

THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER

Dean

The Very Rev'd Phil Wilson



I looked, and heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands.

Revelation 5:11

SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018			ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
8.00am	Eucharist	President	The Rev'd Peter Lord Cowell
		Preacher	The Rev'd Peter Lord Cowell
9.45am	Choral Eucharist	President	The Rev'd Peter Lord Cowell
		Preacher	The Rev'd Peter Lord Cowell

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN

- 1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2. Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:

 Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
- 3. Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt you, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain, hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:

 Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
- 4. Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne, past put behind us, for the future take us:

 Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith

INTROIT - Set me as a seal - Clausen

GREETING - (Please remain standing)

President: In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life. Amen.

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,
release for the captives,
recovery of sight for the blind
and liberty for those who are oppressed.

Liturgist: Invitation to Confession (please kneel or sit)

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence

God forgives and heals us.

We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance.

Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face.

Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.

The presiding priest says

God forgives you. Forgive others; Forgive yourself.

Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

THE GLORIA (please stand)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

THE READINGS (please sit)

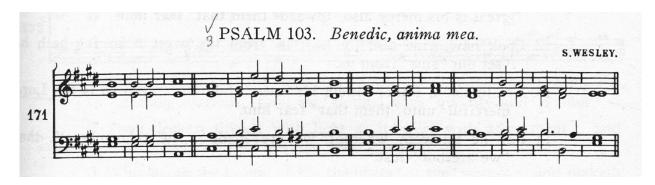
A reading from the Book of Revelation (12:7:12a)

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!' (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:19-22



- You O Lord have established your 'throne in 'heaven: and you rule as 'sovereign 'over 'all.
- O praise the Lord all you angels, you mighty ones who 'do God's 'bidding: and heed the com'mand · of the 'Most 'High.
- Praise the Lord all you 'heaven·ly 'hosts: you 'servants · who 'do God's 'will.
- Praise the Lord all things created, in all places 'under · God's 'rule: praise the 'Lord 'O my 'soul.

Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son: and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit; as it was in the be ginning . is ' now: and shall be for ' ever. ' A- ' men.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (1:5-14)

For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like

clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.' But to which of the angels has he ever said, 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet'? Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? (NRSV)

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THE GRADUAL HYMN

- 1. Angel-voices, ever singing,
 Round thy throne of light,
 Angel-harps, for ever ringing,
 Rest not day or night;
 Thousands only live to bless Thee,
 And confess Thee
 Lord of might.
- 2. Thou who art beyond the farthest Mortal eye can see,
 Can it be that thou regardest Songs of sinful man?
 Can we know that thou art near us And wilt hear us?
 Yes, we can.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Honour, glory, might and merit, Thine shall ever be, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity! Of the best that thou hast given Earth and heaven Render thee.

Francis Pott

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, Alleluia

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John (1:47-51)

Praise and glory to God.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.' (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED (please stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVING (please kneel or sit)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE (please stand)

The peace of God be with you all. **In God's justice is our peace.**

E te whānau / Brothers and sisters, Christ calls us to live in unity. We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

- 1. How shall I sing that Majesty which angels do admire?
 Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
 Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high; ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?
- 2. Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace; a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.

 They sing because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be.
- 3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire; then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.
 I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light; yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.
 - 4. How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!
 Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
 Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere; thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

John Mason

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The offerings of the people are presented. Bread and wine for communion are placed on the table.

The president says

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty.

All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

God's love is shown to us: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering

and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God. In your mercy you are now our God. Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and say/sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks,

broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ teaches 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.

Rimsky-Korsakov

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many, are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The priest may lift the cup.

The priest says

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us your peace.

The Invitation

Lifting the bread and cup, the priest invites the people, saying

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

God invites everyone to gather around his table. We extend an invitation to all to come forward and receive this Holy Sacrament.

ANTHEM - Christe sanctorem by Praetorius

Christ, the fair glory of the holy Angels, Thou who hast made us, Thou who o'er us rulest, Grant of Thy mercy unto us Thy servants Steps up to heaven.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of heaven, in this Eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

BLESSING

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints; Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels; the Spirit make you holy in God's service; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

- 1. And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood?

