



st matthew-in-the-city

Sunday, 12 March 2017, 5 pm

# CHORAL EVENSONG

Welcome to this service  
which stands in the centuries old tradition of Anglican worship.

Evensong or Evening Prayer is said or sung daily  
in churches across the Anglican world.

The service includes the Magnificat (the Song of Mary)  
and the Nunc Dimittis (the Song of Simeon)  
and a psalm and two scripture readings.

Tonight the psalm and readings  
are chosen for the season of Lent,  
the period which prepares us for Easter.

The Choir sings much of the service on our behalf;  
we are invited to be drawn closer to God  
through the music and the words.

The congregation join in the responses **in bold**  
and in the singing of the hymns.

The Auckland Youth Choir is directed by Lachlan Craig.

Clergy: Rev Helen Jacobi, *Vicar*  
Rev Cate Thorn

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**Love will be our Lenten calling,  
love to shake and shatter sin,  
waking every closed, cold spirit,  
stirring new life deep within,  
till the quickened heart remembers  
what our Easter birth can mean.**

**Peace will be our Lenten living  
as we turn for home again,  
longing for the words of pardon,  
stripping off old grief and pain,  
till we stand, restored and joyful,  
with the Church on Easter day.**

**Truth will be our Lenten learning:  
hear the Crucified One call!  
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,  
images and idols fall,  
and, in Easter's holy splendour,  
God alone is all in all.**

*Words: Elizabeth J. Smith (b. 1956)*

*Tune: Picardy, French traditional carol melody from  
'Chansons Populaires des Provinces de France', 1860. TiS 684*

# GATHERING

The angels of God guard us through the night,  
**and quieten the powers of darkness.**

The Spirit of God be our guide  
**to lead us to peace and to glory.**

Our help is in the name of the eternal God,  
**who is making the heavens and the earth.**

E te whanau a te Karaiti,  
let us praise and worship God who has called us together.  
Let us celebrate God's majesty,  
and delight in the wonder of God's love.

As the scriptures are read,  
we can allow God's word to speak to us,  
and ponder its meaning for our lives.  
In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,  
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,  
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

Eternal Spirit, living God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you,  
to the very secret of our hearts  
and all that rises to trouble us.  
Living flame burn into us,  
cleansing wind, blow through us,  
fountain of water, well up within us,  
that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips,  
**that our mouths may proclaim your praise.**

# AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME OF THE READINGS

*Rev Helen Jacobi*

O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
**let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.**

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;  
**and tell of your salvation from day to day.**

We proclaim your glory to the nations,  
**your praise to the ends of the earth.**

## PSALM 122

*Cantor:*

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**All:**



Let us go re - joic - ing to the\_ house of the Lord.

*Cantor:*

I rejoiced when I heard them say,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord".  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**All:**



Let us go re - joic - ing to the\_ house of the Lord.

*Cantor:*

Jerusalem built as a city. Bonded as one together.  
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

**All:**



Let us go re - joic - ing to the\_ house of the Lord.

*Cantor:*

For Israel's witness it is to praise the name of the Lord.  
There were set the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

**All:**



Let us go re - joic - ing to the\_ house of the Lord.

*Cantor:*

For the peace of Jerusalem pray, "May they prosper, those who love you".  
May peace abide in your walls, and security be in your towers.

**All:**



Let us go re - joic - ing to the\_ house of the Lord.

*Cantor:*

For the sake of my family and friends, let me say: "Peace be upon you".  
For the sake of the house of the Lord, our God, I will seek good things for you.

**All:**



Let us go re - joic - ing to the\_ house of the Lord.

# READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

*Micah 6:6-8*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE MAGNIFICAT THE SONG OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Setting: Stanford in G*

*The Choir sings a version of these words from Luke 1.*

*Congregation remains seated.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my saviour,  
for you Lord have looked with favour on your lowly servant,  
and from this day all generations will call me blessed.  
You O Most Mighty have done great things for me,  
and holy is your name.

You have mercy on those who fear you  
from generation to generation.

You have shown the strength of your arm,  
you have scattered the proud in their conceit.  
You have cast down the mighty from their thrones  
and have lifted up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things  
and the rich you have sent away empty.

You have come to the help of your people,  
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,  
the promise you made to our forbears:  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

# READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

*Luke 15:1-10*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS THE SONG OF SIMEON

*Setting: Stanford in G*

*The Choir sings a version of these words from Luke 2.*

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace,  
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people,  
a light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever.

Amen.

# THE PRAYERS

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,  
**your saving power among all peoples.**

Renew your Church in holiness,  
**and help us to serve you with joy.**

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,  
**that justice may prevail throughout the world.**

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,  
**nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Make us instruments of your peace,  
**and let your glory be over all the earth.**

*We offer prayers for our church and our world*

*Collect of the day or the week*

## EVENING COLLECT

Gracious God, you have given us much today;  
grant us also a thankful spirit.  
Into your hands we commend ourselves and those we love.  
Be with us still, and when we take our rest  
renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

**In darkness and in light,  
in trouble and in joy,  
help us, heavenly Father,  
to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose,  
and to praise your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## ANTHEM

*Sine Paenitentia*

*Cortlandt Matthews*

The divine Spirit dwells in us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.  
**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

The day you gave us, God, is ended,  
the darkness falls at your behest;  
to you our morning hymns ascended,  
your praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank you that your Church unsleeping,  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.

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.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
our friends beneath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
your wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, God, your throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
your kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

*Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893) adapted  
Tune: St Clement, Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1839-1904). TIS 458*

# ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Fuga from Organ Sonata No. 2 in C minor, Op. 65*

*Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)*

*As you leave there will be an opportunity  
to leave a koha / donation  
towards St Matthew's and the Auckland Youth Choir*

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Please mark in your diary  
the dates for another two Evensong Services

Sunday, 6 August 2017, 5pm

Sunday, 3 December 2017, 5pm

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