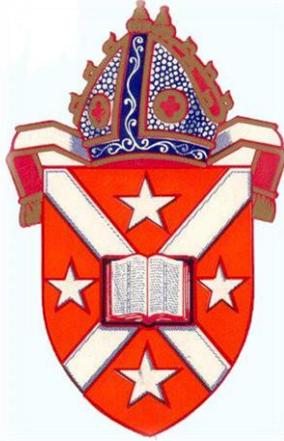


The Cathedral Church of St Paul the Apostle

Dunedin, New Zealand



Choral Evensong

Sunday 22nd March 2020

WELCOME to St Paul's Cathedral. Evensong is an ancient form of prayer that arose out of the monastic religious life and the Jewish tradition of regular hours of prayer throughout the day.

When you enter the cathedral, you are invited to sit down or kneel; and be still; to forget the hurry and worry of the world. For a while, you are going to be in God's presence. You may wish to use the opportunity to pray.

A Prayer from '*A New Zealand Prayer Book*':

*Almighty and merciful God, more ready to hear than we to pray,
Giving more than either we desire or deserve;
Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
Forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid,
And give us those good things which we are not worthy to ask,
Except through your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

***Tonight's Responses: Madden
Tonight's Canticles: Noble in B Minor***

***Celebrant: The Revd Barbara Dineen
Preacher: Mr Bruce Aitken***

Organ Voluntary

*The Congregation stands for the procession of the Choir and Clergy.
Then the Precentor shall read one or more of these sentences of
Scripture:*

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. (Ezek 16: 27)

I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. (Ps 51: 3)

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. (Ps 51: 9)

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. (Ps 51: 17)

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil." (Joel 2: 13)

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. (Jer 10: 24 & Ps 6: 1)

Repent ye; for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. (Matt 3: 2)

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. (Ps 143: 2)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1: 8-9)

*The Bidding Prayer shall be pronounced by the Precentor, the whole
Congregation remaining standing.*

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 cloak 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. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. 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;

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation, all kneeling.

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.

The Absolution or Remission of sins

shall be pronounced by the Precentor: the Congregation still kneeling,

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*

Then the Choir shall sing,

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

The Congregation stands.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

The Congregation sits.

Psalm 31

1. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust:

let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

2. Bow down thine ear to me:

make haste to deliver me.

3. And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence:

that thou mayest save me.

4. For thou art my strong rock, and my castle:

be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

5. Draw me out of the net, that they have laid privily for me:

for thou art my strength.

6. Into thy hands I commend my spirit:

for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

7. I have hated them that hold of superstitious vanities:

and my trust hath been in the Lord.

8. I will be glad, and rejoice in thy mercy:

for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

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 Old Testament lesson appointed for the day:

The Prayer of Manasseh

O Lord Almighty, God of our ancestors,
of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and of their righteous offspring;
you who made heaven and earth with all their order;
who shackled the sea by your word of command,
who confined the deep
and sealed it with your terrible and glorious name;
at whom all things shudder, and tremble before your power,
for your glorious splendour cannot be borne,
and the wrath of your threat to sinners is unendurable;
yet immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy,
for you are the Lord Most High,
of great compassion, long-suffering, and very merciful,
and you relent at human suffering.

O Lord, according to your great goodness
you have promised repentance and forgiveness
to those who have sinned against you,
and in the multitude of your mercies
you have appointed repentance for sinners,
so that they may be saved.

Therefore you, O Lord, God of the righteous,
have not appointed repentance for the righteous,
for Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, who did not sin against you,
but you have appointed repentance for me, who am a sinner.

For the sins I have committed are more in number than the sand of the
sea; my transgressions are multiplied, O Lord, they are multiplied!
I am not worthy to look up and see the height of heaven
because of the multitude of my iniquities.

I am weighted down with many an iron fetter,
so that I am rejected because of my sins, and I have no relief;
for I have provoked your wrath and have done what is evil in your
sight, setting up abominations and multiplying offences.

And now I bend the knee of my heart, imploring you for your kindness.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge my
transgressions.

I earnestly implore you,
forgive me, O Lord, forgive me!
Do not destroy me with my transgressions!
Do not be angry with me for ever or store up evil for me;
do not condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent,
and in me you will manifest your goodness;
for, unworthy as I am, you will save me according to your great mercy,
and I will praise you continually all the days of my life.
For all the host of heaven sings your praise,
and yours is the glory for ever. Amen.

The Congregation, standing, shall then sing the Office Hymn.

