



The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato



Choral Evensong

26 April 2026

St Mark the Evangelist

5.00pm

Officiant:

The Rev'd Peter Lord Cowell

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: **O 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 45

PSALM 45. *Eructavit cor meum.*

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Vss 1-10 and 17-end. W. TURTON. Vs 2

My tongue is the pen: of a ready writer

- 1 My heart is inditing of a ' good ' matter : I speak of the things which I have ' made ' unto the ' King.
- 2 My tongue is the ' pen : of a ' ready ' writer.
- 3 Thou art fairer than the ' children of ' men : full of grace are thy lips, because God hath ' bless-ed ' thee for ' ever.
- 4 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh O ' thou most ' Mighty : according to thy ' worship ' and re'nown.
- 5 Good luck have thou ' with thine ' honour : ride on because of the word of truth, of meekness and righteousness, and thy right hand shall ' teach thee ' terrible ' things.
- 6 Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued ' unto ' thee : even in the midst a'mong the ' King's ' enemies.
- 7 Thy seat O God en'dureth for ' ever : the sceptre of thy kingdom ' is a ' right ' sceptre.
- 8 Thou hast loved righteousness and ' hated in'iquity : wherefore God even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of ' gladness a'bove thy ' fellows.
- 9 All thy garments smell of myrrh ' aloes and ' cassia : out of the ivory palaces whereby ' they have ' made thee ' glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters were among thy ' honour · able ' women : upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought a'bout with ' divers ' colours.



- 11 Hearken O daughter and consider, in'cline thine ' ear : forget
also thine own people ' and thy ' father's ' house.
- 12 So shall the King have pleasure ' in thy ' beauty : for he is thy
Lord ' God and ' worship thou ' him.
- 13 And the daughter of Tyre shall be ' there with a ' gift : like as
the rich also among the people shall make their ' suppli'cation
be'fore thee.
- 14 The King's daughter is all ' glorious with'in : her clothing ' is of
' wrought ' gold.
- 15 She shall be brought unto the King in ' raiment of ' needle-
work : the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company,
and shall be ' brought ' unto ' thee.
- 16 With joy and gladness shall ' they be ' brought : and shall enter
' into the ' King's ' palace.



- 17 Instead of thy fathers thou ' shalt have ' children : whom thou
mayest make ' princes in ' all ' lands.
- 18 I will remember thy Name from one generation ' to an'other :
therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee ' world
with'out ' end.

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

Here beginneth the fourth verse of the first chapter of the book of the prophet Ezekiel (1:4-14)

As I looked, a stormy wind came out of the north: a great cloud with brightness around it and fire flashing forth continually, and in the middle of the fire, something like gleaming amber. In the middle of it was something like four living creatures. This was their appearance: they were of human form. Each had four faces, and each of them had four wings. Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: their wings touched one another; each of them moved straight ahead, without turning as they moved. As for the appearance of their faces: the four had the face of a human being, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle; such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each creature had two wings, each of which touched the wing of another, while two covered their bodies. Each moved straight ahead; wherever the spirit would go, they went, without turning as they went. In the middle of the living creatures there was something that looked like burning coals of fire, like torches moving to and fro among the living creatures; the fire was bright, and lightning issued from the fire. The living creatures darted to and fro, like a flash of lightning.

[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.

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

Here beginneth the first verse of the fourth chapter of the second letter of Paul to Timothy (4:1-11)

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. [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 catholick 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 St Mark's Day

O Almighty God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark : Give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel; 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: Surrexit pastor bonus – *Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)*

*The good shepherd has arisen who laid down his life for his sheep,
and for his flock deigned to die. Alleluia.*

The Prayers

Hymn *(please stand / e tū tātou)*

Lord, I lift my hands to you in prayer,
my mind in turmoil,
heart overwhelmed by care.

Come to me; and let me still your soul.
No need to fret now;
love waits to make you whole.

Lord, I come; your word has been fulfilled.
Your peace flows freely;
storms deep within are stilled.

Nick Fawcett (b. 1957)

The Blessing

Voluntary Humoresque "L'organo primitivo"
Toccatina for Flute *Pietro Yon (1886-1943)*

Next Sunday services:

3 May 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter			
8:00am	Said Eucharist	President & Preacher	The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins
10:00am	Choral Eucharist	President Preacher	Father Ben Ong The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins

Cantata Vespers - Third Saturday of the month
Next Vespers: 16 May 2026 at 5:00pm

Choral Evensong - Fourth Sunday of the month
Next Evensong: 24 May 2026 at 5:00pm

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