

# The Thanksgiving of the People of God

**(Holy Eucharist *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)**

*Prelude*

**Opening Hymn:**

*Servant Song (Nativity Songbook 142)*

1. Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are travelers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
'Til we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

***Celebrant:*** Grace and peace to you from God

***People:*** God fill you with truth and joy.

# The Collect for Purity

***Celebrant:*** 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, that we may truly love you, and worthily praise your holy name; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

***People:*** Amen.

# Hymn of Praise

## *I Come with Joy (H304)*

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see, and praise him here.

5. Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise.

# The Summary of the Law

***Celebrant:*** Hear the teaching of Christ: you shall love the lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And a second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

***People:*** Spirit of God, search our hearts.

# The Comfortable Words

***Celebrant:*** Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:

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

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

Jesus said:

There is joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

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

## The Confession

***Celebrant:*** 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.

***Celebrant:*** Let us confess our sins.

***All:*** 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.

# The Absolution

***Celebrant:*** 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 in eternal life.

***People:*** Amen

***Celebrant:*** The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

# The Collect of the Day

***Celebrant:*** Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***People:*** Amen

# The Proclamation

## *First Testament Reading*

### **Job 38:1-7, 34-41**

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words  
without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man, I will question  
you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation  
of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely  
you know! Or who stretched the line upon  
it?

On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its  
cornerstone when the morning stars sang  
together and all the heavenly beings  
shouted for joy?

Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,  
so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they  
may go and say to you, 'Here we are'?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,  
or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the  
clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the  
heavens, when the dust runs into a mass  
and the clods cling together?

Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy  
the appetite of the young lions, when they  
crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their  
covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey, when its  
young ones cry to God, and wander about  
for lack of food?"

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying  
to the Church.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## *The Psalm*

*Spoken Responsively by half verse*

### **Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b**

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul;\*

**O Lord my God, how excellent is your  
greatness! you are clothed with  
majesty and splendor.**

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a  
cloak\*

**and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the  
waters above;\*

**you make the clouds your chariot; you ride  
on the wings of the wind.**

4 You make the winds your messengers \*  
**and flames of fire your servants.**

5 You have set the earth upon its  
foundations, \*

**so that it never shall move at any time.**

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a  
mantle;\*

**the waters stood higher than the mountains.**

7 At your rebuke they fled;\*

**at the voice of your thunder they hastened  
away.**

8 They went up into the hills and down to the  
valleys beneath, \*

**to the places you had appointed for them.**

9 You set the limits that they should not pass;\*

**they shall not again cover the earth.**

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works!\*

**in wisdom you have made them all;**

**the earth is full of your creatures.**

37b Hallelujah!

## *Epistle Reading*

### **Hebrews 5:1-10**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take

this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal

salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

***Reader:*** Hear what the Spirit is saying  
to the Church.

***People:*** Thanks be to God

# Gradual

## *Fairest Lord Jesus (H383)*

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou God of man the Son;  
thee will I cherish,  
thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

# The Gospel

**Deacon:** The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**People:** Praise and glory to God.

## Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus

said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be

first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

***Deacon:*** This is the Gospel of Christ.

***People:*** Praise to Christ, the Word.

# Gradual

## *Fairest Lord Jesus (H383)*

3. Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer,  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

# The Sermon

# The Affirmation of Faith

**All:** You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we  
do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the  
world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome  
death.

You are our God. We worship you.,

# The Prayers of the People

**Leader:** Heavenly God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of Christ. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

**Leader:** God, enliven the Church for its mission;

**Congregation:** That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

***Leader:*** Breathe fresh life into your people;

***Congregation:*** Give us power to reveal Christ  
in word and action.

***Leader:*** We pray for the world.

Creator of all, lead us and every people  
into ways of justice and peace.

***Congregation:*** That we may respect one  
another in freedom and truth.

***Leader:*** Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

***Congregation:*** Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

***Leader:*** We pray for the community: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

***Congregation:*** that all may act with integrity and courage.

**Leader:** Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**Congregation:** May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

**Leader:** We pray for those in need: God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

**Congregation:** May they know the power of your healing love.

***Leader:*** Make us willing agents of your compassion.

***Congregation:*** Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

***Leader:*** We remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

***Congregation:*** God, into your hands we commend them.

**Leader:** Give comfort to those who mourn.

**Congregation:** Bring them peace in their time of loss.

**Leader:** We praise you for (...) all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

**Congregation:** May their example inspire and encourage us.

**Leader:** We pray for ourselves and our ministries: Lord, you have called us to serve you.

***Congregation:*** Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Celebrant:*** God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfil now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory.

***People:*** Amen.

# The Ministry of the Sacrament

## The Peace

***Celebrant:*** The peace of Christ be always  
with you.

***People:*** And also with you.

**Prayers for Birthdays/Anniversaries/Travel...**

***Celebrant:*** Beloved, we are the body of Christ.

***People:*** By one Spirit we were baptized into one body.

***Celebrant:*** Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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

**Offertory Sentence:** Let us with gladness present the offering and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

# The Preparation of the Gifts

## Hymn During Collection

### *On Eagle's Wings (NSB 125)*

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: “My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!”

“And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge  
with faithfulness your shield.

“And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

3. For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

“And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

# Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures



here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

***Celebrant:*** To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty.

***People:*** All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.

# The Great Thanksgiving

***Celebrant:*** The Lord is here.

***People:*** God's Spirit is with us.

***Celebrant:*** Lift up your hearts.

***People:*** We lift them to the Lord.

***Celebrant:*** Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God.

***People:*** It is right to offer thanks and  
praise.

***Celebrant:*** It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Creator, 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.

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:

*All (S128)*

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.

***Celebrant:*** All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy God; 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.

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

***Celebrant:*** 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.

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

***Celebrant:*** As Christ teaches us, we pray:

***All (spoken):***

Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through  
the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the  
peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created  
beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another,  
forgive us.

In time of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For your reign in the glory of the power that is  
love, now and forever. 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.

# The Fraction *Sung by All*

## Fraction Anthem



Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not



hun - ger. Je - sus Christ, Ri - sen Lord,



those who trust in you will not thirst.

**All:** Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom.

Amen.

***Celebrant:*** Holy Gifts for Holy People.

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.

# Communion Music

## *For Everyone Born*

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,

And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy.

2. For woman and man, a place at the table,  
Revising the roles, deciding the share,  
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
For woman and man, a system that's fair,  
And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy.

3. For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,

And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy.

4. For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live,

And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy.

5. For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,

And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy.

# Post Communion Prayer

***Celebrant:*** Let us pray.

***All:*** God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

***People:*** Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

## **Blessing**

***Celebrant:***

***People:*** Amen

# Closing Hymn

## *Jesus Shall Reign (Hymnal 544)*

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
doth his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

5. Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

# The Dismissal

**Deacon:** Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. *Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

**People:** Amen. We go in the name of Christ. *Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

**Postlude**

**Announcements**

# **MEN IN HEELS 2021**

## **Nativity style!**

We'll have a satellite **Men in Heels** event after church today! Stick around and watch the fun!



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