

CANTATA VESPERS

Saturday 17th May, 5pm

Cantata for 4th Sunday after Easter
Ew'ge quelle, milder Strom by G. P. Telemann

Eternal spring, gentle stream of inexhaustible gifts

featuring Amy Thomas, soprano

Kathryn Orbell, flute

Anne Cleaver, organ

Service with retiring collection

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THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER

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Leading the service today: Amy Thomas, soprano; Kathryn Orbell and Matthew Burns, baroque flutes; Anne Cleaver, organ; Rev'd Wendy Tyrell

Next cantata vespers: 5pm Saturday 21st June: *Pukerangiora* A new cantata for St. Peter by Fergus Byett

From Sat. 21st June, afternoon tea can be purchased in the Cathedral centre from 4pm, as part of seismic strengthening fundraising.

OPENING

PRELUDE : *Allegro* from Sonata for two flutes in G Major by W.F. Bach (1710-1784)

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2

We stand to sing

THE OPENING HYMN

Latin hymn, ca. 9th century
Trans. by John Cosin, 1627

Plainsong melody, Mechlin form
As in *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

Unison



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire And light-en with ce -
2. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove Is com-fort, life, and
3. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face With the a - bun - dance
4. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And thee, of both, to

les - tial fire; Thou the a - noint - ing Spir - it art
fire of love; En - a - ble with per - pet - ual light
of thy grace; Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
be but One; That through the ag - es all a - long

After last stanza

Who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.
The dull-ness of our blind - ed sight.
Where thou art guide no ill can come.
This may be our end - less song: Praise to thy e -

ter - nal mer - it, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

Words: Latin, ninth century; trans. John Cosin, 162

THE BLESSING OF LIGHT

Please sit or kneel



The Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion: **my God shall make my dark-ness to be bright.**



The light and peace of Je - sus Christ be al-ways with you: **and al - so with you.**



Ble - ssed be you Lord God, cre a - tor of day and night; **to you be praise and glo ry for e ver.**

As darkness falls, you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. By the light of Christ your living word, dispel the darkness of our hearts that we may walk as children of light, and sing your praise throughout the world. **Amen**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand for the **HYMN OF LIGHT**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of seven systems of staves. Each system has a vocal staff (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. The score includes measure numbers 3, 6, 8, 13, 17, and 21. The lyrics are: Hail, gladdening Light of his pure glo - ry poured. Who is the Immortal Fa - ther, Heaven - ly Blest, Ho - li - est of Ho - lies, Je - sus Christ, our Lord. Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest. The lights of eve - ning round us shine. We hymn the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it Di - vine. Worthiest art Thou at all timesto be sung With un - de - fil - ed tongue. Son of our God, giv - er of life, A - lone; There - fore in all the world Thy glo - ries, Lord, they own. A - men

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Words: Greek; trans. John Keble, 1834

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be 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.**

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance. As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing your praise: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Please join in singing

PSALM 84

CHANT: C.H.H. PARRY



1. O HOW amiable /are thy/ dwellings: thou /Lord/ of /hosts!
2. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the /courts. of the/ Lord: my heart and my flesh re/joyce. in the/ living /God.
3. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may /lay her/ young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my /King and/ my/ God.
4. Blessed are they that /dwell in. thy /house: they will be/ always/ praising /thee.
5. Blessed is the man whose /strength is. In/ thee: in whose /heart/ are thy/ ways.
6. Who going through the vale of misery /use it. for a/ well: and the /pools are/ filled with/ water.
7. * They will go from /strength to /strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every /one of/ them in /Sion.
8. O Lord God of hosts, /hear my/ prayer: hearken, O /God/ of /Jacob.
9. Behold, O God /our de/fender: and look upon the /face of /thine A/nointed.
10. For one day /in thy /courts: is /better /than a/ thousand.
11. I had rather be a door-keeper in the /house of. my /God: than to /dwell in. the /tents of .un/godliness.
12. For the Lord God is a light /and de/fence: the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that /live a /godly/ life.
13. O Lord /God of /hosts: blessed is the man that /putteth. his/ trust in /thee.

