



THE NATIONAL CHRISTCHURCH MEMORIAL SERVICE



A MEMORIAL SERVICE TO
REMEMBER THOSE WHO LOST
THEIR LIVES, AND TO REFLECT ON
THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF THE
FEBRUARY 22ND EARTHQUAKE ON
OUR CITY AND ITS PEOPLE



NORTH HAGLEY PARK
FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2011 AT 12.30PM





HE POROPOROAKI

Ka karuerue te papa
He pie auē
Ka huki te whenua
Ka hopo, ka taki kau
Awhio ana i kā Pākihi Whakatekateka o Waitaha
Me Waimakariri te heke o roimata
Ka rere tou e, ka rere tou e
Haere atu rā koutou
ki te tauwhiro taka o kā mātua tīpuna
kia nānātia koutou e rātou mā
E kore rawa koutou e warewaretia
He mea tītī ki te manawa, ā ake tou atu

Ka tāhuri atu ki a tātou kā waihotaka
E kore pea e taea e kupu noa
te tuku atu i te nui o te aroha, o te mamae
O te pōuri ki tēnei āhuataka kua pā mai nei ki a tātou
Ka pēhea te whakatau i tēnei o kā āhua?
E kore pea e taea.
Tērā pea, mā tēnei ka ea
Ko au, ko koe. Ko koe, ko au.
Ahakoa kā hau kino o te wā
Ahakoa kā karu nui o te wai
Ahakoa kā tairo o Tūtekoropaka
Ka tū tahi, ka tū tou e
Kia Kaha Ōtautahi

Written by Charisma Rangipunga 2011

FAREWELL TRIBUTE

*The land heaves
A desperate call is heard
the land thrusts
a cry of sorrow resounds
across the Canterbury Plains
Our tears flow like the river Waimakariri,
gushing torrents day and night
Go our loved ones,
to be embraced by those who have gone before you,
to forever be cherished.
You will never ever be forgotten.
Remain forever in our hearts.*

*Turning now to those of us who remain
there are perhaps no words
which express the hurt, the pain,
the gravity of this event
How then does one console another?
Is it even possible.
Perhaps then it is best to say this
We stand here together
Despite high winds
and regardless of rough seas
and the forest of thistles in our way
We stand here together
Kia Kaha Christchurch*

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Prior to the Service there will be a number of musical tributes performed by local and national artists

At 12 noon Woolston Brass Band will play

At 12.10pm a lone piper will play a lament

At 12.15pm His Worship the Mayor of Christchurch, Mr Bob Parker, will introduce a video of the devastation caused by the earthquake to our city of Christchurch

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL GUESTS

By 12.15pm

Members of the Official Party comprising officiating clergy, Ngāi Tahu elders, the Mayor and Mayoress of Christchurch, Mayors and local authority representatives, The Speaker of the House, the Leader of the Opposition, Leaders of Political Parties, Members of Parliament, The Dean and Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Guests of Government Ministers of the Crown, take their seats

ARRIVAL OF VIPs, HONOURED GUESTS AND OVERSEAS DIGNITARIES

Please remain seated

By 12.20pm

Their Excellencies Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of Australia and Mr Michael Bryce AM AE

The Honourable Julia Gillard MP, Prime Minister of Australia and Mr Tim Mathieson

The Honourable Tony Abbott MP, Leader of the Australian Opposition and Mrs Margaret Abbott

At 12.25pm

The Right Honourable John Key, Prime Minister of New Zealand and Mrs Bronagh Key

Their Excellencies the Right Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand GNZM QSO, Governor-General of New Zealand and Lady Susan Satyanand

His Royal Highness Prince William of Wales KG representing Her Majesty The Queen

HRH Prince William, Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Susan Satyanand, the Prime Minister and Mrs Bronagh Key are greeted by Ngai Tahu elders, the Mayor and Mayoress of Christchurch, Minister for the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, the Leader of the Opposition, Their Excellencies the Governor General of Australia and Mr Michael Bryce, The Prime Minister of Australia and Mr Tim Matheson, the Leader of the Australian Opposition and Mrs Margaret Abbott, the Bishop of Christchurch and the Dean of Christchurch before taking their seats on the dais

12.30pm

The Pūtātara (conch shell) will be sounded by Ben Brennan to signal the beginning of the service

Please remain seated

MIHI WHAKATAU CEREMONY

Ngāi Tūāhuriri, Ngāi Tahu's principal hapū (sub tribe) in this region, will open the service with prayers of thanksgiving followed by words of welcome. This process of welcome is called a Mihi Whakatau

Henare Rakiihia Tau, Upoko Rūnanga, Ngāi Tūāhuriri will officiate the Mihi Whakatau

Please stand to sing

NATIONAL ANTHEM

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Led by Timua Brennan and Laurence Munday

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.

