

CANTATA VESPERS

Saturday 19th September, 5pm

Quaemadmodum desiderat cervus - by D. Buxtehude
featuring Koli Jayatunge, tenor
Catherine Polglase and Graham McPhail, violins



*As the deer desires the water brooks, so my soul longs for you,
O Lord. Psalm 42*

Service with retiring collection
51 Victoria Street, Hamilton



The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter
Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato

Leading the service today: Koli Jayatunge, tenor; Catherine Polglase, Graham McPhail, violins; Martin Griffiths, cello; Rachael Griffiths-Hughes, organ; Rev'd Wendy Tyrell

Next cantata vespers: 5pm Saturday 17th October 2026

OPENING

PRELUDE : Adagio and Allegro from Trio Sonata in G minor by Handel

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

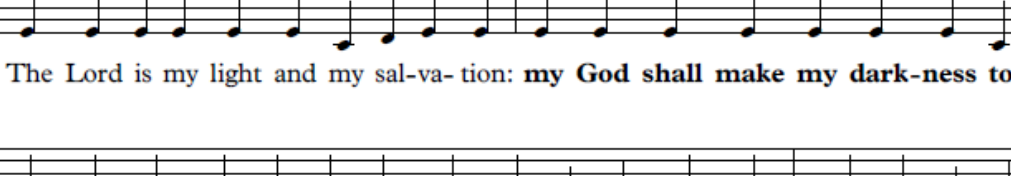
Who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.
The dull-ness of our blind - ed sight.
Where thou art guide no ill can come.
This may be our end - less song: Praise to thy e -

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 image displays a musical score for a hymn, consisting of seven systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. 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 46

CHANT: MARTIN LUTHER



1. GOD is our hope and /strength : a very /present/ help in/ trouble.
2. Therefore will we not fear, though the /earth be/ moved : and though the hills be carried/ into. the/ midst of. the /sea;
3. Though the waters thereof /rage and/ swell : and though the mountains shake at the /tempest/ of the/ same.
4. The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the /city. of /God : the holy place of the tabernacle /of the /most/ Highest.
5. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she /not be. re/moved : God shall /help her, and/ that right/ early.
6. The heathen make much ado, and the /kingdoms. are/ moved : but God hath shewed his voice, and the /earth shall/ melt a/way.
7. * The Lord of /hosts is /with us : the God of /Jacob/ is our/ refuge.
8. O come hither, and behold the /works of. the/ Lord : what destruction he hath /brought up/on the/ earth.
9. He maketh wars to cease in /all the/ world : he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the/ chariots/ in the /fire.
10. Be still then, and know that /I am/ God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be ex/alted/ in the/ earth.
11. The Lord of /hosts is/ with us : the God of /Jacob/ is our /refuge.

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: EPHESIANS 3: 13-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