 Died he for me, who caused his pain; for me, who him to death pursued?

 Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

 Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
- 2. He left his Father's throne above so free, so infinite his grace— emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
- 3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night: thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke the dungeon flamed with light. My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

 My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee
- 4. No condemnation now I dread;
 Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
 Alive in him, my living head,
 and clothed in righteousness divine,
 bold I approach the eternal throne
 and claim the crown through Christ my own.

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 and claim the crown through Christ my own

C. Wesley

DISMISSAL

Grace be with you.

Thanks be to God.

Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

The service concludes with the organ voluntary, for which you are warmly invited to remain. If you wish to leave following the recession of clergy and choir, please do so quietly so that the voluntary may be fully appreciated.

Voluntary: Toccata from Suite Gothique Op.25

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Please join us for refreshments after the 8.00 am and 9.45 am services

Volunteers Needed Please

We need helpers please in the kitchen for morning tea roster. Please speak to Vivienne in the office.

Volunteers are also needed to help in the kitchen for Cathedral events such as funerals and special services. Please speak to Vivienne.

Items needed for the kitchen please

Over the past few weeks there have been a number of events at the Cathedral with a lot of catering.

We need empty ice cream containers with lids please. These are very useful storing food and make it easier to transport food, particularly for families after funerals.

THE CATHEDRAL SHOP The Art of Dying Well: \$10.00

Ideas and reflections to help you face your death with courage, peace and hope.

Working in the pastoral care team environment of a retirement village, a need was identified for a resource that could offer people a pathway to help them face their fears about ageing, illness and death.

The offerings of this booklet are intended as helpful pointers not answers. May you enjoy the reflections and may they give you peace and hope to your journey.



Thank you to everyone who provided food and helped in the kitchen for Bishop Danald's visit to the Cathedral.

Another example of the outrageous hospitality our Cathedral family offers.

ARCHDEACON REG ASKS: WHAT WORRIES GOD?

Does God lie awake at night, worrying about things?

Does God worry about what people call him, her, or it?

Does it matter whether God's real name is Yahweh or Jehovah? Is Allah okay? How about Brahman? Or Ahura Mazda?

I suspect God doesn't care at all about names. What counts is the awareness of something bigger than ourselves, something beyond us yet within us, to which we need to pay attention.

Does God worry about creeds and catechisms? Definitions matter to us, because we write them. But would an undefinable presence care about getting defined just right?

We have certainly changed our ideas about worship. Once upon a time, worship meant sacrifices -- the smoke of burning flesh was supposed to please God's nostrils.

Today, most people would probably understand worship as gathering on Sunday morning to sing songs unlike anything they listen to the rest of the week.

Some Christian factions apparently believe God is obsessed with sex.

They keep saying, over and over, that the only acceptable form of sex is between one man and one woman, and only within marriage.

The Bible includes not one word about Jesus' own sexual relationships.

But he pardoned a woman caught in extramarital sex. The great King David had several extramarital relationships. Lot's daughters committed incest with their father. A woman named Tamar seduced her father-in-law.

So does God lie awake at night worrying about what consenting humans do, in private?

I expect God would worry far more about incessant wars and threats of wars. About toxins marketed to unsuspecting consumers. About industrial effects on the world's climate. About extinctions of vulnerable species. About the great discrepancy in the world's wealth.

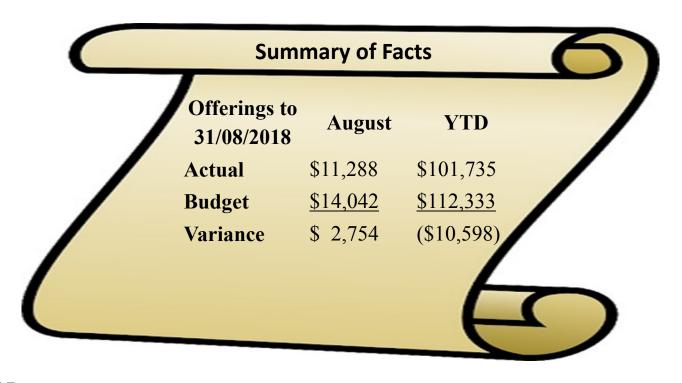
I think God would worry most that we don't follow the biblical "way of life" modelled by Jesus.

