

# The Thanksgiving of the People of God

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

## *Prelude*

### **Opening Hymn:**

#### *Thou Whose Almighty Word (H371 v. 1-2)*

1. Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and, where the Gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!

2. Thou who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind,  
let there be light!

***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 of comfort:

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:*** Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***People:*** Amen

# The Proclamation

## *First Testament Reading*

### **1 Samuel 1:4-20**

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb.

So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple

of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before

the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

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

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

# ***The Cantical***

*Spoken Responsively by half verse*

## **1 Samuel 2:1-10**

My heart exults in you, O God;\*  
**my triumph song is lifted in you.**

My mouth derides my enemies,\*  
**for I rejoice in your salvation.**

There is none holy like you,\*  
**nor any rock to be compared to you,  
our God.**

Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance,\*

**only God is knowing and weighs all actions.**

The weapons of the mighty are broken,\*  
**but the weak are clothed in strength.**

Those once full now labor for bread;\*  
**those who hungered are now well fed.**

The childless woman finds her life fruitful,\*  
**and the mother of many sits forlorn.**

God destroys and brings to life, casts down  
and raises up;\*

**Gives wealth or takes away, humbles and  
dignifies.**

God raises the poor from the dust;\*  
**and lifts the needy from the ash heap**

to make them sit with rulers\*  
**and inherit a place of honor.**

For the pillars of the earth are God's\*  
**on which the whole earth is founded.**

God will guide the path of the faithful,\*  
**but the wicked will languish in darkness.**

For it is not by human might\*  
**that any mortal will prevail.**

The foes of our God will be shattered;\*  
**the Most High will thunder through the  
heavens.**

The ALMIGHTY will judge the earth to its  
ends;\*

**and will give strength to the ruler of  
God's own choosing.**

## *Epistle Reading*

### **Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25**

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has

promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

***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 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is

still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

***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 (H362)*

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

***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):***

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
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:***

God bless you and keep you;  
God make God's face to shine upon you, and  
be gracious to you;  
God lift up God's countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the  
Creator, The Reconciler, the Redeemer be  
among you and remain with you always.

***People:*** Amen

# Closing Hymn

## *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (H 561)*

3. Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;  
stand in this strength alone;  
the arm of flesh will fail you,  
ye dare not trust your own:  
put on the Gospel armor,  
and watching unto prayer,  
when duty calls, or danger,  
be never wanting there.

4. Stand up, stand up, for Jesus:  
the strife will not be long:  
this day, the noise of battle;  
the next, the victor's song.  
To valiant hearts triumphant,  
a crown of life shall be;  
they with the King of glory  
shall reign eternally.

# 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**