of glory?':
'It is the Lord, the Lord of hosts who is the king of glory.'

A reading from Revelation 21:1-6a

God will indwell all creation, bringing transformation and renewal

After the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn:

**Let us praise your name, God our Saviour, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise and bless your name, God our Saviour,
praise and bless your name, alleluia!**

Taize chant #13

We remain standing

The Holy Gospel according to John 11:32-44
Praise and glory to God.

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

The Sermon

Hymn:

Loving Spirit loving Spirit
you have chosen me to be
you have drawn me to Your wonder
you have set Your sign on me

Like a mother You enfold me
hold my life within Your own
feed me with Your very body
form me of Your flesh and bone

Like a father You protect me
teach me the discerning eye
hoist me up upon Your shoulder
let me see the world from high

Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

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The Laying on of Hands for Confirmation

E te whānau a te Karaiti / Dear friends in Christ,
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 baptised who come to profess their faith and receive the laying on of hands by the bishop are brought forward and presented to the bishop with these words.

Bishop Andrew, I present Beth / Esma to profess her faith.

The bishop then says

Esma and Beth, we welcome you as you come to profess 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

We stand

*With the candidates for the laying on of hands,
we respond in these affirmations.*

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.

Blessed be God. JESUS IS LORD!

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

What is your faith?

Eσμα and Beth reply together

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.

Commitment to Christian Service

We sit and the candidates for the laying on of hands stand before the bishop, who says

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.

Will you commit yourself to this life?

Candidate I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you forgive others, as you are forgiven?

Candidate I will, with God's help.

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

Candidate I will, with God's help.

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

Candidate 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?

Candidate I will, with God's help.

The Laying on of Hands

The candidates being conveniently placed, the bishop continues

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

Silence

Our help is in the name of the eternal God
who is making the heavens and the earth.

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.

Creator Spirit,
strengthen Esmakia Trista / Beth Hannah
with your gifts of grace,
to love and serve as a disciple of Christ.

Guide, protect, uphold her
that she may continue yours forever. **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

We stand

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

Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**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.**

The Prayers of the People

During the prayers:

Sing to the Lord a new song.
Let the faithful rejoice.

The Peace

We stand

We are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

Kia tau tonu te rangimārie o te Ariki ki a koutou.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Preparation of the Gifts

The altar is prepared, and the gifts of the people are presented

Offertory Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

**All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.**

I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have born my peoples pain.

**I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.**

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord ...

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Here I am Lord ...

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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

We remain standing, though feel free to sit if needs be.

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.

Honour and worship are indeed your due,
our Lord and our God, through Jesus Christ,
for you created all things;
by your will they were created,
and for your glory they have their being.

In your loving purpose you chose us
before the foundation of the world to be your people;
you gave your promises to Abraham and Sarah
and bestowed your favour on the Virgin Mary.

We give thanks for the example
and encouragement of all your saints,
for their witness to the truth of the gospel,
and for the hope of glory which we share with them.

Above all we give you thanks and praise
for you grace in sending Jesus Christ,
not for any merit of our own
but when we had turned away from you.
We were bound in sin,
but in your compassion you redeemed us,
reconciling us to yourself with the precious blood of Christ.
In your Son you suffered with us and for us,
offering us the healing riches of salvation
and calling us to freedom and holiness.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language,
with the whole church on earth and in heaven,
joyfully we give you thanks and say:

**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 honour to you, God of grace,
for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
The night before he died,
he took bread,
and 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;
and 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 heavenly Father,
in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son,
we now celebrate the wonder of your grace
and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness,
we were far off until you brought us near
and our hands are empty until you fill them.
As we eat this bread and drink this wine,
through the power of your Holy Spirit
feed us with your heavenly food,
renew us in your service, unite us in Christ,
and bring us to your everlasting kingdom.

O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God;
how unsearchable are your judgments
and untraceable your ways.

**From you, and through you, and for you are all things.
To you be glory for ever. Amen.**

The Communion

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka inoi tatou

**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 āianeī
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.**

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.*

The bishop beaks the bread in silence

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.**

The Invitation

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua,
tāngohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

*Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine) though feel free to
receive only the bread.*

We do not, for health reasons, dip the bread in the wine.

Prayer After Communion & The Dismissal of the Community

Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints;
**may we who share at this table
be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom,
where Jesus is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

Christ, who makes saints of sinners, who has transformed those we remember today, raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world; and the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life, be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
by those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
we bring his gospel to a waiting world.**

**Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
this call is ours, for we are chosen too,
to live for God in all we say and do.**

**Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
from death's despair the gift of life restored;
our call to serve, to wash each other's feet,
to bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.**

**Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
to sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
the kingdom's harvest from a mustard seed.**

**Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
old joys remembered and new purpose found,
our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

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Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

*We may follow the bishop out to the Whenua Tapu
where he will unveil and bless the new memorial.*

The Unveiling of the Memorial on the Whenua Tapu

The final resting place for our dead is a sacred place – a Whenua Tapu, a sacred land. Until now there has been no visible memorial to those whose ashes are interred here but a generous bequest from the late Babette Dasent, a former parishioner of Saint Matthew’s, has enabled us to erect this memorial.

I runga i te Ingoa
o te Atua, o te Matua, o te Tama, o te Wairua Tapu.
Āmine.

Lord, you guard me from behind and before me.
You cover me with your hand.

If I climb up to heaven, you are there.
If I make my bed in the grave you are there also.

Almighty God,
by your power and love
all things are sanctified and made perfect.
Be merciful to us and bless us.
Let your face shine upon us
and prosper the work of our hands,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father,
help us to entrust our loved ones to your care;
when sorrow darkens our lives,
teach us to look to you,
remembering the cloud of witnesses
by whom we are surrounded.
Grant that we on earth may share with them
the rest and peace which you give
through your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The veil is removed and the bishop says

In the faith of Jesus Christ,
we dedicate this memorial in memory of his servants,
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God,
your saints are one with you
in the mystical body of Christ;
**give us grace to follow them
in all virtue and holiness
until we come to those inexpressible joys
which you have prepared for those
who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Neither death nor life
can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God.



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