

# Napier Operatic Society

CENTENNIAL CHURCH
SERVICE

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Members of other denominations are

invited to share in the Holy Communion

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Welcome by the President

Grace and Peace to you from God

All: God fill you with truth and joy

Theme & sentence for the day's worship.

All: 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.

# Opening Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing? Alleluia, Alleluia, praise the everlasting King.

2

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia, Alleluia, glorious in his faithfulness. 3

Father-like, he tends and spares us, well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, Alleluia, widely as his mercy flows.

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Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

(Kneel)

Hear these words of Jesus 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 and greatest commandment.

And a second is this:

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

All: Spirit of God, search our hearts.

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

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

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.

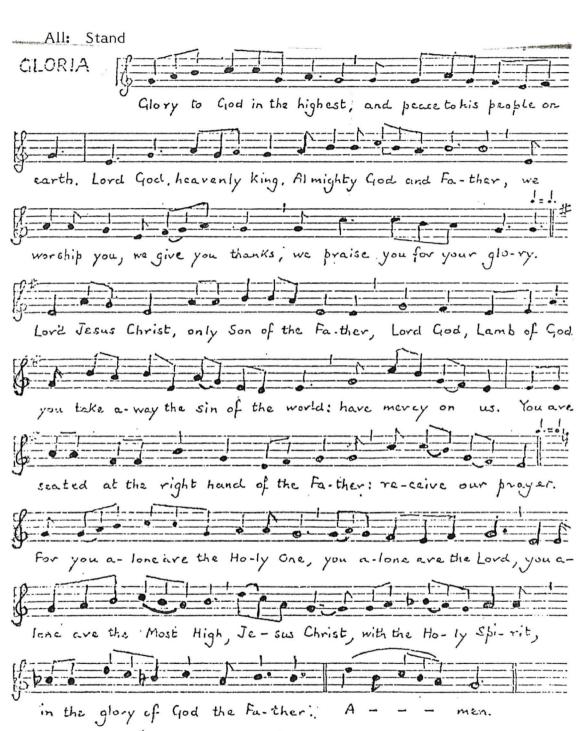
We repent and turn to you.

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

By the authority of Jesus Christ I declare God has mercy on you, pardons you and sets you free.

Know that your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. Amen.



### THE READINGS

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts

All: The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Collect for the day

(Sit)

A reading from the Epistles Colossians 1: 1-11 Cecil Fitzwater

.... Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God

Anthem How Lovely are the Dwellings

Anthony Bewley Dawn Unsworth Grace Leslie Robert Houston

The Holy Gospel ... Luke 18: 9-14 Gillian Davies

All: Praise and Glory to God

.... This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon

(Stand)

We all share in our Proclamation of Faith, in 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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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 wil 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

Let us pay for the church and for the world, thanking God for his goodness.

### (Kneel)

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.

Therefore in confidence and trust

We pray for the church:

Father, enliven the church for its mission in the world.

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

We pray for the world:

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

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

We pray for the community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

All: That all may act with integrity and courage.

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

All: May they know the power of your healing love.

- \* We remember those who have died and those who mourn.
- \* We praise you for (.. and) all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

All: May their example inspire and encourage us.

Lord, you have called us to serve you

All: 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.

## THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

(Stand)

The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

All: By one Spirit we were baptised into one Body.

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

All: Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Offertory Hymn, during which our gifts of bread and wine, and the offerings of the people, are presented at the altar.

Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's Son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.

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Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.

3

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one of us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.

4

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.

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

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (All kneel)

The Lord is here

All: God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift then to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is the joy of 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 turned away from you you called us back to yourself and gave your only Son to share our human nature. He made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and by his death on the cross he freed us from the bondage of sin.

You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory.

In him you have called us to be a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

All:



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.

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: 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.

Grant that through your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ.

Fill us with your Spirit by whose grace and power you make us one in the body of Christ.

With all who share these holy things we worship you in songs of everlasting praise.

All: Blessing, honour, and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever.

Amen.

(All kneel in silence)

As Jesus taught us we pray

All: 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.

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

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

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us.

Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

During administration of communion the following will be sung

Morning has Broken

Joy McNamara Ray Dalton
Anne Clifford Buddy Collins

I'll Walk with God

Patricia Aldesley Gerald Brown

Tessa Mae Brown

O Lord Most Holy

Kerry Plested Julie Williams Robyn Harvey Lucille Flemming

### AFTER COMMUNION

Almightly 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.

All: Therefore, everliving God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.

And now we offer ourselves, soul and body 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.

(There may be a blessing included)

### The closing Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand: bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

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Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through: strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.

3

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs and praises I will ever give to thee.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

You are welcome to retain this booklet.

All visitors are invited to stay for a cup of tea at the back of the Cathedral immediately following the service.