

CHORAL EVENSONG

Officiant and Homilist: The Very Reverend Anne Mills
Dean of Auckland

Reader: David Hopkins



**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time/
St Mary the Mother of Jesus**

16 August 2026, 5.00 pm

Introit *O Lord, increase my faith*

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith, endue me with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience in all my adversity, sweet Jesus, say Amen.

Henry Loosemore

Please stand when the bell is rung.

The Choir and clergy will process into their places.

Welcome and announcements.

Shorter Prayer Book *page 15*

Preces *William Smith*

Please sit.

Psalm 90 *page 246*

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

First Reading 2 Kings 4: 1-37

Please stand.

Office Hymn

1. **The God whom earth and sea and sky
adore and laud and magnify,
whose might they own, whose praise they tell,
in Mary's body deigned to dwell.**
2. **O Mother blest, the chosen shrine
wherein the Architect divine,
whose hand contains the earth and sky,
vouchsafed in hidden guise to lie.**

3. **Blest in the message Gabriel brought;
blest in the work the Spirit wrought;
most blest, to bring to human birth
the long-desired of all the earth.**
4. **O Lord, the Virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.**

Words: Ven Hon Clementianus Fortunatus

Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur, AM 316

Magnificat

Evening Service in E Minor: Heathcote Statham

Please sit.

Second Reading

Acts 16: 1-15

Please stand.

Nunc Dimittis

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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.**

Responses

William Smith

Please sit or kneel after "Let us pray."

Collect for Day

Let us pray:

O God, who declares thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; though Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Evening Collects *page 22*

Please sit.

Anthem *Strengthen ye the weak hands* *Sung by the Choir*

The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth; and he that is wise will not abhor them. And he hath given men skill, that he might be honoured in his marvellous works. My son, in thy sickness leave off from sin, and order thy hands aright, and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come; he will come and save you. Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them: and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

William Harris

Homily *The Very Reverend Anne Mills*

Prayers *(please sit or kneel)* *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.

**For Mary Mother of the Lord
God's holy name be praised;
who knew him first and did adore
as on her child she gazed.**

2.

**The angel Gabriel brought the word
she should Christ's mother be;
and Mary, handmaid of our God
made answer willingly.**

3.

**The heav'nly call she thus obeyed,
and so God's will was done;
'twas Mary with love's answer made
which our redemption won.**

Words: J R Peacey

4.

**From Mary, in her graciousness
and home of Galilee,
there comes a joy and holiness
to every family.**

5.

**Hail Mary, you are full of grace,
and with all women blest;
blest in your Son, whom you embrace
in birth and death confessed.**

Tune: St. Botolph, AM 313

Blessing

You are embraced by the love of God. You are accompanied by the Son of God. You are called out by the Holy Spirit of God. Take with you the peace of Christ, the love of the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Final Responses

Festal, Naylor

Organ Sortie

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

Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir

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