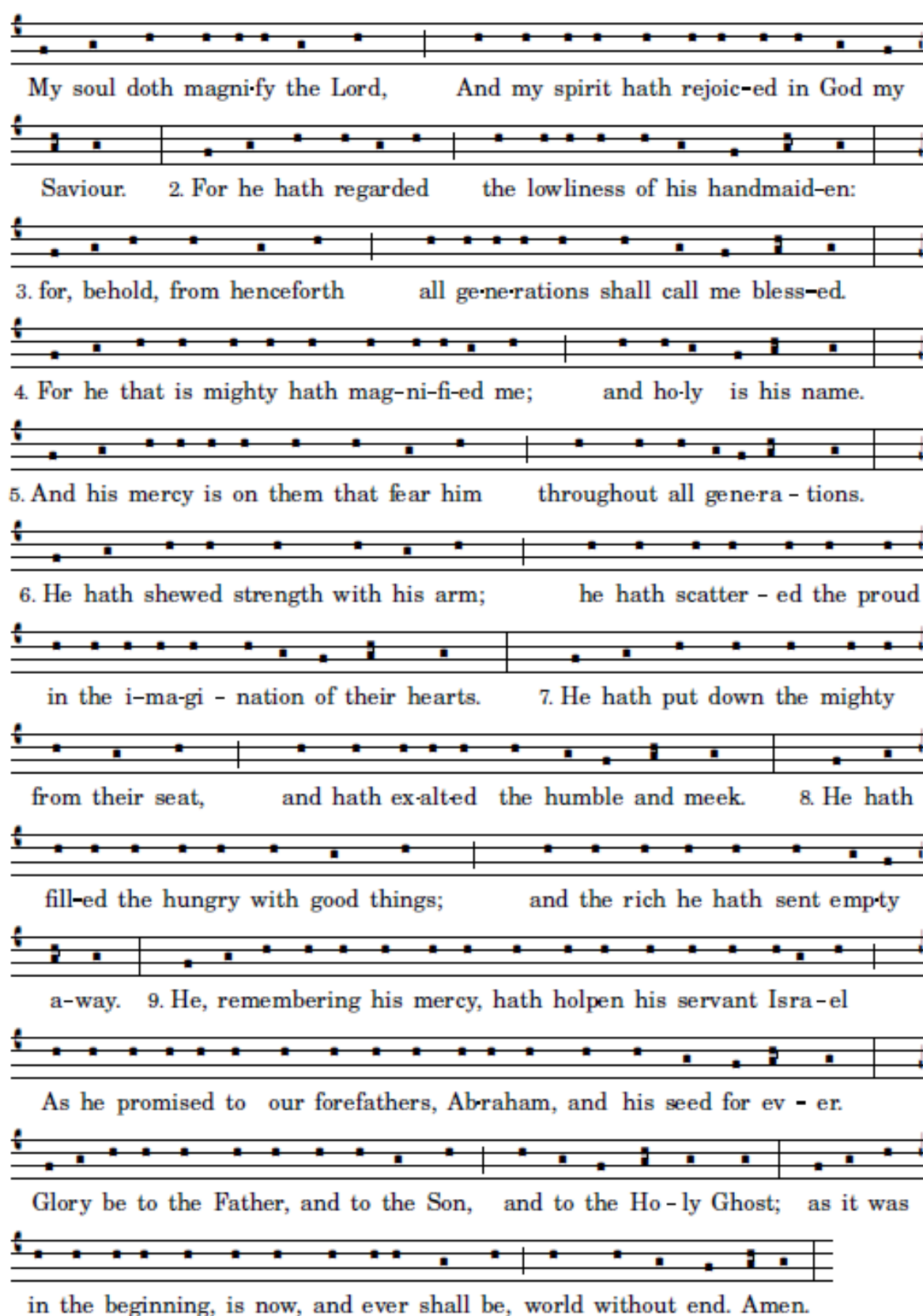
Here ends the first Lesson

Thanks be to God

We stand to sing

Magnificat

tone I 1



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 handmaid-en:
3. for, behold, from henceforth all ge-nerations shall call me bless-ed.
4. For he that is mighty hath mag-ni-fi-ed me; and ho-ly is his name.
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all genera-tions.
6. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scatter-ed the proud
in the i-ma-gi-nation of their hearts. 7. He hath put down the mighty
from their seat, and hath ex-alted the humble and meek. 8. He hath
fill-ed the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty
a-way. 9. He, remembering his mercy, hath holpen his servant Isra-el
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and his seed for ev-er.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

We sit to hear

THE SECOND READING: LUKE 7: 11-17

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

Here ends the second Lesson

Thanks be to God

THE CANTATA

This beautiful cantata for tenor and two violins is based on a couple of verses from Psalm 42, “As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs for you, O Lord.” It is called *Chiaccona* or Chaconne, meaning that the whole work is based on a repeating bass line pattern, in this case, a two-bar phrase which never varies over the entire work. This work is unusual in that the chaconne doesn’t ever modulate, (change key) but stays in F major, yet there is nothing repetitive about the upper three voices, which weave a beguiling and virtuosic tapestry of counterpoint above the bass. The two violins work in tandem throughout, introducing the motifs which the tenor picks up and elaborates on. The text is beautifully painted with rippling water, gentle questioning, lyrical, paired notes representing peace and tranquillity, and uninhibited joy and mirth.

As the deer pants of the water, so my soul longs for you O Lord. When shall I appear before, O fount of life, well of living water? When shall I come to the waters of the sweetness of your life? Thirst for the fountain of life and I could be satisfied. I will see that day of joy and mirth that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. There is proper security, secure in tranquillity, in the delights of happiness, and the unity of the Blessed Trinity and the unity of God, and of the Deity for the beatific vision which is the joy of the Lord thy God. O joy will conquer all.

