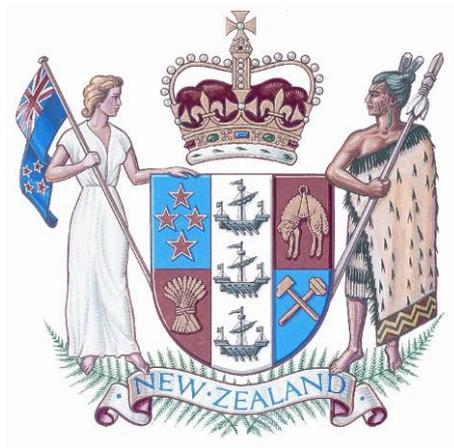


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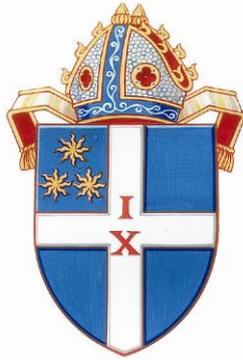


CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE MEMORIAL SERVICE



Sunday 27 March 2011

Noon



Diocese of Christchurch, New Zealand

A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF CHRISTCHURCH

On 22 February at 12.51 pm, many people in Christchurch were busy at work or having lunch. Schools had closed early that day so a large number of children were on their way home. Very quickly, the enormity of the earthquake became apparent; as buildings collapsed people rushed to save themselves and others with examples of spontaneous, selfless courage—often to total strangers.

Now, almost a month later and in the aftermath of the Christchurch Memorial Service, people are still grieving. News of Japan's disaster sent a chill through Christchurch again. There is thankfulness to be alive and a desire to help others. There is also overwhelming gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and assistance from other nations.

Thank you to the people of London and beyond who have such heart for Kiwis, particularly the strong expatriate community. Thank you for your care and compassion, and please continue to pray for New Zealand and the people of Christchurch.

To all those who have lost loved ones our prayers of consolation, compassion, and intercession are offered.

'Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them.' May they rest in peace and rise in glory. May those who remain honour the memory of the departed. They will not be forgotten and the future Christchurch will be shaped by their memory.

In the compassionate love of Christ,

+ Victoria
Bishop of Christchurch
Christchurch, New Zealand

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to refrain from using private cameras, video, or sound recording equipment. Please ensure that mobile phones, pagers, and other electronic devices are switched off.

The service is conducted by The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster.

The service is sung by the Choir of Westminster Abbey, conducted by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Robert Quinney, Sub-Organist.

Music before the service:

James McVinnie, Assistant Organist, plays:

Sonata in F minor Op 65 no 1 *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)*

Prelude and Fugue in F BWV 880 *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Larghetto from Serenade for Strings Op 20 *Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*

The Lord Mayor of Westminster is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and conducted to her place in Quire. All stand, and then sit.

An organ fanfare is sounded. All stand.

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain standing as the Collegiate Procession, together with His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, moves to places in the Quire and Sacrarium.

All remain standing for

KARANGA

Waimatao Temo, Tūhoe

All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, says

THE BIDDING

WE come to Westminster Abbey, whether from New Zealand or the United Kingdom or elsewhere, bound together by history and affection and common concern. These walls have witnessed countless occasions over the centuries, glorious and mournful. Every year on ANZAC day they draw together thousands of New Zealanders and Australians. Above all, this place of worship embraces those, like us, seeking the assurance of God's love and finding strength and comfort in the power of his presence.

Our minds and hearts are full as we contemplate the effects of natural and human disasters, and today in particular of earthquake in Christchurch. We shall commemorate those who lost their lives and commend them to the care and keeping of almighty God. We shall honour their memory by laying flowers at the Memorial to Innocent Victims outside the Great West Door. We shall pray for all who have suffered the loss of loved ones, of homes and livelihoods; we shall thank God for all who served heroically to rescue survivors; and we shall pray with confidence and hope for the regeneration of shattered communities.

Let us pray for a moment in silence.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who 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.

ETŌ 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 ma mātou mo tēnei ra. Murua o mātou hara, me mātou hoki e muru nei i o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou. Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawāia; engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino. Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria, āke, āke, āke. Āmine.

All sing

THE HYMN



LEAD us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

*Mannheim 393 NEH
from Friedrich Filitz's Choralbuch 1847*

James Edmeston (1791–1867)

All sit. His Excellency Derek Leask, High Commissioner for New Zealand, reads

AN ADDRESS

by

The Right Honourable John Key
Prime Minister of New Zealand

All remain seated for

THE TESTIMONIES

by

Hayley Westenra

Cantabrian

and

Peter Crook

*UK-ISAR Team Leader
for Christchurch deployment*

All stand.

The Dean, together with His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and the High Commissioner for New Zealand, processes to the Innocent Victims' Memorial.

