



Choral Evensong

5.00PM 21 JULY 2024

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Te Rātapu Tekau mā ono o He Wā Noa

This service from the Book of Common Prayer dates back to the 16th century. The Choir and Minister sing the whole service, except for the Confession and Apostles' Creed which are said together.

Please stand for the Hymn:



**Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.**

**Ye blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold your Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.**

**Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.**

**My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.**

Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691) and J. H. Gurney (1802-1862)

Music: Melody by John Darwall (1731-1789), harmonised by W. H. Monk (1823-1889)

The Introit: In thee is gladness

In thee is gladness, amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true Redeemer art.

Our souls thou makest, our bonds thou breakest; who trusts thee surely hath built securely, and stands forever. Alleluia!

Our hearts are pining to see thy shining; dying or living, to thee are cleaving; naught can us sever. Alleluia!

Music: Arr. C V Stanford (1852 - 1924)

Sentence of the Day:

“Go to my friends and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

John 20: 17

Bidding Prayer:

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all people such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us sit or kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

¶ *Please stay seated or kneel for a period of silence*

The Confession:

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

O God, our Father,

we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed:

we have not loved thee with all our heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee;

cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution:

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Responses: *Thomas Ebdon (1738-1811)*

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips;

Response: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

Response: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand

Minister: 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.

Minister: Praise ye the Lord:

Response: The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Please sit for the Psalm: 139 – Chant: Bairstow*

- 1. O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thoughts long before.*
- 2. Thou art about my path and about my bed: and spiest out all my ways.*
- 3. For lo there is not a word in my tongue; but thou O Lord knowest it altogether.*
- 4. Thou hast fashioned me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.*
- 5. Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it.*
- 6. Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit: or whither shall I go then from thy presence?*
- 7. If I climb up into heaven thou art there: if I go down to hell thou art there also.*
- 8. If I take the wings of the morning: and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;*
- 9. Even there also shall thy hand lead me: and thy right hand shall hold me.*
- 10. If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me: then shall my night be turned today.*
- 11. Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and light to thee are both alike.*
- 12. For my reins are thine: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.*
- 13. I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.*

¶ Please stand for the **Gloria:**

*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.*

¶ Please sit for the **Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 25:1-9 read by Hans van Schreven

Magnificat:

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. 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.

¶ Please stand for the **Gloria:**

*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.*

Words: Luke 1:46-53 Music: Evening Service in F major, John Ireland (1879-1962)

Please sit for the **New Testament Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
read by Jocelyn Richards

Nunc Dimittis:

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.

¶ Please stand for the **Gloria:**

*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.*

Words: Luke 2:29-32 Music: Music: Evening Service in F major, John Ireland (1879-1962)

¶ Please remain standing for **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.**

Minister: The Lord be with you;
Response: And with thy Spirit.
Minister: Let us pray.

¶ *Please sit or kneel*

Response: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

Minister: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
Response: And grant us thy salvation.
Minister: O Lord, save the King;
Response: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Minister: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
Response: And make thy chosen people joyful.
Minister: O Lord, save thy people;
Response: And bless thine inheritance.
Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Response: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Response: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body, and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive us and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.

Anthem: Give us the Wings of Faith

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came; they, with united breath, ascribe their conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their quest, and following their incarnate God, they reached the promised rest.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748) Music: Ernest Bullock (1890 - 1979)

The Sermon: Dean Ben Truman

Offertory Hymn:

During the hymn a collection will be taken to support the ministry of the Cathedral. You may prefer to make a donation with your credit card using the terminal in the foyer

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**Sing of the saints, who were loved and made beautiful,
chosen to show us the richness of grace,
gentle, disturbing, determined and dutiful,
calling us onwards and setting the pace.**

**Sisters and brothers in endless variety,
each with a marvellous story to share,
reach their full stature in heaven's society,
grown from the seed by God's infinite care.**

See how they followed with joy and tenacity,
Christ was their vision, all else cast aside;
giving their lives in transparent simplicity,
ready to suffer and stand at his side.

Long may their stories, alive in our history,
fill us with hope by their failings and powers
pointing the way to the heart of the mystery,
drawing us closer to their God and ours.

Words: Marnie Barrell (b. 1952) Music: Melody from Rheinhardt MS (1754)

The Prayers *led by Rev'd Matt Maslin*

The Blessing [*Choral Amen: Sevenfold Amen - John Stainer*]

Hymn:

Lasst uns erfreuen

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright Seraphs, Cherubim, and Thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia.
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluia.

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
all Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluia.

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia.
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia.**

*Words: Athelstan Riley (1858-1945) Music: Melody from an Easter hymn in Geistliche Kirchengesang, Cologne (1623),
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Organ Postlude: Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare - Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)



*Thank you for joining us for this evening's service.
You are invited to sit and pray through the organ postlude.*



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