



Choral Evensong

5.00PM 28 APRIL 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Te Rātapu Tuarima o te Aranga

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:



**Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
Around God's throne exult in harmony.
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave.
Salute your king in glorious symphony.**

**Sing choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly.
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death.
The night is past; the day of life is here.**

**Sing church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won.
Your Saviour lives: he's with you evermore.
Let all God's people shout the long Amen.**

Words: The Easter Proclamation Music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

The Introit: A Clare Benediction

*May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide:
may he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side. When you
sleep, may his angels watch over you; when you wake, may he fill you with his grace.
May you love him and serve him all your days, then in heaven, may you see his face.*

Words and music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

Sentence of the Day:

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:10–11

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: *William Smith (1603–1645)*

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: 96 – Chant: T. A. Walmisley (1814-1856)*

1. *O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord all the whole earth.*
2. *Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name: be telling of his salvation from day to day.*
3. *Declare his honour unto the heathen: and his wonders unto all people.*
4. *For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised: he is more to be feared than all gods.*
5. *For all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols: but it is the Lord that made the heavens.*
6. *Glory and worship are before him: power and honour are in his sanctuary.*
7. *Ascribe unto the Lord O ye kindreds of the people: ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.*
8. *Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name: bring presents and come into his courts.*
9. *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.*
10. *Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King: and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved, and how that he shall judge the people righteously.*
11. *Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad: let the sea make a noise and all that therein is.*
12. *Let the field be joyful and all that is in it: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.*
13. *For he cometh, he cometh to judge the earth: and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.*

¶ *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 60:1-14 read by Gwen Hoopmann*

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 D Major, Clifford Harker (1912-1991)

*Please sit for the **New Testament Lesson:** Revelation 3:1-13 read by Tim Andrews*

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: Evening Service in D Major, Clifford Harker (1912-1991)

¶ 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

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; 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.

Anthem: With a voice of singing

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honour of his name, make his praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Alleluia.

Words and Music: Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

The Sermon: Rev'd Matt Maslin

Offertory Hymn:

During the hymn a collection will be taken to support the ministry of the Cathedral

St. Cecilia



**We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels.**

**We love the house of prayer,
wherein thy servants meet;
and thou, O Lord, art there
thy chosen flock to greet.**

**We love the word of life,
the word that tells of peace,
of comfort in the strife,
and joys that never cease.**

**We love to sing below
for mercies freely given;
but O we long to know
the triumph-song of heaven.**

**Lord Jesus, give us grace
on earth to love thee more,
in heaven to see thy face,
and with thy saints adore.**

Words: William Bullock (1798-1874) Music: L. G. Hayne (1836-1883)

The Prayers *led by Dean Ben Truman*

The Blessing *[Choral Amen]*

Hymn:

(v.1) *Was Lebet*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff also begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line.

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.**

Words: J.S.B. Monsell (1811-1875) Music: Melody from Rheinhardt MS (1754)

Organ Postlude:



*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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