

Evening Prayer
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The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and
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St George's College Jerusalem (SGCJ) is a continuing education centre of the Anglican Communion. It is an agency of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, with a mission to the local church within the Diocese, to the wider Anglican Church in the Middle East, and to the global Anglican Communion.

The College was founded as a seminary for Palestinian seminarians. When George Francis Popham Blyth, became the bishop of the diocese in 1887, he formed Jerusalem and the East Mission, purchased land outside of the Old City, and raised funds for the construction of St George's Collegiate Church (which is today the diocesan cathedral), and St George's College as well.

In 1962, it expanded its mission to include educating clergy and laity from other parts of the world.

Today the College programs focus on pilgrimage, community, study, and reconciliation. Programs typically last 8, 10 or 14 days, and are open to clergy and laity of all denominations and any faith. The major program areas for SGCJ courses are: Bible and the Land, including archaeology and history; Pilgrimage and Spirituality; Interfaith: Jewish-Christian-Islamic dialogue; Palestinian Contextual Theology.

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, College had to cancel its programmes for 2020, which are the vital source of income for Palestinian Christians who work in it. The uncertainty of this situation leaves them in especially vulnerable position. As the whole world is in different levels of lockdown and restrictions, including Melbourne and Auckland, this is our way to say "thank you" to God for this College and its staff and prayer for the world in which we live.

Officiant

**The Reverend Ivica Gregurec, Cathedral Precentor
Holy Trinity Cathedral, Auckland**

Organ Prelude *Prelude on "Jerusalem the Golden", Ernest A. Dicks*

Sentence

Jesus saith, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'

Matthew 28:20

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us be in silence and remember God's presence with us now.

O God, our Father,
we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed:
we have not loved thee with all our heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee;
cleans us from our sins;
and help us to overcome our faults;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you
pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People together.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord;
The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 91 - Qui habitat

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold: my God, in him will I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the ungodly.

9 For thou, Lord, art my hope: thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

10 There shall no evil happen unto thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy him: and shew him my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end.
Amen.

Rev. Jacynthia Murphy

THE FIRST LESSON

is written in the nineth chapter of the Book of Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
'You that are simple, turn in here!'
To those without sense she says,
'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.'
Whoever corrects a scoffer wins abuse;
whoever rebukes the wicked gets hurt.
A scoffer who is rebuked will only hate you;
the wise, when rebuked, will love you.
Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still;
teach the righteous and they will gain in learning.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.
For by me your days will be multiplied,
and years will be added to your life.
If you are wise, you are wise for yourself;
if you scoff, you alone will bear it.
The foolish woman is loud;
she is ignorant and knows nothing.
She sits at the door of her house,
on a seat at the high places of the town,
calling to those who pass by,
who are going straight on their way,
'You who are simple, turn in here!'
And to those without sense she says,
'Stolen water is sweet,
and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.'
But they do not know that the dead are there,
that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.
Here endeth the first lesson.

MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

**He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Robert McLean

THE SECOND LESSON

is written in the fifth chapter of the Holy Gospel according to Mark,
beginning at the 35th verse.

While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Here endeth the second lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.

**For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

THE 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.

**The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.**

**O Lord, save the Queen;
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

**Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.**

**O Lord, save thy people;
And bless thy inheritance.**

**Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Because there is none that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

**O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Homily

Prayers *The Very Rev. Richard Sewell, Dean St George's College, Jerusalem*

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Amen.

The Grace

in Arabic, Bishop Hosam Naoum, Coadjutor Bishop in Jerusalem

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Hymn

1

Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

2

They stand, those halls of Zion,
conjugilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever with them,
the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessèd
are decked in glorious sheen.

*Text: Urbs Sion aurea
St Bernard of Cluny, 12th century
translated: J. M. Neale*

3

There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they, who with their leader
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.'

4

O sweet and blessèd country,
the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessèd country
that eager hearts expect!
Jesu, in mercy bring us
to that dear land of rest;
who art, with God the Father
and Spirit, ever blest.

Tune: Ewing, AM 683

*Urbs Syon aurea, patria lactea, cive decora
Omne cor obruis, omnibus obstruis et cor et ora
Nescio, nescio, quae jubilatio, lux tibi quali
Quam sociala gaudia, gloria quam specialis
Laude studens ea tollere, mens mea victa fatiscit
O bona gloria, vincor; in omnia laus tua vicit.*

Blessing

*The Most Reverend Suheil Dawani, Archbishop
Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem*

The Lord be with you. Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

Followed by the blessing in Arabic

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