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

WORD

We sit to hear **THE FIRST READING: JAMES 1: 17-21**

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of all he created.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

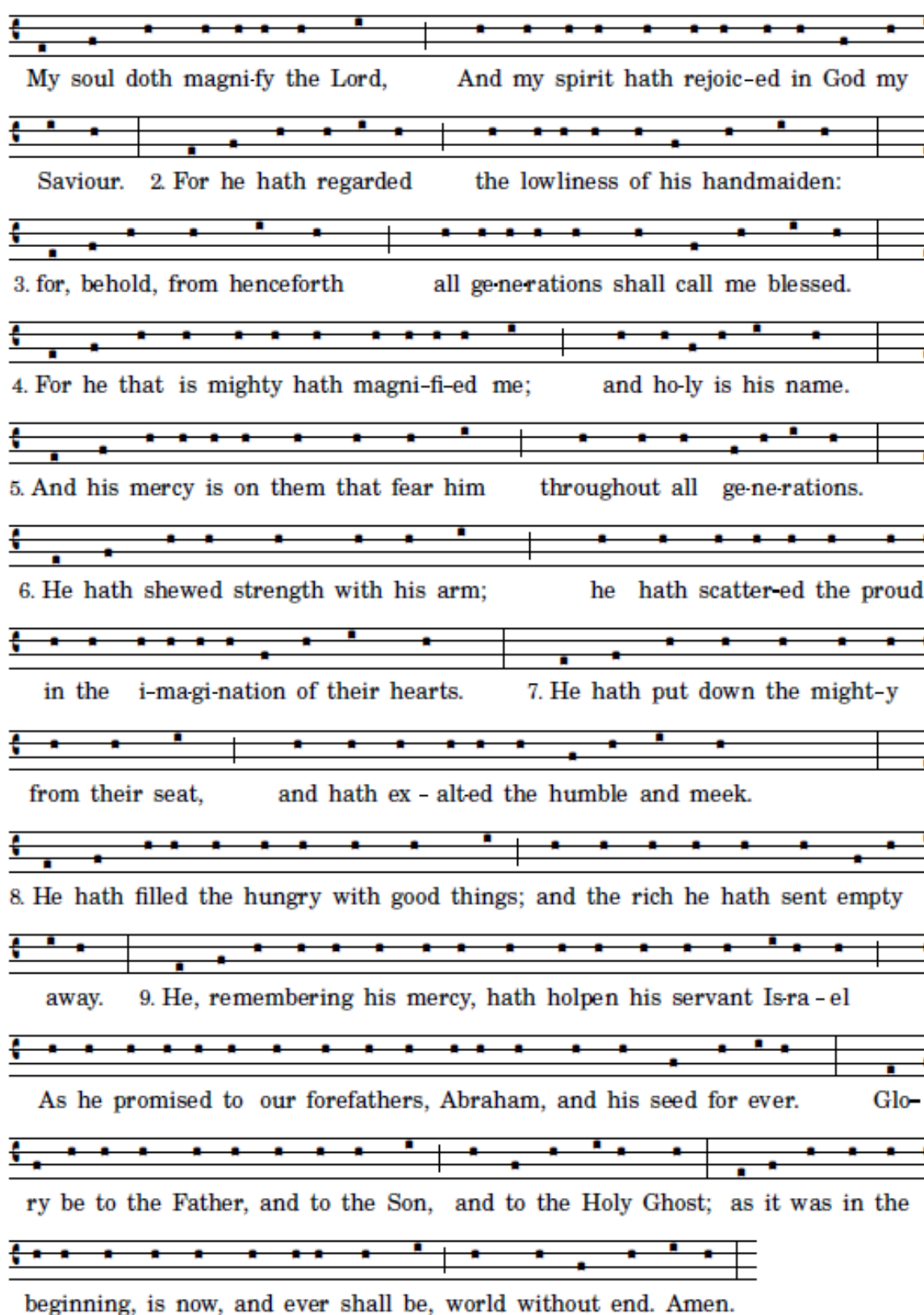
Here ends the first Lesson

Thanks be to God

We stand to sing

Magnificat

tone VIII 2



My soul doth magni-fy the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoic-ed in God my
Saviour. 2. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden:
3. for, behold, from henceforth all ge-nérations shall call me blessed.
4. For he that is mighty hath magni-fi-ed me; and ho-ly is his name.
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all ge-ne-rations.
6. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scatter-ed the proud
in the i-magi-nation of their hearts. 7. He hath put down the might-y
from their seat, and hath ex - alted the humble and meek.
8. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty
away. 9. He, remembering his mercy, hath holpen his servant Is-ra - el
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and his seed for ever. Glo-
ry 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.

