



The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato



Choral Evensong

24 May 2026

Whitsunday

5.00pm

Officiant:

The Rev'd Peter Lord Cowell

Welcome

Liturgy from *Book of Common Prayer 1662*
Responses: Sumsion

Music Copyright CCLI 337942
Canticles: *Healey-Willan*

Hymn

— 1 —

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes
known;
we have faith and understanding
through your promised light alone.

— 2 —

Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as Advocate to plead;
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.

— 3 —

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
holy through your loving presence,
holy through the gifts you give.

— 4 —

Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

Brian Foley (1919-2000)

Introduction and Confession

(please remain standing / e tū tonu tātou)

The love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us. *Romans 5.5*

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 67

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Descant Vss 3 and 5

J. NARES.

Vss 3 and 5 Unison

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 67. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a descant for verses 3 and 5, written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The middle staff is the unison part for verses 3 and 5, also in treble clef. The bottom staff is the unison part for verses 3 and 5, written in bass clef. The number '122' is written to the left of the first staff. The name 'J. NARES.' is written to the right of the first staff. The text 'Descant Vss 3 and 5' is written above the first staff, and 'Vss 3 and 5 Unison' is written above the second and third staves.

- 1 God be merciful unto us and bless us :
and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.
- 2 That thy way may be known upon earth :
thy saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the people praise thee O God :
yea let all the people praise thee.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad :
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations
upon earth.
- 5 Let the people praise thee O God :
let all the people praise thee.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase :
and God even our own God shall give us his blessing.
- 7 God shall bless us :
and all the ends of the world shall fear 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. Amen.**

The First Lesson *(please sit / e noho tātou)*

Here beginneth the twenty-first verse of the second chapter of the book of the prophet Joel (2:21-32)

Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!

Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never
again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

Then afterwards

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

[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 fourteenth verse of the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles (2:14-21)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

[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 Whitsunday

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **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: In paradisum – G. Fauré (1845-1924)

*May the angels lead you into paradise:
may the martyrs receive you as you arrive,
and bring you into the holy city of Jerusalem.
May the choir of angels receive you,
and with Lazarus, once a beggar,
may you have eternal rest.*

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 Komm, heiliger Geist, Herr Gott BuxWV 199

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Next Sunday services:

31 May 2026 - Trinity Sunday			
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: 20 June 2026 at 5:00pm

Choral Evensong - Fourth Sunday of the month
Next Evensong: 28 June 2026 at 5:00pm

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