

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG with the NEW ZEALAND YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday, 6 September 2026, 5.00 pm



Officiant and Homilist

The Very Reverend Anne Mills
Dean of Auckland

Reader

David Hopkins

Verger

Eugene Lok

The New Zealand Youth Choir

Director of Music: Rowan Johnston

Organist: Michael Stewart

Setting

Evening Service in A, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

Responses

Bernard Rose

We are delighted to welcome to Holy Trinity Cathedral the New Zealand Youth Choir, their Director of Music, Rowan Johnston, and Organist, Michael Stewart. Rowan was formerly Director of Choirs here, and five members of the Youth Choir are current members of the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir, so it is very fitting to have the choir taking part in our service this evening.

Introit

Ave Rex Angelorum

Sung by the Choir

Ave rex! (Hail, King) Ave rex angelorum! (Hail, King of the angels)

Ave rexque celorum! (Hail, King of the skies)

Ave princeps que polorum! (Hail, Prince of heaven) Hail, most mighty in thy working, Hail, thou Lord of alle thing, I offer thee gold as to a king.

Sir John Taverer

Please stand when the bell is rung. The Choir and clergy will process into their places.

Welcome and announcements.

Gathering

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 our 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 ask on behalf of all people such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence and remember God's presence with us now.

Please sit.

Confession

Let us humbly 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.**

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together

**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.**

Preces

O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand.

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.

Please sit.

Psalm 108

Sung by the Choir

O GOD, my heart is ready, my heart is ready : I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have. Awake, thou lute, and harp : I myself will awake right early. I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people : I will sing praises unto thee among the nations. For thy mercy is greater than the heavens : and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth. That thy beloved may be delivered : let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me. God hath spoken in his holiness : I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth. Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine : Ephraim also is the strength of my head. Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot : over Edom will I cast out my shoe, upon Philistia will I triumph. Who will lead me into the strong city : and who will bring me into Edom? Hast not thou forsaken us, O God : and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts? O help us against the enemy : for vain is the help of man. Through God we shall do great acts : and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

Please stand for the Gloria and then sit for the reading.

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.

First Reading

Ezekiel 12:21 – 13:16

Please stand.

Office Hymn

1. Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
Angel-harps forever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.
2. Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.
3. Yea, we know that thou rejoices
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.
4. In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.
5. Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee. Amen.

Words: Francis Pott

Tune: Angel Voices, AM 589

Please remain standing.

Magnificat

Sung by the Choir

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 shewed 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.

Please sit.

Second Reading

Acts 19: 1-20

Nunc Dimittis

Sung by the Choir

Please stand.

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.

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.

The Lord be with you;

Choir And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please sit.

Choir 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;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;

Choir And bless thy inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

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

O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir Amen.

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

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.

Choir Amen.

The Third 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.

Choir Amen.

Anthem

Richte mich, Gott

Sung by the Choir

Richte mich, Gott, und führe meine Sache wider das unheilige Volk und errette mich von den alschen und bösen Leuten. Denn du bist der Gott meiner Stärke; Warum verstössest du mich? Warum lässest du mich so traurig geh'n, wenn mein Feind mich drängt? Sende dein Licht und deine Wahrheit, dass sie mich leiten zu deinem heiligen Berge, und zu deiner Wohnung. Dass ich hineingehe zum Altar Gottes, zu dem Gott, der meine Freude und Wonne ist, und dir, Gott, auf der Harfe danke, mein Gott. Was betrübst du dich, meine Seele, und bist so unruhig in mir? Harre auf Gott! Denn ich werde ihm noch danken, Dass er meines Angesichts Hülfe, und mein Gott ist.

Translation:

Do me justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people; from the deceitful and impious man rescue me. For you, O God, are my strength. Why do you keep me so far away? Why must I go about in mourning, With the enemy oppressing me? Send forth your light and your fidelity; they shall lead me on And bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling place. Then will I go in to the altar of God, the God of my gladness and joy; Then will I give you thanks upon the harp, my God Why are you so downcast, O my soul? And why do you sigh within me? Hope in God! Then I will again give him thanks, In the presence of my Saviour and my God.

(Psalm 43)

Felix Mendelssohn

Homily

The Very Reverend Anne Mills

Prayers

The prayers concluding with The Grace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Please stand.

Hymn – *during which a collection will be taken.*

- 1. The day thou gavest, Lord is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

2. We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.
3. As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.
5. So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

Words: J. Ellerton

Music: St Clement AM 24

Blessing

As the sun in its shining brings glory, as the stars in the night scatter dark,
as the moon gives us hope in its radiance, so may the light of God fill your heart,
your mind and your life: and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be
with you always. **Amen.**

Final Responses

The Lord be with you:

Choir And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord:

Choir Thanks be to God.

Organ Sortie

All are warmly invited to remain for the Organ Sortie, to pray and reflect.

*This service is based on: The Shorter Prayer Book being an abbreviated form
of the Book of Common Prayer, London, Third Edition, 1948
with some additional matter.*