



Ecumenical Service

Christ Church Cathedral • Grafton

27 October 2019

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of Christ the King.

We especially welcome the 2019 Jacaranda Queen and the Jacaranda Princesses, giving thanks for their commitment to the well-being of our community and remembering all those who will benefit from the funds they have raised this year.

Our service this evening is Evening Prayer (First Order) from *A Prayer Book for Australia*. This service follows the ancient pattern of prayer which was modified by the Church of England at the time of the Reformation to create a set of services for morning and evening each day. English church musicians soon set the services to music.

‘Choral Evensong’ is simply the service of Evening Prayer sung with the assistance of a choir. It is classic and distinctive form of Anglican liturgy with roots in Catholic prayer practices and beyond that to even older Jewish worship (“seven times a day will I praise you” – Psalm 119.164).

The setting for our service this evening is the Grafton Setting, composed by Robert Eather, our Director of Music.

The Cathedral Choir will lead us in singing the responses and will also sing the canticles and an anthem.

We are delighted to welcome the Salvation Army band, who will accompany the organ during our hymns.

Our preacher this evening is the Revd Adrian Van Ash from the Grafton Presbyterian fellowship.

During the service there will be a collection with the funds raised to benefit the ecumenical Special Religious Education program in our local schools.

Refreshments will be served inside the west door of the Cathedral after the service.

Morning and Evening Prayer FIRST ORDER

Acknowledgement of Country

The Cathedral stands on the traditional lands of the Bundjalung nation. We acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present, as well as to indigenous people with us today.

The Sentence of the Day

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Revelation 4.11

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

John 4.24

During the processional hymn the ministers will enter the Cathedral and take their places for the service.

All praise to thee, my God, this night (TIS 558)

All praise to thee, my God, this night
for all the blessings of the light:
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
the ill that I this day have done,
that with the world, myself, and thee
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

O may my soul on thee repose,
and may sweet sleep my eyelids close –
sleep that shall me more vigorous make
to serve my God when I awake.

When in the night I sleepless lie,
my soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
no powers of darkness me molest.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise God, all creatures here below,
praise God above, you heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken 1637-1711 *alt.*

TALLIS CANON 88.88 Shortened form of
melody by Thomas Tallis c. 1505–85 from
Thomas Ravenscroft's *Psalmes*, 1621.

A minister leads the opening versicles and responses.

Open our lips, O Lord;
and we shall declare your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

The Psalm of the day will be sung by the Choir

Psalm 84

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling-place:
O Lord God of hosts!*
- 2 My soul has a desire and longing
to enter the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.*
- 3 The sparrow has found her a home,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.*
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house:
they will always be praising you.*
- 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you:
in whose heart are the highways to Zion;*
- 6 Who, going through the valley of dryness,
find there a spring from which to drink:
till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.*
- 7 They go from strength to strength:
they appear, every one of them,
before the God of gods in Zion.*
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:
give ear, O God of Jacob.*
- 9 Behold, O God, him who reigns over us:
and look upon the face of your anointed.*
- 10 One day in your courts is better than a thousand:
I would rather stand at the threshold*

*of the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.*

*11 For the Lord God is a light and a shield,
the Lord gives favour and honour:
and no good thing will he withhold
from those who walk in innocence.*

*12 O Lord God of hosts:
blessed are those who put their trust in you.*

*Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.*

The first Reading, from the Old Testament

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 14, beginning at verse 7.

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its saviour in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveller turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonour your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

After the reading, the reader says 'Here ends the first reading'.

Hymn: Lord of creation to you be all praise (TIS 626)

Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfill.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind;
enrich it with truths that express your design.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
your love to inspire me, your counsel to lead,
your presence to shield me, whatever my need.

Lord of all being, I give you my all,
for if I disown you, I stumble and fall;
but sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom the rest of the way.

John C Winslow – 1961

The Song of Mary (Magnificat)

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed;
The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.
God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,*

*Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.
God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.*

The second Reading, from the New Testament

A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke, chapter 18, beginning at verse 31.

Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God."

After the reading, the reader says 'Here ends the second reading'.

The Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)

*Now, Lord, 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 God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed.

**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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come 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.**

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

All kneel.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

**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.**

Lord, show us your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.
Keep our nation under your care,
and guide us in justice and truth.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness,
and make your chosen people joyful.
Lord, save your people,
and bless your inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord,
for you are our help and strength.
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give to us the increase of faith, hope and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us to love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, the author and lover of peace, in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend your servants in all assaults of our enemies, that, surely trusting in your defence, we may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evening Collect

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray: and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem: The Choir will sing The Call by Stuart Beer

Prayers are offered for those in authority, for the Church and for all people.

A Prayer for Humanity

God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings
justice and peace,
have mercy on our broken and divided world.
Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all
and banish from them the spirit that makes for war,
that all races and peoples may learn to live
as members of one family
and in obedience to your law,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Australia

God, bless Australia,
guard our people
guide our leaders
and give us peace;
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Reconciliation

Lord God, bring us together as one,
reconciled with you and reconciled with each other.
You made us in your likeness,
you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.
He has given us forgiveness from sin.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ,
together as your body, your Church, your people.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
reconciled, healed, forgiven,
sharing you with others as you have called us to do.
In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. **Amen.**

A Prayer for our community

God of town and valley,
we give thanks for the abundance
of river and field, ocean and forest.
Bless our homes and our farms,
and boats and our shops.
Give us wisdom to build community,
to welcome the stranger,
to support those in need,
and to promote reconciliation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Church

Most gracious Father,
we pray for your holy catholic Church:
fill it with all truth
and in all truth with all peace;
where it is corrupt, purge it;
where it is in error, direct it;
where anything is amiss, reform it;
where it is right, strengthen and confirm it;
where it is in want, furnish it;
where it is divided, heal it
and unite it in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sermon

Offertory Hymn:

An offering will be received for the Chaplaincy program in our local schools.

The day you gave us, Lord, is ended (TIS 458)

The day you gave us, Lord, 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.

Across each continent and island
as 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, Lord; your throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
your kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all your creatures own your sway.

John Ellerton 1826-93 *alt.*

ST CLEMENT 98.98 Clement Cotterill Scholefield 1839–1904

A concluding prayer from the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal.
Amen.

Blessing

Organ postlude: Grand Choeur – Theodore Dubois