As the Procession moves through the Church, Jonathan Fa'afetai Lemalu, bass-baritone, together with the Choir of Westminster Abbey, sings:

LIBERA me, Domine, de morte aeterna, in die illa tremenda quando coeli
movendi sunt, et terra: dum veneris judicare saeculum per ignem.
Tremens factus sum ego et timeo, dum discussio venerit, atque ventura ira.
Dies illa, dies irae, calamitatis et miseriae, dies magna et amara valde.
Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death in that dread day when the heavens and
the earth shall be shaken, and thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.
I tremble in fear of the judgement and the wrath that are to come.
Day of wrath, day of calamity and woe, great and exceeding bitter day.
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

*Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)
from Messe de Requiem Op 48*

All turn to face the Great West Door for

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The wreath is laid.

The Dean says:

GOD our Creator and Redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and entered into glory. Confident of his victory and claiming his promises we entrust to your mercy the souls of all who perished, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who died and is alive and reigns with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Silence is kept.

All remain standing. The Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people: and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Edgar Bainton (1880–1956)

Revelation 21: 1–4

All sit. The Reverend Barry Olsen, Honorary Chaplain, New Zealand Society, reads

ROMANS 8: 31b–39

IF God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



BE STILL my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Finlandia
Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)

Katherina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel (1697–1752)
translated by Jane Borthwick (1813–97)

THE ADDRESS

by

The Dean

All kneel or remain seated. The Reverend Michael Macey, Minor Canon and Precentor, introduces

THE PRAYERS

WITH confidence and trust, let us pray to the Father.

Anton Oliver, former All Black Captain, says:

As we recall the shock and tragedy of the earthquake, we give thanks for the bravery, patience, and commitment of those who have been involved in search and rescue missions. We praise God for the care and expertise of professionals, and for the enthusiasm and dedication of volunteers. Conscious of their selflessness, let us ask God's blessing upon the emergency services and those who risk their lives for others.

Lord, in your mercy;

hear our prayer.

Esther Jessop QSM, Ngaitai iwi, Torere marae, says:

E inoi ana mātou mo nga rangatira o Aotearoa, arā te Pirimia, te kawanatanga, te koromatua me te kaunihera of Ōtautahi me ērā atu kaiārahi kia whakawhiwhia rātou ki te wairua o te whakaaro nui, o te manawanui, o te ngākau tapatahi hei ranga wairua mo nga tāngata e rapa ana i te kaha me te taunaki mo a muri.

Lord, in your mercy;

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who hold positions of leadership in New Zealand. For the Prime Minister and government, for the Mayor and councillors of Christchurch, and for those to whom others look for strength, reassurance, and inspiration. May they be endowed with wisdom, patience, and integrity as New Zealand looks to the future.

Lord, in your mercy;

hear our prayer.

Kerry Fox, New Zealand actor, says:

We praise God for the outpouring of solidarity and material support which has characterised the aftermath of the earthquake, and for the camaraderie and companionship which has bound the people of Christchurch together over the last month. May we see the love of God expressed in, and through, one another.

Lord, in your mercy;

hear our prayer.

George Fergusson, former British High Commissioner to New Zealand, says:

We pray for those who continue to suffer physically, emotionally, or mentally as a result of the earthquake; for all who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, or homes, and for those who struggle to come to terms with grief. May Christ be the light in their darkness and the hope of new life.

Lord, in your mercy;

hear our prayer.

The Reverend Michael Boag, Succentor, St George's Chapel, Windsor, says:

We give thanks for all aid agencies and disaster relief networks which responded to the catastrophe, and especially those who care for the sick, feed the hungry, and shelter the destitute. We pray for all who are involved in the rehabilitation of lives, and the reconstruction of infrastructure and buildings, especially for architects and planners, counsellors and healthcare professionals. We pray that redevelopment may be characterised by courage, energy, and wisdom.

Lord, in your mercy;

hear our prayer.

Belinda Allen, Cantabrian, says:

We pray for the gift of hope as we lift our eyes to the future, especially for all young people. May they be galvanised by hope, and therefore in turn offer hope, resolve, and fresh vision to their communities.

Lord, in your mercy;

hear our prayer.

The Precentor continues:

God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear the prayers of our hearts. Keep us and those for whom we pray in the eternal fellowship of your dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



WHAKAARIA mai tōu rīpeka ki au,
Tiaho mai ra roto i te pō
Hei kona au titiro atu ai.
Ora, mate, hei au koe noho ai. (*Repeat all*)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!

How great thou art 117 R & S
Swedish folk melody
arranged by Stuart K Hine (1899–1989)

Russian hymn
translated by Stuart K Hine

All remain standing. The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

GOD grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth, and all mankind peace and concord, and to us sinners, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All remain standing to sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

GOD save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save The Queen.

GOD DEFEND NEW ZEALAND

first in Māori, then in English



E Ihowā Atua, O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarongona; Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai Aotearoa.

GOD of Nations, at thy feet,
in the bonds of love we meet,
hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land!
Guard Pacific's triple star
from the shafts of strife and war,
make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand!

All remain standing for

MANAWA WERA
Ngāti Rānana

Music after the service:

Prelude and Fugue in C minor BWV 546

Johann Sebastian Bach

All remain standing as the Procession moves to the west end of the church.

Members of the Congregation are requested to remain in their places until invited to move by the Stewards.

**A retiring collection will be taken in aid of
THE CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

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