

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia



Opening Worship Service

for the

Third Session

of the

Fifty-Fourth Synod

of

The Diocese of Christchurch

Worship Leader: *The Right Reverend Peter Carrell*

Preacher: *The Reverend Doctor Carolyn Robertson*

The Christ Church Transitional Cathedral

Thursday 10 September 2020

7.00 pm

Livestreaming: <https://www.youtube.com/user/chhcathedralnz/videos>

At 6.55 pm the music group will play/sing until the mihi whakatau begins at 7pm.

Mihi Whakatau

Bishop Peter Carrell

Waiata: He hōnore

**He hōnore, he korōria
Maungārongo ki te whenua
Whakaaro pai e
Ki ngā tangata katoa
Ake ake, ake ake
Āmine
Te Atua, te piringa,
Toku oranga**

Te Pihopa o Te Waipounamu, Bishop Richard Wallace

Waiata:

E toru Nga mea (<i>Echo</i>)	<i>E toru nga mea</i>
Nga mea nunui	<i>Nga mea nunui</i>
E ki ana	<i>E ki ana</i>
Te Paipera	<i>Te Paipera</i>
Whakapono	<i>Whakapono</i>
Tumanako	<i>Tumanako</i>
Ko te mea nui	<i>Ko te mea nui</i>
Ko Te Aroha.	

The Preparation

Bishop Peter informally greets the people.

The Sentence of the Day is said :

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

Then the bishop says to the people

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

The theme of praise continues as we say:

Great and Wonderful

Great and wonderful are your deeds

O Lord ' God · the al'mighty:

just and true are your ways

O ' Sovereign ' of the ' nations.

Who shall not revere and praise your ' name O ' Lord?:

for ' you a'lone are ' holy.

All nations shall come and worship ' in your ' presence:

for your just ' dealings · have ' been re'vealed.

To the One who is seated on the throne and ' to the ' Lamb:

be blessing and honour, glory and might

for ever and ' ever. ' A'men. *Revelation 15:3b-4; 5:13*

The bishop continues

E te whānau 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.

Together we shall confess our sins
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

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.

All this we do,
because we believe in the presence among us
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

The bishop says

Hear these words of scripture.

If we claim to be sinless,
we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.

If we confess our sins,
God is just and may be trusted to forgive our sins
and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

The bishop then says

Let us sit or kneel and, in silence,
remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of mercy,
we have sinned against you and against others.
We have sinned in what we have done,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for our sins,
forgive us all that is past
and raise us to newness of life. Amen.**

The bishop says

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,
forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

The Ministry of the Word – *led by Dean Lawrence*

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.

Then follows the Psalm:

Psalm 59

Rescue me from my enemies ' O my ' God:
pro'tect me · from ' those · who as 'sail me.

Deliver me from ' those · who do ' evil:
and ' save me ' from the ' bloodthirsty.

See, they lie in ' wait · for my ' life:
cruel enemies are gathered against me,
through no fault of mine,
nor for ' any ' wrong · I have ' done.

They run and take position against me,
innocent ' though I ' am:
arise O Lord to help me, and ' see it ' for your'self.

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Each evening they come back ' howling · like ' dogs:
and ' prowling · a'bout the ' city.

They snarl contempt from their mouths,
and swords come ' out · from their ' lips:
but they say, 'Who is ' there to ' hear us?'

But you Lord will treat them ' with de'rision:
you will laugh ' all the ' nations · to ' scorn.

It is to you my strength ' that I ' turn:
because ' you O ' God · are my ' refuge.

In your love you will ' come to ' meet me:
you will let me look in ' triumph ' on my ' foes.

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Let people know that God ' rules · over ' Jacob:
and to the ' very ' ends · of the ' earth.

Each evening they come back ' howling · like ' dogs:
and ' prowling · a'bout the ' city.

They roam about ' looking · for ' food:
and growl if they ' do not ' get their ' fill.

But I will sing of your power O Lord,
and each morning ac'claim your ' love:
**for you have been my stronghold,
and a refuge in the ' day of ' my dis'tress.**

To you O my strength ' I will ' sing:
for you are my refuge, and my ' God · of un'failing ' love.

At the end of the psalm is said

**Korōria ki te Matua, ki te Tama,
ki te Wairua Tapu;
mai i te tīmatanga, ki tēnei wā,
ā, haere ake nei. Āmine.**

The Old Testament Reading is from 2 Kings 5:1-19a
*read by Wanjiru Muriuki, General Synod Member and Diocese of Christchurch
representative on General Synod Standing Committee*

A brief silence follows, after which the reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

God is My Salvation

Behold God is ' my sal'vation:
I will trust and ' will not ' be a'fraid,

for the Lord God is my ' strength · and my ' song:
and has be'come ' my sal'vation.