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:

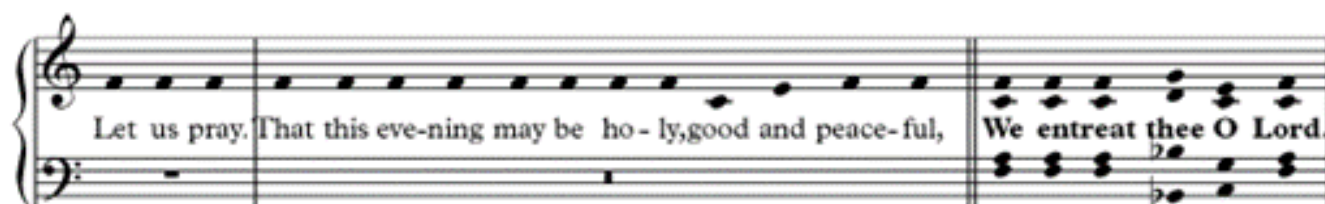
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from 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...**

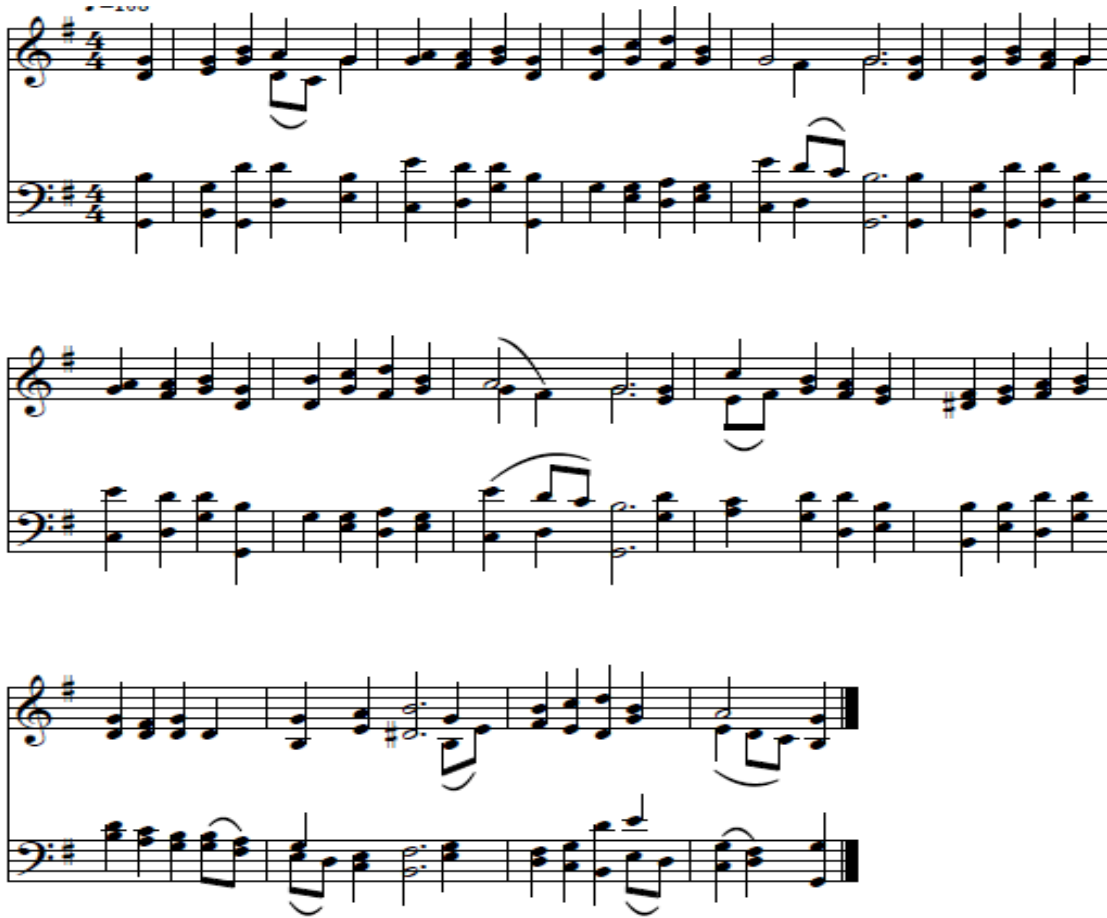
Our Father, **which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine 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**



If Your beloved Son, O God,
Had not to earth descended
And in our mortal flesh and blood
Had not sin's power ended,
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine
In hell eternally would pine
Because of my transgression.

3 I trust in Him with all my heart;
Now all my sorrow ceases.
His words abiding peace impart;
His blood from guilt releases.
Free grace through Him I now obtain;
He washes me from ev'ry stain,
And pure I stand before Him.

2 But now I find sweet peace and rest;
Despair no more reigns o'er me.
No more am I by sin oppressed,
For Christ has borne sin for me.
Upon the cross for me He died
That, reconciled, I might abide
With You, my God, forever.

POSTLUDE: Chorale Prelude on *Nun freut euch* by Joh. Bernard Bach

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

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