

CANTATA VESPERS

Sat. 18th July, 5pm

*Why are you so downcast, my soul? . . . Put your hope in
God...Ps. 42: 5*

Was betrübst du dich, meine Seele by J.G. Hoffmann
featuring Sergio Marshall and Peter Reid, horns



Service with retiring collection

51 Victoria, St

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The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

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Leading the service today: Amy Thomas and Koli Jayatunge, soloists: Sergio Marshall and Peter Reid, horn; Kathryn Orbell, and Julia Chang, flute; Jessica Goldbaum, bassoon; Olivia Franics, Ted Chen, Tony Wu, violin; Alison Salmons and Sylvia Neild, viola; Martin Griffiths and Yotam Levy, cello; Rachael Griffiths-Hughes, organ; Rev'd Wendy Tyrell

Next cantata vespers: 5pm Saturday 15th August 2026

OPENING

PRELUDE : Allegro from Sonata in a minor for solo flute by C.P.E. Bach (1714-1788)

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 148

CHANT: T. A. WALMISLEY



O PRAISE the LORD /from the /heavens: * praise /him /in the /heights.

2 Praise him, all ye /angels. of/ his: * /-/praise him, /all his/ host.

3 Praise him, /sun and /moon: * praise him, /all ye /stars and /light.

4 Praise him, /all ye/ heavens, * and ye waters that /are a/bove the /heavens.

5 Let them praise the /Name of. the /LORD: * for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, /and they/ were cre/ated.

6 He hath made them fast for /ever and /ever: * he hath given them a law /which shall /not be /broken.

7 Praise the LORD /from the /earth, * ye /dragons. and /all /deeps;

8 Fire and hail, /snow and /vapours, * wind and /storm, ful/filling his /word;

9 Mountains and /all /hills; * fruitful /trees and /all /cedars;

10 Beasts and /all /cattle; * creeping/ things and/ flying /fowls;

11 Kings of the earth, and /all /peoples; * princes, and all /judges/ of the /world;

12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the /Name of. the /LORD: * for his Name only is excellent, and his praise a/bove /heaven and/ earth.

13* He shall exalt the horn of his people: all his /saints shall /praise him; * even the children of Israel, even the /people. that /serveth/ 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

WORD

We sit to hear

THE FIRST READING: ROMANS 6: 19-23

I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here ends the first Lesson

Thanks be to God

We stand to sing

Magnificat

tone IV 4

My soul doth mag - ni-fy the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my
Sa-viour. 2. For he hath regard-ed the lowliness of his handmaid-en:
3. for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me bless-ed.
4. For he that is mighty hath mag-ni-fi - ed me; and holy is his name.
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all gene - ra - tions.
6. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in
the i-magi-nation of their hearts. 7. He hath put down the might - y
from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. 8. He hath
filled the hun-gry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty
a - way. 9. He, re - membering his mercy, hath hol-pen his ser-vant Is-
rael 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 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: MARK 8: 1-9

In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with me three days and have nothing to eat. And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar.”

Then His disciples answered Him, “How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?”

He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?”

And they said, “Seven.”

So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. They also had a few small fish; and having blessed them, He said to set them also before them. So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments. Now those who had eaten were about four thousand.

Here ends the second Lesson

Thanks be to God

THE CANTATA

1. **Chorus:** Why do you trouble my soul, and are restless within me?

Soprano: Are you worried, and carrying pain only over earthly things? Trust your Lord God, who stands by you in every need.

2. **Chorus:** Wait for God! For I shall yet give thanks to him, that he is my help and my God.

3. **Recitative:** My Jesus, too, was in distress; He knows how those in need feel, and so He will never forsake you; nor can He, for His heart breaks with compassion and love as He sees the pain in your limbs: you must simply take hold of this in faith.

He sees you eating your meagre bread with anxiety and sorrow, and will certainly not forget you. So put your troubled spirit at rest, and trust that all will be well.

4. **Aria:** My heart, why are you so downcast? Let your Jesus take charge!

Chorus: He will take care of everything; entrust your affairs to Him; His heart is full of mercy; He thinks of the poor and knows how to sustain them generously in their need.

5. Chorale: Whoever leaves everything in God's hands and places their hope in Him at all times will be wonderfully sustained through all trials and sorrows; whoever trusts in God the Most High has not built on sand
6. Repeat no. 2

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:

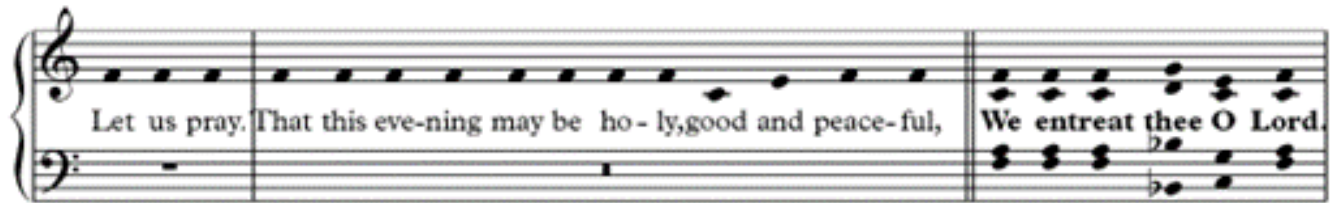
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from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



You are the way; thro' you alone
can we the Father find;
in you, O Christ, has God revealed
his heart and will and mind.

2 You are the truth; your Word alone
true wisdom can impart;
you only can inform the mind
and purify the heart.

3 You are the life; the empty tomb
proclaims your conqu'ring arm,
and those who put their trust in you
nor death nor hell shall harm.

4 You are the way, the truth, the life;
grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.

POSTLUDE: Allegro from Concerto for 2 horns by J. Heinichen (1683-1729)

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

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