With joy you will draw water from the ' wells · of sal'vation:
and in that day ' all of ' you will ' say,

'Give thanks and call upon the ' name · of the ' Lord:
**make known among the nations what the Lord has done,
proclaim that the ' name · of the ' Lord is · ex'alted.**

'Sing praises for the Lord has ' triumphed ' gloriously:
let this be ' known in ' all the ' earth.

'Shout and sing for joy you ' people · of ' God:
for great in your ' midst ' is the ' Holy One.'

Isaiah 12:2-6

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. ' A'men.

The New Testament Reading is from St. Luke 6:27-38

read by Jeremy Johnson, outgoing Chancellor of the Diocese of Christchurch

A brief silence follows, after which the reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

The Exalted Lord

Christ Jesus was in the ' form of ' God:
yet he did not think to ' grasp · at e'quality · with ' God,
but emptied himself, taking the ' form · of a ' servant:
and was ' born · in our ' human ' likeness.

Being found in our human state he ' humbled · him'self:
and became obedient unto death,
even ' death ' on a ' cross.

Therefore God has ' highly · ex'alted him:
and bestowed on him the ' Name a·bove ' every ' name;

that at the name of Jesus every ' knee should ' bow:
in heaven and on ' earth and ' under · the ' earth,

and every tongue confess that Jesus ' Christ is ' Lord:
to the glory of God the' Father.' A'men.

Philippians 2:6-11

Synod Sermon: *The Reverend Doctor Carolyn Robertson*

A period of silence will follow.

Marjorie Smart, retiring member of the Diocesan Bicultural Education Committee, leads:

The Affirmation of Faith - He Tikanga Whakapono

Ko koe, e te Atua tapu, te tino Atua,
Nōu te mana, te ihi, te wehi.
Nōu te ao, te mauri, te ora.
Nāu te katoa, i te rangi, i te whenua.
Ko koe tonu te Atua.

Ko koe te māramatanga o te ao,
I tīaho rā a koe i roto i te pōuri,
Kia puta ake tāu Tama ko Īhu Karaiti
Hei pou tokomanawa mō te ao.
Ko koe tonu te Atua.

Ko koe te Wairua Tapu,
Ko koe taku rākau,
Ko koe taku tokotoko,
Ko koe taku oranga ngākau ē,
Ko koe tonu rā te Atua. Korōria ki a koe.

Thanksgiving for Bicultural Ministry

A brief presentation to Marjorie Smart for her work over several decades on
the Diocesan Bicultural Education Committee.

The Prayers of the People

*Led by Mia Wright, Senior Student, St Margaret's College and Teresa Kundycki-Carrell,
Chaplain, The Cathedral Grammar School.*

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

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.

Thanksgivings and Intercessions follow here, led by Mia and Teresa.

Following the thanksgivings and intercessions, synod members and other brothers and sisters in Christ following the service are invited to pray – including prayer together where groups of parishioners are meeting together – for approximately three minutes while the music group plays.

Our prayers conclude with the prayer Jesus commanded us to say:

Bishop Richard: Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka īnoi tātou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine.

A Collect of the Day is said here, followed by the Collect for Evening.

Bishop Peter: Let us pray:

Almighty God,
you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church
to lead us into all truth;
bless with the Spirit's grace and presence
the members of this Synod
keep us steadfast in faith and united in love,
that we may manifest your glory
and prepare the way of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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.**

The Dismissal

Bishop Peter: Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**The almighty and merciful God bless us
and keep us now and for ever. Amen.**

Bishop Richard: **Kia tau ki a tātou katoa
te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, o Īhu Karaiti,
me te aroha o te Atua,
me te whiwhinga tahitanga ki te Wairua Tapu,
āke ake ake. Āmine.**

The congregation is sent out with these words led by Archdeacon Nicky Lee.

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Haere i runga i te rangimārie i runga i te aroha me te ngākau
hihiko ki te mahi ki te Ariki.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

As the service concludes, the music group will play.

We thank the Dean and staff of the Transitional Cathedral who have helped organize and set up for the service, especially the livestreaming of the service to the scattered members of the Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch.

We thank Paul Hegglin, Consultant on Under 40s Ministry, and the music team he has brought together for the occasion.

We thank our preacher, Carolyn Robertson and all readers and intercessors.

We thank Bishop Richard Wallace for sharing in the service this evening.

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