



*Advent Carol
Service*

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER
6PM



THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER

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It is time for us to wake out of sleep, for deliverance is nearer to us now than it was when first we believed. It is far on in the night; day is near.

Let us therefore cast off the deeds of darkness and put on our armour as soldiers of the light.

The grace and peace of Almighty God, Source of All Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit, be with you. **And also with you.**

Advent Responsory: Richard Marlow (1939-2013)

The service will begin with a figure-of-eight procession around the Cathedral. Processions have been used for centuries in the Church to symbolize the journey of God's people throughout the ages and the pilgrimage that each Christian makes throughout life.

Carol:

— 1 —

Choir only -

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin birth:
let ev'ry age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

— 2 —

Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God in flesh arrayed,
the promised fruit to man displayed.

— 3 —

The virgin womb that burden gained
with virgin honour all unstained;
the banners there of virtue glow;
God in his temple dwells below.

— 4 —

Forth from his chamber goeth he,
that royal home of purity,
a giant in twofold substance one,
rejoicing now his course to run.

— 5 —

From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds;
his course he runs to death and hell,
returning on God's throne to dwell.

— 6 —

O equal to the Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.

— 7 —

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness breathe a newer light,
where endless faith shall shine
serene,
and twilight never intervene.

— 8 —

All laud to God the Father be,
all praise, eternal Son, to thee:
all glory, as is ever meet,
to God the Holy Paraclete.

Bidding prayer

E te whānau a te Karaiti, we enter today the solemn season of Advent in which the Church bids us prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ; a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem; a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit, in the bread of the Eucharist, in the joy of human lives that are shared; a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ. Let us in this holy season reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world. Let us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within ourselves the hope of glory to which he beckons us. And as we turn towards the light, let us have on our hearts all those who see no light, for whom all is darkness and despair. Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ who is our light.

The whole congregation prays silently.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Awaiting Christ's coming in glory, let us pray with confidence as Christ, our Saviour, has taught us:

**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.**

May the Lord when he comes find us watching and waiting. **Amen.**

An Act of Penitence

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins. *cf 1 Corinthians 4.5*

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

In silence before God, we confess our sins.

Silence

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading: Genesis 1: 1-5 – Read by Vivianne Flintoff

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Choir Carol: O Radiant dawn – James MacMillan (b. 1959)

Reading: Psalm 13 – Read by Anne McAloon

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain in my soul,

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

and my enemy will say, 'I have prevailed';

my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Carol:

— 1 —

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
redeem thy captive Israel,
that into exile drear is gone,
far from the face of God's dear Son.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

— 2 —

O come, thou branch of Jesse! draw
the quarry from the lion's claw;
from the dread caverns of the grave,
from nether hell, thy people save.

— 3 —

O come, O come, thou dayspring
bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
dispel the long night's ling'ring
and pierce the shadows of the

tomb.

— 4 —

O come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
safeguard for us the heav'nward
road,
gloom, and bar the way to death's abode.

— 5 —

O come, O come, Adonai,
who in thy glorious majesty
from that high mountain clothed with awe
gavest thy folk the elder law.

Reading: Isaiah 45: 2-8 – Read by David Wilson

I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Shower, O heavens, from above,
and let the skies rain down righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation may spring up,
and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also;
I the Lord have created it.

Carol:

— 1 —

Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour
comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne,
and ev'ry voice a song.

— 3 —

He comes, the broken heart to
bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to bless the humble poor.

— 2 —

He comes, the pris'ners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him
burst,
the iron fetters yield.

— 4 —

Our glad hosannas, Prince of
Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.

Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Reading: Baruch 4: 36-5:9 – Read by Yvonne Hall

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem,
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.
Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away;
they are coming, gathered from east and west,
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing in the glory of God.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name,
'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look towards the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,

carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be
made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.
For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Choir Carol: People look East – Christopher Steele (1938-1991)

Reading: Isaiah 9: 2, 3, 6, 7 – Read by Brian Dingwall

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Choir Carol: *O Virgo splendens – Llibre Vermell de Montserrat*

Carol:

— 1 —

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

— 2 —

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

— 3 —

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

— 4 —

By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11, 23, 24 – Read by Frany Edwards

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

— 3 —

Those dear tokens of his passion.
Still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what
rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

— 4 —

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O
come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

C Wesley, J Cennick

Prayer of Blessing

Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you to defend you,
within you to keep you, before you to lead you,
beside you to guard you, and above you to bless you. **Amen.**

Dismissal

We wait for your loving-kindness, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary - Num komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

- J. S. Bach (1685-1750)