

IN LOVING MEMORY



DAME HELENE QUILTER
— DNZM, QSO —

1 OCTOBER 1953 - 23 JULY 2026

Wellington Cathedral of St Paul
Te Whare Karakia Nui o Paora Tapu Ki
Te Whanganui - A - Tara
Wednesday, 29 July 2026 at 11.00am

Officiating: *The Very Reverend Katie Lawrence, Dean, Wellington Cathedral of St Paul*

Organist: *Michael Stewart, Director of Music, Wellington Cathedral of St Paul*

Members of the Choir of Wellington Cathedral of St Paul



Order of Service

Karanga

*We stand as the coffin is led into the
Cathedral by Rahera Ohia for the Karanga*

Pallbearers: *Paul Syben, Pierre Syben, Kevin Short, Toni Devenny,
Louise Greig, Nicky Dirks, accompanied by Jenni Norton*

Never Weather-Beaten Sail (from Songs of Farewell)

Sung by Choir of Wellington Cathedral of St Paul

Words: Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

Music: C Hubert H Parry (1848-1918)

Welcome & Opening Prayer

The Very Reverend Katie Lawrence

Lighting of Remembrance Candles

Hugo, Oscar and Marlon Henley

Romans 8 : 38, 39

There is nothing in death or life,
in the world as it is,
or the world as it shall be,
nothing in all creation,
that can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All remain standing to sing

Hymn | Lord of All Hopefulness

Words: Jan Struther (Joyce Placzek) 1901-1953

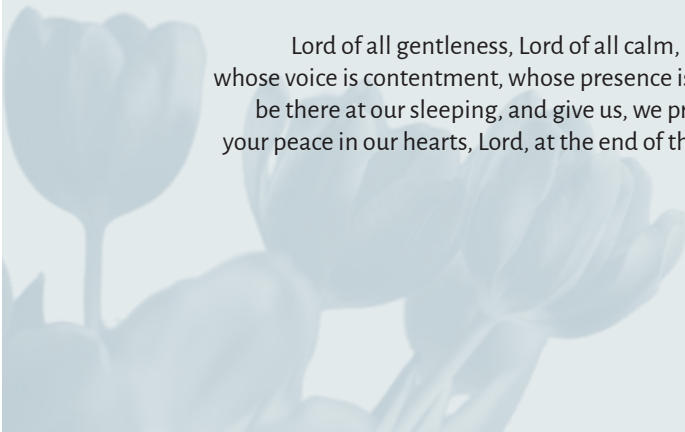
Music: Slane

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.





The Remembrance

Poem | The Laughing Heart

Read by Charlotte Beaglehole

Words: Charles Bukowski

your life is your life
don't let it be clubbed into dank submission.
be on the watch.
there are ways out.
there is a light somewhere.
it may not be much light but
it beats the darkness.
be on the watch.
the gods will offer you chances.
know them.
take them.
you can't beat death but
you can beat death in life, sometimes.
and the more often you learn to do it,
the more light there will be.
your life is your life.
know it while you have it.
you are marvellous
the gods wait to delight
in you.

Eulogy

Geoff Henley - *Dame Helene's husband*

Psalm 23

Sung by Choir of Wellington Cathedral of St Paul

Words: Psalm 23

Music: Plain Song Chant



Tributes & Memories

Peter Hughes - former Public Service Commissioner

Dame Helene's public service career

Brook Barrington - Secretary of Defence

Dame Helene, the person and the professional

Air Marshal Tony Davies - Chief of Defence Force

Dame Helene's contribution to Defence

Slideshow

Into The Mystic *by Van Morrison*

Have I Told You Lately *by Van Morrison*

Readings | Scripture

Mark 4 : 35 - 41

Read by Debbie Power

John 14 : 1 - 6

Read by Bex Henley

Address

The Reverend Peter Bodeker, delivered by The Dean

Panis Angelicus

Sung by Choir of Wellington Cathedral of St Paul

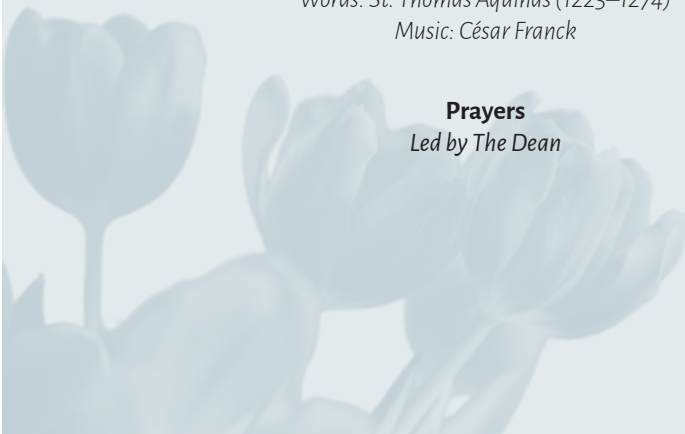
(also sung at Geoff and Helene's wedding)

Words: St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274)

Music: César Franck

Prayers

Led by The Dean





The Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn | Abide With Me

Words: H F Lyte

Music: Abide with me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.



Commendation & Committal

The Nunc Dimittis

Sung by Choir of Wellington Cathedral of St Paul

Words: Luke 2 : 29 - 32

Nunc Dimittis (Third Service) - Philip Moore

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

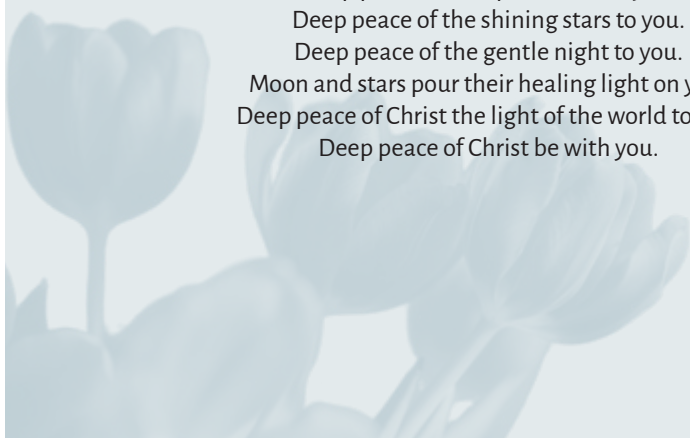
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

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.

Blessing | A Gaelic Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.
Deep peace of Christ be with you.



Recessional

End Of The Line *by The Travelling Wilburys*
Into The Mystic *by Van Morrison*

*We stand as the coffin is carried from the Cathedral to the hearse,
where a New Zealand Defence Force Honour Guard awaits*

Pallbearers: Geoff Henley, Matt Henley, Andre Syben,
Rahera Ohia, Brook Barrington, Peter Hughes



An Invitation

The family thank you for coming here today and invite you to join them in the Loaves and Fishes Hall for refreshments and to share memories of Helene once the hearse has left for a private cremation after the service.

Those attending are asked to sign the remembrance book located on the table at the Cathedral entrance.