



The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato



Choral Evensong

26 October 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm

Officiant:

The Rev'd Peter Lord Cowell

Welcome

Liturgy from *Book of Common Prayer 1662* Music Copyright CCLI 337942
Responses: Nardone Canticles: *Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis B flat*
C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

Hymn

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For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

— 2 —

Lead us, Father, into freedom,
from despair your world release;
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and
goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

— 3 —

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race or schooling
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

— 4 —

You, creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan (1929-2010)

Introduction and Confession

(please remain standing / e tū tonu tātou)

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

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: **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 119: 1-16

PSALM 116. *Dilexi, quoniam.*

T. BENNETT.



- 1 I am ' well pleased :
that the Lord hath ' heard the ' voice of my ' prayer;
- 2 That he hath included his ear ' unto ' me :
therefore will I call upon ' him as ' long as I ' live.
- 3 The snares of death compassed me ' round a 'bout :
and the pains of ' hell gat ' hold up ' on me.
- 4 I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the ' Name of
the ' Lord :
O Lord I be ' seech thee de ' liver my ' soul.
- 5 Gracious is the ' Lord and ' righteous :
yea ' our God is ' merciful.
- 6 The Lord pre ' serveth the ' simple :
I was in ' misery and he ' helped me.
- 7 Turn again then unto thy rest ' O my ' soul :
for the ' Lord hath re - ' warded thee.
- 8 And why? thou hast delivered my ' soul from ' death :
mine eyes from tears ' and my ' feet from falling.
- 9 I will walk be ' fore the ' Lord :
in the ' land of the ' living.
- 10 I believed and therefore will I speak, but I was ' sore ' troubled :
I said in my haste, ' All men are ' liars.
- 11 What reward shall I give ' unto the ' Lord :
for all the benefits that ' he hath ' done unto ' me?
- 12 I will receive the ' cup of sal ' vation :
and call up ' on the Name of the ' Lord.

- 13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of ' all his ' people :
right dear in the sight of the ' Lord • is the ' death of his ' saints.
- 14 Behold O Lord how that ' I am thy ' servant :
I am thy servant and the son of thine handmaid, thou hast ' broken my
' bonds in ' sunder.
- 15 I will offer to thee the ' sacrifice of ' thanksgiving :
and will call up'on the Name of the ' Lord.
- 16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of ' all his ' people :
in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee O Jeru-
salem. ' Praise' – the Lord.

**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 first verse of the eleventh chapter of the book
Ecclesiastes (11; 12)

Send out your bread upon the waters,
for after many days you will get it back.
Divide your means seven ways, or even eight,
for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth.
When clouds are full,
they empty rain on the earth;
whether a tree falls to the south or to the north,
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.
Whoever observes the wind will not sow;
and whoever regards the clouds will not reap.

Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the
mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes
everything.

In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands be
idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether
both alike will be good.

Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

Even those who live for many years should rejoice in them all; yet let them remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

Rejoice, young man, while you are young, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Follow the inclination of your heart and the desire of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgement.

Banish anxiety from your mind, and put away pain from your body; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'; before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain; on the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; before the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher; all is vanity.

Besides being wise, the Teacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs. The Teacher sought to find pleasing words, and he wrote words of truth plainly.

The sayings of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings that are given by one shepherd. Of anything beyond these, my child, beware. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone. For God will bring every deed into judgement, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

[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 second chapter of the second book of Timothy (2:1-7)

You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first

share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. [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 the nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee;
Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our
hearts; 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: I sat down – *E. Bairstow (1874-1946)*

The Prayers

Hymn *(please stand / e tū tātou)*

Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we stand to bless thee ere our worship cease;
then, lowly kneeling, wait thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end, the day:
guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
turn thou for us its darkness into light;
from harm and danger keep thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

John Ellerton (1826-1893)

The Blessing

Voluntary Fugue in C major *Jig Fugue* BuxWV 174
- Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Next Sunday services:

2 November 2025 – All Saints and All Souls			
8:00am	Said Eucharist	President & Preacher	The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins
10:00am	Choral Eucharist	President Preacher	The Rev'd Robin Olds The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins

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

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

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If you would like pastoral support, or know someone who would and have their permission, please let the pastoral care team know:

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