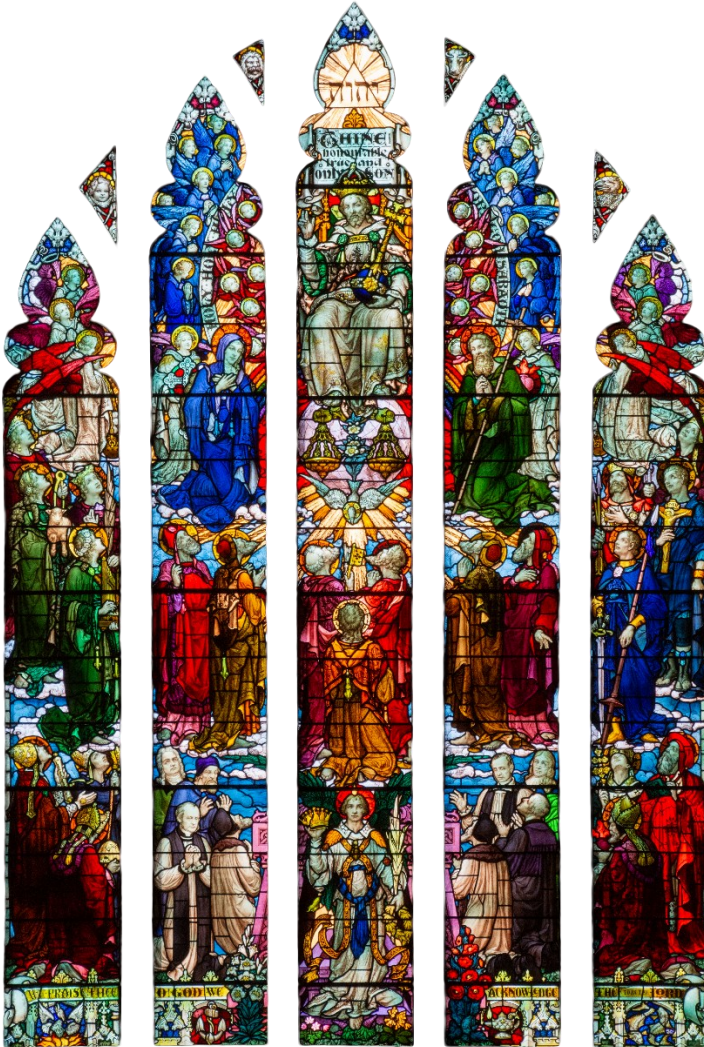




The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

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Choral Evensong

25 May 2025

Sixth Sunday in Easter

5.00pm

Officiant:

The Rev'd Peter Lord Cowell

Welcome

Liturgy from *Book of Common Prayer 1662* Music Copyright CCLI 337942

Responses: Rose

Canticles: *Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in B minor*

– *Tertius Noble (1867-1953)*

Hymn

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Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O, I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

— 3 —

There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they, who with their Leader
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

— 2 —

They stand, those halls of Sion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

— 4 —

O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country,
that eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
to that dear land of rest;
who art, with God the Father,
and Spirit, ever blest.

Bernard of Cluny, Trans. John Mason Neale

Introduction and Confession

(please remain standing / e tū tonu tātou)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1.3*

1 Peter 1.3

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 126

PSALM 126. *In convertendo.*

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- 1 When the Lord turned again the captivity of ' Sion :
then were we ' like unto ' them that ' dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth ' filled with ' laughter :
and ' our ' tongue with ' joy.
- 3 Then said they a'mong the ' heathen :
The ' Lord hath done ' great things ' for them.
- 4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things ' for us al'ready :
where'of ' we re'joice.
- 5+ Turn our captivity O ' Lord :
as the ' rivers ' in the ' south.
- 6 They that ' sow in ' tears :
shall ' reap ' in ' joy.
- 7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth ' ⤿
forth good ' seed :
shall doubtless come again with joy and ' ⤿
bring his ' sheaves ' with him.

**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 fourteenth verse of the third chapter of the book of
Zephaniah (3:14-20)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

[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 twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew (28:1-10, 16-20)

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some

doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' [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 sixth Sunday of Easter

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **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: Os justi – Bruckner (1824-1896)

*The mouth of the righteous will utter wisdom,
and his tongue will speak justice.*

*The law of his God is in his heart,
his steps will not slip.*

Alleluia.

Ps. 37:30-1

The Prayers

Hymn *(please stand / e tū tātou)*

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray,
that with thy wonted favour thou
wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
from nightly fears and fantasies;
tread under foot our ghostly foe,
that no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Tr. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

The Blessing

Voluntary Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208
- Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Cantata Vespers - Third Saturday of the month

Next Vespers: 21 June 2025 at 5.00pm

Choral Evensong - Fourth Sunday of the month

Next Evensong: Tonight & 22 June 2025 at 5.00pm

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