Hymn 416 – Father, hear the prayer we offer (Sussex)

- 1 Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.**
- 2 Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.**
- 3 Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.**
- 4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.**

*Words: Love Maria Willis (1824-1908)
trad. English melody adapted Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

The Congregation remains standing for the Magnificat (or the Song of the blessed Virgin Mary), as follows.

MAGNIFICAT (Luke 1)

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.

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 Congregation sits.

The Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed:

James 5

Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are
coming to you. Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-
eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence
against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up
treasure for the last days. Listen! The wages of the labourers who
mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the
cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts on a day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not resist you.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'Yes' be yes and your 'No' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*The congregation stands for the Nunc Dimittis (or the Song of Simeon),
as follows.*

NUNC DIMITTIS (Luke 2: 29)

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.
Amen.

*Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed by the Precentor
and the Congregation, remaining standing,*

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 Catholic Church; The
Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the
body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*And after that, the Congregation still standing,
these Prayers shall follow, led by the Choir,*

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

The Congregation kneels as the Choir continues

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.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall follow the Collects:

THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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.*

Here follows the Anthem, sung by the Choir:

Ubi Caritas - Ola Gjeilo (b.1978)

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

*(Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.)*

Here follows the Sermon.

The whole Congregation shall stand to sing the Offertory Hymn:

Hymn 469 – I heard the voice of Jesus say (Kingsfold)

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast":
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.**

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
'til travelling days are done.**

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Tune: English folksong from English Country Songs, 1893

Harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Congregation kneels for the Prayers and the Blessing.

*The whole Congregation shall stand to sing the Final Hymn, after which
the Dismissal is sung by the Choir alone.*

Hymn 19 – Round me falls the night (Seelenbräutigam)

- 1 Round me falls the night;
Saviour, be my light;
through the hours in darkness shrouded
let me see thy face unclouded;
let thy glory shine
in this heart of mine.**

- 2 Earthly work is done,
earthly sounds are none;
rest in sleep and silence seeking,
let me hear thee softly speaking;
in my spirit's ear
whisper, 'I am near.'**

- 3 Blessèd, heavenly Light,
shining through earth's night;
voice, that oft of love hast told me;
arms, so strong to clasp and hold me;
thou thy watch wilt keep,
Saviour, o'er my sleep.**

*Words: William Romanis (1824-1899)
Melody contributed to Geistreiches Gesangbuch Darmstadt 1698
by Adam Drese (1620-1701)*

Here follows the Organ Voluntary, during which the Choir and Clergy recess.

*The Congregation is invited to remain behind
quietly for the duration of the Organ Voluntary.*

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Here ends the Service of Choral Evensong

A letter from the Dean of Dunedin

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Dear sisters and brothers, please note that to keep everyone safe in our community, this is the last public service to be held at St Paul's Cathedral for the time being, and will be closing our doors to visitors at the end of Saturday 28th March, other than for set hours for private prayer and devotion – more details to follow.

You can find out the latest information and prayer resources via facebook - www.facebook.com/stpauls.net.nz - and on our website at www.stpauls.net.nz

The clergy will ensure that worship continues in the Cathedral, including a daily offering of the Eucharist, and we will be making more resources available online for you to join in at home. We will also be organising pastoral support and practical help for vulnerable members of the community.

Our volunteers will be contacting many of you to keep in touch, and I shall try to update everyone as often as possible on the changing situation.

Our Cathedral AGM cannot now go ahead, and for the time being, all office bearers and Synod reps will remain in situ.

If you have an especial concern for someone, please contact me via email, and I shall make sure that all requests for prayer or support are enacted while the Cathedral is closed to the public.

We will continue to keep our community, city and diocese, in our prayers each day, and encourage our sisters and brothers to continue in acts of kindness and love for everyone, while being careful to follow the latest advice from the ministry of health on how to reduce the risks to health of those around us. In particular, please telephone and email people when you can to keep in touch, and join in with daily and weekly acts of prayer. Together we shall continue the unbroken prayer and ministry of the church, in communion with all those who have gone before us, and those who are yet to come, until the day when all things are reconciled in Christ:

"I roto i te pouri te marama e whiti ana; heoi kihai i mau i te pouri."

Hoani 1:5 (John 1.5)

Noho ora mai,

Fr Tony.

The Very Revd Dr Tony Curtis SCP, Dean of Dunedin
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Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal

This Lent, three projects are being supported by Anglican Missions – The Penman Medical Centre in Zababdeh, Palestine, The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for Children with Disabilities, and Roofing Churches in the Diocese of Mara, Tanzania. Please visit the AM website for more information www.angmissions.org.nz.



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