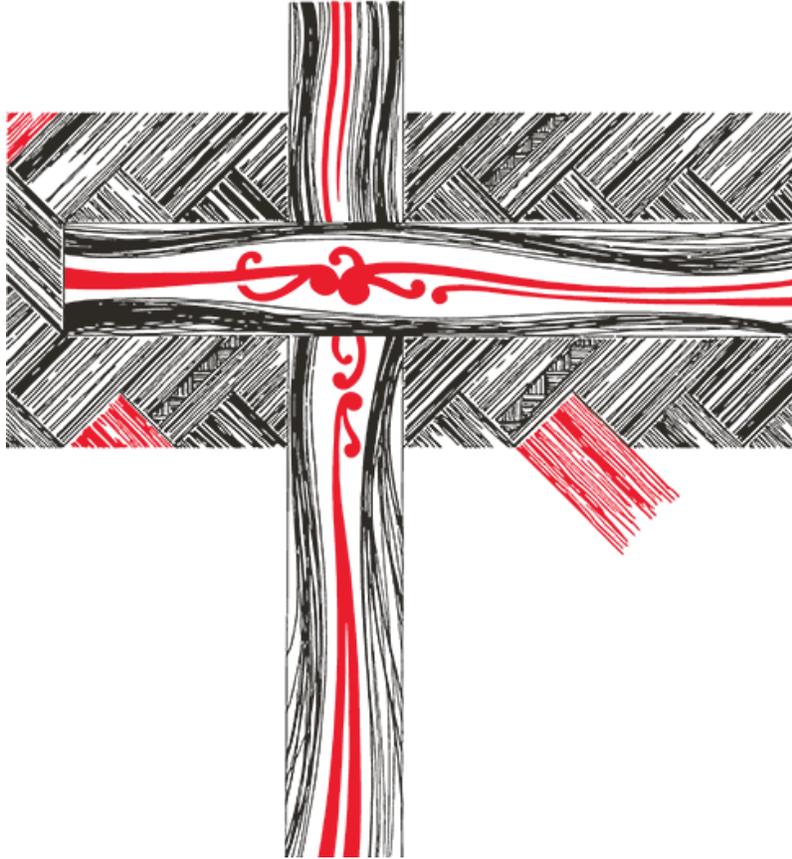


A New Zealand Prayer Book
He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa
Easter Morning Prayer



Introductory Scripture Sentences

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whose great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1:3*

The Preparation

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

Great and Wonderful

1 Great and wonderful are your deeds

O Lord God the almighty: just and true are your ways

O Sovereign of the nations.

2 Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord?
for you alone are holy.

3 All nations shall come and worship in your presence:
for your just dealings have been revealed.

4 To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb: be blessing
and honour, glory and might for ever and ever. Amen. Rev. 15:3b-4; 5:13

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us celebrate God's majesty,
and delight in the wonder of God's love.

Together we shall confess our sins
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read,
we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.
In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All this we do,
because we believe in the presence among us
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear these words of scripture.
Love one another, for love is of God,
and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Let us kneel and, in silence,
remember our need for God's forgiveness. *Silence*

Let us confess our sins to God.
**God of mercy,
we have sinned against you and against others.
We have sinned in what we have done,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for our sins,
forgive us all that is past
and raise us to newness of life. Amen.**

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,
forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;
and tell of your salvation from day to day.
We proclaim your glory to the nations,
your praise to the ends of the earth.

Psalm

At the end of the psalm is said
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Old Testament

Silence may follow the reading.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

1 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases:

God's mercies never come to an end;

2 They are new every morning:

your faithfulness O Lord is great.

3 You are all that I have:

and therefore I will wait for you.

4 You O Lord are good to those who wait for you:

to all those who seek you.

5† It is good to wait in patience:

for the salvation of the Lord.

Lamentations 3:22–26

Glory to the Father and to the Son:

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now:

and shall be forever. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Silence may follow the reading.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of the Church Te Deum Laudamus

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

2 All creation worships you: the Father everlasting.

3 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven:

cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise,

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

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

5 The glorious company of apostles praise you:
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you,
the white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

6 Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
7† your true and only Son, worthy of all worship:
and the Holy Spirit, our advocate and guide.

8 You Christ are the king of glory: the eternal Son of the Father.

9 When you became incarnate to set us free:
you humbly accepted the Virgin's womb.

10 You overcame the sting of death:
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

11 You are seated at God's right hand in glory:
we believe that you will come to be our judge.

12 Come then Lord and help your people:
bought with the price of your own blood,

13 and bring us with your saints: to glory everlasting.

Reflection

Collects

The Apostles' Creed

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

**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 Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught 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.**

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness,
and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

Thanksgivings and Intercessions

A Collect of the Day

Morning Collect

Holy and everliving God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dismissal

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all. Amen.**

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.