We sit to hear

THE SECOND READING: JOHN 16: 5-15

But now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

Here ends the second Lesson

Thanks be to God

THE CANTATA

1. **Aria:** Eternal spring, mild stream, inexhaustible sea of gifts! Only from you, good Father, do we take all the good we have.
2. **Recitative:** When I consider what your goodness has shown me from the origin of my being to this time for and for me alone in the body, how your goodness covers and nourishes me so abundantly, my mouth finally closes this thinking with joyful praise in so many tests of grace; I intoned in amazement: Ah, Lord! I am too low, too low, for so many wonderful things that you have done for your servant! But when the weak senses sink into the abyss of the goods, which your grace discovers in the spiritual, which cannot be counted, which can never be imagined, then the completely intertwined thoughts swindle, stagger, falter; I must lose myself in it, my lead measure is too weak to feel the ground in it. How dear is the only treasure that you have given me your priceless word for my salvation and life! This comforts me in all my want and vexation, it shows me how I must walk, and how at last, when I die, I will inherit the greatest abundance, the riches of your house.
3. **Aria:** You who ravage the clefts of the mountains, what is it that your diligence achieves? A shiny, but transient commodity. Pay heed to the word of the Most High, which brings you the greatest treasures, by making you eternally happy. Only he will be rich who strives for the gifts, on which the welfare of souls depends.

Response

Eternal spirit flow through our being and open our lips;
That our mouths may proclaim your praise.

In response to tonight's cantata let us now stand and affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

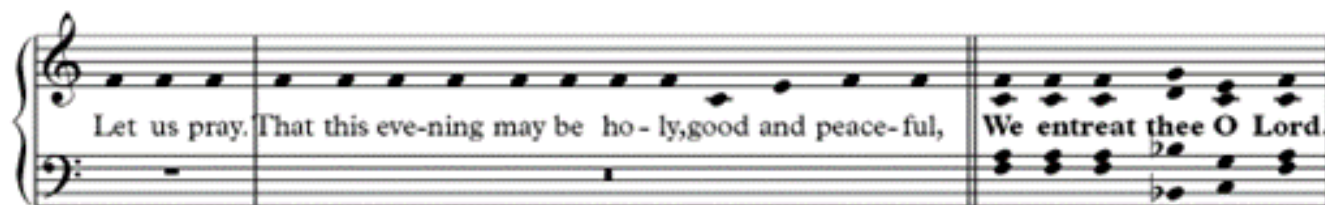
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

We sit or kneel

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

THE LITANY FOR PEACE



That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill **We entreat...**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven our sins and offences, **We entreat...**

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world, **We entreat...**

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgement seat of Christ, **We entreat...**

That we may be bound together by the Holy Spirit in the communion of all thy saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ, **We entreat...**

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. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth thine unending day upon us who watch for thee, that our lips may praise thee, our lives may bless thee, and our worship on the morrow may give thee glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

We stand to sing **THE CLOSING HYMN**



Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine.
Voice of God, and inward Light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2 Holy Spirit, Love divine,
glow within this heart of mine.
Kindle ev'ry high desire,
purify me with your fire.

3 Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine,
fill and nerve this will of mine.
Boldly may I always live,
bravely serve and gladly give.

4 Holy Spirit, Law divine,
reign within this soul of mine.
Be my law and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free.

5 Holy Spirit, Peace divine,
still this restless heart of mine.
Speak to calm this tossing sea,
grant me your tranquility.

6 Holy Spirit, Joy divine,
gladden now this heart of mine.
In the desert ways I sing,
spring, O living Water, spring!

POSTLUDE: Voluntary in a minor (Anonymous, 18th century)

The prayers and liturgy for tonight's service come from the Book of Common Prayer, as available at www.bcponline

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