



The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

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# Choral Evensong

24 November 2024

Christ the King

6.00pm

Officiant:

Rev'd Peter Lord Cowell

# Welcome

Liturgy from *Book of Common Prayer 1662*

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Responses: Smith

Canticles: *Stanford in B-flat*

## Hymn

— 1 —

Thy kingdom come, O God,  
thy rule, O Christ, begin;  
break with thine iron rod  
the tyrannies of sin.

— 3 —

When comes the promised time  
when war shall be no more,  
and lust, oppression, crime  
shall flee thy face before?

— 5 —

Some scorn thy sacred name,  
and wolves devour thy fold;  
by many deeds of shame  
we learn that love grows cold.

— 2 —

Where is thy reign of peace  
and purity and love?  
When shall all hatred cease,  
as in the realms above?

— 4 —

We pray thee, Lord, arise,  
and come in thy great might;  
revive our longing eyes,  
which languish for thy sight.

— 6 —

O'er lands both near and far  
thick darkness broodeth yet:  
arise, O morning star,  
arise, and never set.

*Lewis Hensley (1824-1905) alt.)*

## Introduction and Confession

*(please remain standing / e tū tonu tātou)*

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2.13*

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

*(please kneel or sit / e noho, e tūturi rānei tātou) (All saying)*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Cantor:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Response:* **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

*Cantor:* O God, make speed to save us.

*Response:* **Lord, make haste to help us.**

*(Here, all standing up, / Ka tū te katoa)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;

*Response:* **As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Cantor:* Praise ye the Lord.

*Response:* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

# Psalm 72 (1-15)

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- 1 Give the King thy ' judgements O ' God :  
and thy righteousness ' unto the ' King's ' son.
- 2 Then shall he judge thy people ac'cording ' unto ' right :  
' and de-fend the ' poor.
- 3 The mountains also ' shall bring ' peace :  
and the little hills ' righteousness ' unto the ' people.
- 4 He shall keep the simple folk ' by their ' right :  
defend the children of the poor and ' punish the ' wrong'doer.
- 5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon ' en'dureth :  
from one gene'ration ' to an'other.
- 6 He shall come down like the rain into a ' fleece of ' wool :  
even as the ' drops that ' water the ' earth.
- 7 In his time shall the ' righteous ' flourish :  
yea and abundance of peace so ' long as the ' moon en'dureth.
- 8 His dominion shall be also from the one ' sea to the ' other :  
and from the flood ' unto the ' world's ' end.
- 9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall ' kneel be'fore him :  
his ' enemies shall ' lick the ' dust.
- 10 The kings of Tharsis and of the isles ' shall give ' presents :  
the kings of Arabia and ' Saba ' shall bring ' gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall ' down be'fore him :  
all ' nations shall ' do him ' service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor ' when he ' crieth :  
the needy also and ' him that ' hath no ' helper.
- 13 He shall be favourable to the ' simple and ' needy :  
and shall pre-serve the ' souls of the ' poor.
- 14 He shall deliver their souls from ' falsehood and ' wrong :  
and dear shall their ' blood be ' in his ' sight.
- 15† He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the ' gold of A'rabia :  
prayer shall be made ever unto him and ' daily shall ' he be ' praised.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen**

## **The First Lesson** (*please sit / e noho tātou*)

Here beginneth the first verse of the fifth chapter of the book of Daniel  
(5: 1-2, 5-15, 17, 23-31)

King Belshazzar made a great festival for a thousand of his lords, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.

Under the influence of the wine, Belshazzar commanded that they bring in the vessels of gold and silver that his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.

Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and began writing on the plaster of the wall of the royal palace, next to the lampstand. The king was watching the hand as it wrote. Then the king's face turned pale, and his thoughts terrified him. His limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners; and the king said to the wise men of Babylon, 'Whoever can read this writing and tell me its interpretation shall be clothed in purple, have a chain of gold around his neck, and rank third in the kingdom.' Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king the interpretation. Then King Belshazzar became greatly terrified and his face turned pale, and his lords were perplexed.

The queen, when she heard the discussion of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting-hall. The queen said, 'O king, live for ever! Do not let your thoughts terrify you or your face grow pale. There is a man in your kingdom who is endowed with a spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father he was found to have enlightenment, understanding, and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and diviners, because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation.'

Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king said to Daniel, 'So you are Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah? I have heard of you that a spirit of the gods is in you, and that enlightenment, understanding, and excellent wisdom are found in you. Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me to read this writing and tell me its interpretation, but they were not able to give the interpretation of the matter. But I have heard that you can give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you are able to read the writing and tell me its interpretation, you shall be clothed in purple, have a chain of gold around your neck, and rank third in the kingdom.'

Then Daniel answered in the presence of the king, 'Let your gifts be for yourself, or give your rewards to someone else! Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and let him know the interpretation.

You have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven! The vessels of his temple have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them. You have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know; but the God in whose power is your very breath, and to whom belong all your ways, you have not honoured.

'So from his presence the hand was sent and this writing was inscribed. And this is the writing that was inscribed: mene, mene, tekel, and parsin. This is the interpretation of the matter: mene, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; tekel, you have been weighed on the scales and found wanting; peres, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.'

Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed in purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made concerning him that he should rank third in the kingdom.

That very night Belshazzar, the Chaldean king, was killed. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

*[Translation – New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)]*

Here endeth the first lesson.

## **Magnificat** (*please stand / e tū tātou*)

My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glorify be to the Father, and ´ to the ´ Son  
and ´ to the ´ Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is now and ´ ever ´ shall be :  
world without ´ end. A´men

## **The Second Lesson** (*please sit / e noho tātou*)

Here beginneth the first verse of the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John  
(6:1-15)

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was

going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. [NRSVA]

Here endeth the second lesson.

## **Nunc Dimittis** (*please stand / e tū tātou*)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen :  
thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and ´ to the ´ Son  
and ´ to the ´ Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is now and ´ ever ´ shall be :  
world without ´ end. A´men



# The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

Cantor: Let us pray.

*(please kneel or sit / e noho, e tūturi rānei tātou)*

Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Response: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Response: **Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Cantor: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Response: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Cantor: O Lord, save the King.

Response: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Cantor: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Response: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people.

Response: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Response: **Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.**

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Response: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## The Collects

### The Collect for the Sunday next before Advent

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of the good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

### The Collect for aid against all perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*(please sit / e noho tātou)*

**Anthem:** They that go down to the sea in ships

– *Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)*

## The Prayers

### **Hymn** (*please stand / e tū tātou*)

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended:  
the darkness falls at thy behest;  
to thee our morning hymns ascended;  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day nor night.

As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

*John Ellerton (1826-1893)*

## The Blessing

**Voluntary** Tierce en Taille (from Livre d'orgue)

– *Pierre Du Mage (1674-1751)*

**Cantata Vespers - Third Saturday of the month**  
**Next Vespers: 15 February 2025 at 5.00pm**

**Choral Evensong - Fourth Sunday of the month**  
**Next Evensong: 23 February 2025 at 6.00pm**

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