The Very Reverend Peter Beck, Dean of Christchurch will lead the two minutes silence beginning at 12.51pm

THE SILENCE

TRIBUTES

His Worship the Mayor of Christchurch
Mr Bob Parker

His Royal Highness Prince William of Wales KG

READING

His Excellency The Right Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand GNZM QSO
Governor-General of New Zealand

ADDRESS

The Right Honourable John Key
Prime Minister of New Zealand

SONG

"LOYAL"

Sung by Dave Dobbyn

ADDRESS

The Honourable Phil Goff MP
Leader of the Opposition

READING

Mr Ralph Moore
Deputy Task Force Leader Christchurch Urban Search and Rescue Team

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SOLO

'YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE'

Sung by Dame Malvina Major

THE LIGHTING OF THE FLAME

Across time and many continents the presence of God has often been symbolized as flames of fire. Acts 2 describes the coming of the promised Spirit of God upon the faithful, as a sign that they would never be separated from God's love, peace and inspiration. The brazier will be lit by Sam Johnson and Patsy Te Are with the words:

'Rest eternal grant unto them O God'

All: *'And let light perpetual shine upon them'*

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

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

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 pow'r 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!

GATHERING PRAYERS

Led by the Right Reverend Victoria Matthews, Anglican Bishop of Christchurch

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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 forever. Amen

THE READINGS

Passages of scripture read by representatives of Christian Churches
of Christchurch

ROMANS 8.37-39

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.

SOLO

'AMAZING GRACE'

Sung by Hayley Westenra

SCRIPTURE READING

ST JOHN'S GOSPEL 14.1-3,27

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

THE PRAYERS OF MANY FAITHS

Prayers will be offered by representatives of the Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Hindu and Bahá'i faiths on behalf of the many faiths of the world.

SONG

'PIE JESU'

Sung by Dame Malvina Major and Patrick Manning

REFLECTION

Given by the Right Reverend Victoria Matthews, Anglican Bishop of Christchurch

THE BLESSING

Verses of consolation will be given by various leaders

: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God.

: God free you from all anxiety and strengthen your hearts with a spirit of peace, hope and thanksgiving.

: May the Lord make you overflow with love for one another according to the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

: Gracious God, grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the world, peace; and to us, life in all its fullness.

: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; and may the Lord lift up the light of God's own countenance upon you and grant you peace.

The Most Reverend Barry Jones, Catholic Bishop of Christchurch will give the final blessing

THE CHOIR OF CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SING:

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
To shine upon you and be gracious
And be gracious unto you

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
To shine upon you and be gracious
And be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
And give you peace, and give you peace
And give you peace, and give you peace

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

A video will be shown of the birth of our hope for the future for Christchurch and its people, after which we stand to sing;

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Led by Timua Brennan and Laurence Munday, Dame Malvina Major and Hayley Westenra

GOD DEFEND NEW ZEALAND

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!


PLACEMENT OF FLORAL TRIBUTES AND RECESSIONAL

HRH Prince William, Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Susan Satyanand, the Prime Minister and Mrs Bronagh Key and members of the Official Party proceed from the dais to the brazier and place flowers at the foot of it

The Woolston Brass band plays

All are welcome to leave a flower or other symbol of remembrance at the brazier

Further musical tributes will follow until 3.30pm



The National Christchurch Memorial Service has been organised by the New Zealand Government [Visits and Ceremonial Office] in partnership with the Christchurch City Council, Ngai Tahu, the Bishop of Christchurch, the Dean of Christchurch and representatives of other Christchurch Churches and faith communities