Reg Nicholson

UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

See the Cathedral Website for more details: http://www.stpeter.org.nz

DIARY DATES				
29 & 30 Sept	General Synod			
7 Oct, 2.00pm	Scout Service			
19 Oct, 2.00pm	Social Club			
20 Oct, 8.00am	Cathedral Workshop			
20 Oct, 5.00pm	Cantata Vespers			
28 Oct, 6.00pm	Evensong			



0			dinary Sunday	
8	:00 am	8:00 am		
Liturgist	Pam McAdam	Liturgist	Andrea Haines	
1	Jill Bindon	Sides People	Peta Pepperell	
	Bruce Sheridan Numb 11: 4-6, 10-16,	Welcomers	Margaret Gilbert	
	24-29 - Joan Joyce	First Reading	Gen 2: 18-24	
	James 5: 13-20		John Selliman Heb 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12	
	Margaret Gilbert		Peta Pepperell	
	Mark 9: 38-50	Gospel Reading	eading Mark 10: 2-16	
	:45 am	9:45 am		
	Rev'd Robin Olds Daryl Smart	Liturgist	Robin Olds	
	Isaac Tapping	Server	Daryl Smart	
	Tom Tapping	Crucifer	Isabella Brant	
	Milannia Zucchetto John Mitchell & Jean	Acolytes	Charlotte Saunders	
	Redout		Hannah Saunders	
	Richard & Diane Swarbrick	Sides People	Min & Warren	
	Numb 11: 4-6, 10-16,		Turnwald	
	24-29 - Anne McAloon	Welcomers	Sheila Smith & Joan Nicholson	
	James 5: 13-20 Walter Crookes	First Reading	Gen 2: 18-24	
		Second	Ursula Bisley Heb 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12	
	Mark 9: 38-50 Rev'd Robin Olds	Reading	Lynn Jamieson	
	Paula Spiers	Gospel Reading	Mark 10: 2-16	
	Robin Olds, Shirley Wilson, Warren & Min	Interagger	Daryl Smart Anne McAloon	
	Turnwald	Intercessor		
Young Church		Chalice	Robin Olds, Pam McAdam, Bryan &	
12 Plus Group			Elizabeth Bang	
Morning Tea	Frany & Sam Edwards	Morning Tea	Frany & Sam Edwards	
Flower Guild	Peta Pepperell, Joy	Flower Guild	Ann McAloon,	
	McRobie & Jill Bindon		Marion Willard, Ann Day, Shirley Greig	

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED

For those in need: George & Joyce Bennett (in Canada), Keith Palmer,

Jocelyn Marshall, Audrey Moltzen, Doreen Lambert (USA), Jocelyn Fish, Pat Woods, Brother Damian SSF, Vinna Sapa, Alice Knight, Beverly McIntosh, Catherine Andrew, Chris Bryant, Jack Wade, Ken Thorpe, Mark Bryant, Jane, Bella and Daisy Bryant, Craig Penny, Michael Tarbit, Ward Fischer, Margaret Gozdz, Gay

Fraundorfer, Bobbie Jarvis.

Birthdays: Claire Carpenter 1, Michael Wiltshire 2, Lachlan McRobie

2, Alex Fahey 3, Cheyenne Talaga 3, Ruth Kapoor 4,

Libby Shearer 5, Deidre McRobie 6.

Anniversaries: Allister & Catherine Kelley 2, Tim & Belinda Saunders 4.

Recently Laurence Henry Merrifield, Rodney Greig

Deceased:

St George's We will remember them.

Memorial Chapel

In Memoriam: Sept: Arthur Belfield 30, Keith Hopper 30.

Oct: Prue Rogers 2, Doreen Cleland 5, Alfred Cowell 5,

Paul Wright 5.

YOUNG CHILDREN ACTIVITY TABLE

Children are an important part of our Cathedral Family and we want them to feel welcome and a part of our community at St Peter's Cathedral. There is an activity table at the back of the Cathedral at 9.45am services. Feel free to help yourselves to pens, paper, books and toys.

A wheelchair, walker and baby changing facilities are available: please ask.

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