



The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato



Choral Evensong

23 November 2025

Christ the King

6.00pm

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 G

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H. Sumsion (1899-1995)

Hymn

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Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem
drowns

all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of him
who died for thee,
and hail him as thy match-less King
through all eternity.

— 3 —

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose pow'r a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may
cease.

absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

— 2 —

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies
won

which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem,
the Root, whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

— 4 —

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

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. *Psalms 96:9*

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 72

T. MORRIS.



- 1 Give the King thy ' judgements O ' God :
and thy righteousness ' unto the ' King's ' son.
- 2 Then shall he judge thy people ac'cording ' unto ' right :
' and de-fend the ' poor.
- 3 The mountains also ' shall bring ' peace :
and the little hills ' righteousness ' unto the ' people.
- 4 He shall keep the simple folk ' by their ' right :
defend the children of the poor and ' punish the ' wrong'doer.
- 5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon ' en'dureth :
from one gene'ration ' to an'other.
- 6 He shall come down like the rain into a ' fleece of ' wool :
even as the ' drops that ' water the ' earth.
- 7 In his time shall the ' righteous ' flourish :
yea and abundance of peace so ' long as the ' moon en'dureth.
- 8 His dominion shall be also from the one ' sea to the ' other :
and from the flood ' unto the ' world's ' end.
- 9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall ' kneel be'fore him :
his ' enemies shall ' lick the ' dust.
- 10 The kings of Tharsis and of the isles ' shall give ' presents :
the kings of Arabia and ' Saba ' shall bring ' gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall ' down be'fore him :
all ' nations shall ' do him ' service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor ' when he ' crieth :
the needy also and ' him that ' hath no ' helper.
- 13 He shall be favourable to the ' simple and ' needy :
and shall pre-serve the ' souls of the ' poor.

- 14 He shall deliver their souls from ´ falsehood and ´ wrong :
and dear shall their ´ blood be ´ in his ´ sight.
- 15 He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the ´ gold of A´rabia :
prayer shall be made ever unto him and ´ daily shall ´ he be ´ praised.

**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 eighth chapter of the first book of Samuel (8:4-20)

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, ‘You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.’ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, ‘Give us a king to govern us.’ Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.’

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, ‘These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in

that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.'

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

[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 thirty-third verse of the eighteenth chapter of the Gospel of John (18:33-37)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’ [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 Sunday next before Advent

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded; 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: Evening Hymn – *H. Balfour-Gardiner (1877-1950)*

The Prayers

Hymn (*please stand / e tū tātou*)

— 1 —	— 2 —
God, that madest earth and heaven, darkness and light; who the day for toil hast given, for rest the night; may thine angel guards defend us, slumber sweet thy mercy send us, holy dreams and hopes attend us, this livelong night.	Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, and, when we die, may we in thy mighty keeping all peaceful lie: when the last dread call shall wake us, do not thou our God forsake us, but to reign in glory take us with thee on high.

v. 1: *Reginald Heber, (1783-1826)*, v. 2: *Richard Whately, (1787-1863)*

The Blessing

Voluntary Adagio in g minor *Remo Giazotto (1910 - 1998)*

Next Sunday services:

30 November 2025 - First Sunday of Advent			
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
6:00pm	Advent Carol Service		

Cantata Vespers - Third Saturday of the month
Next Vespers: 21 February 2026 at 5.00pm

Choral Evensong - Fourth Sunday of the month
Next Evensong: 22 February 2025 at 6.00pm

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