

# Saint Matthew-in-the-City

## Sunday 03 October 2010

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### St Francis of Assisi

#### *Processional Hymn*

All creatures of our God and light,  
lift up your voice with all your might;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

you burning sun with golden beam,  
you silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise God, O praise God,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

You rushing wind with voice so strong,  
you clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise God, Alleluia!

you rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
you lights of evening find a voice,  
O praise God, O praise God,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.

You flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your God to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
you fire so powerful and bright,  
wonderful source of warmth and light,  
O praise God, O praise God,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all forgiven tender hearts,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
sing praises, Alleluia!  
you who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God, who knows your ev'ry care.  
O Praise God, O praise God,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Words adapted and used with permission of  
Dr Douglas Mews  
Music: Lasst uns erfreuen –  
"Geistliche Kirchengesang", Cologne, 1623*

#### *Welcome*

Hope is as welcoming as a smile, as comforting as a kindness, and as wondrous as a flower emerging from the pavement. Today we gather in this beautiful place to rekindle hope. Here beauty, music, and prayer combine. Here we meet God in our thoughts, our dreams, and our neighbour. Here we find hope.

Pain and darkness, violence and brokenness  
**Where is our hope and salvation?**

God is here, unfolding from each of us.

Let us rejoice in song and word and deed.

This is what God asks of you: to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly upon our earth.

*Together we pray*

God of grace, in whom we live and move and dance for joy, guide our steps through the complexities of life; widen our vision that our sight be not limited by what we see, nor our wisdom by what we know, nor our love by what we can accept. Amen.

#### *The Gloria*

Glorious are you, Mystery of Life,  
essence of all creation.

You are the symphony of stars and planets.

You are the music of the atoms within us.

You are the dawn on mountain peaks,  
the moonlight on evening seas.

Forest and farm, the rush of the city,  
everything is embraced in your love.



We re-joyce as we sing our gra-ti-ude.

Glorious are you, O Jesus Christ,  
Cosmic love in human flesh.

You graced the smallness of time and place  
to teach us to dance to the music.

You walk on our seas and heal in our streets.

You make your home in our lives,  
revealing that cross and resurrection  
are one on the road to freedom.



We re-joyce as we sing our gra-ti-ude.

Glorious are you, O Spirit of Truth,  
wisdom and breath of our being.

You are the wind that sweeps our senses.

You are the fire that burns in our hearts.

You are the needle of the inner compass,  
always pointing to true North,  
guiding us on the sacred dance  
into the Mystery of Life.



We re-joice as we sing our gra-ti-ude.

Words: Joy Cowley; Music: MCW Bell

### The Summary of the Law

Hear the teaching of Christ:  
A new commandment I give to you, that you love  
one another as I have loved you.

#### Spirit of God, search our hearts

Let us pause in silence, being aware of God within,  
between and beyond us.

*Please sit or kneel for private prayer*

*Together we pray*

**Gracious God, give us the wisdom to hold what we  
need, grace to let go of those things that we can do  
without, and a vision of your breadth, height, and  
depth that will challenge our smallness of heart,  
and bring us humbly together.**

*Priest*

Spirit of God hold us, Spirit of God move us, Spirit  
of God burn within us, so that we may light up the  
world with your love.

### The Sentence and Prayer of the Day

You O Lord are in your holy temple; let all the earth  
keep silence before you.

*Habakkuk 2:20 (adapted)*

*Together we pray.*

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,  
keep us under the protection of your good  
providence, and help us continually to revere and  
love your holy name; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

### The First Reading

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

*2 Tim 1:1-14*

Hear what the Spirit might be saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### The Gradual Hymn

**God given energy, flaring and fiery,  
stellar collisions of fury and pace;  
shafts of the light from the cosmic conception  
searing to earth from infinity's space.**

**Stars from eternity, driven by forces  
formed at the birthing of matter and time;**

**mystical sinews restraining the planets,  
elegant science and God's hidden rhyme;**

**These are the visions of wonder and rapture,  
signs of significance, pointers to place,  
drawing us out from our narrow discernment,  
windows to love and God's infinite grace.**

*Words: A Pratt*

*Music: Liebster Immanuel, later form of melody from  
'Himmels-Lust', Jena 1679, harm. From JS Bach*

*Source: TiS 310(it)*

### The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Luke, chapter  
seventeen beginning at verse five

#### Shine on our pathways.

*Luke 17:5-10*

This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**May we hear wisdom**

### The Sermon

#### Reflective Music

*King of Glory*

*JS Bach, arr, Harris*

### The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for those far and near, people and places,  
powerful and powerless, all for whom we are  
concerned

*Please stand for the Greeting of Peace*

### The Peace

Peace be with us all  
**with justice comes peace**

Let us build peace together  
**and change our world**

*Please turn and greet those around you with peace*

### The Offertory Hymn

**Take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me,  
gave me light and food and shelter,  
gave me life and set me free.  
Now because your love has touched me,  
I have love to give away;  
now the bread of love is rising,  
loaves of love to multiply.**

**Take the fruit that I have gathered  
from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion,  
juice that makes the wine of God;**

**spiced with humour, laced with laughter -  
Flavour of the Jesus life,  
tang of risk and new adventure,  
taste and zest beyond belief.**

**Take whatever I can offer -  
gifts that I have yet to find,  
skills that I am slow to sharpen,  
talents of the hand and mind,  
things made beautiful for others  
in the place where I must be:  
take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me.**

*Words: Shirley Murray  
Music: Talavera Terrace, Colin Gibson*

*Source: AA 127*

### *The Preparation of the Gifts*

Glory be to God who flows through all creation,  
blessing us with gifts to share. May we learn to give  
generously, receive graciously and judge not those  
who do neither.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### *The Great Thanksgiving*

The Spirit is here.  
**God's hope is in us**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to God**

Let us give thanks to the God of peace  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Here today, through bread and wine, we renew our  
journey with Jesus and his disciples. We renew our  
unity with one another, and with all those who have  
gone before us in this place. We renew our  
communion with the earth and our interwovenness  
with the broken ones of the world.

We take bread, symbol of labour, symbol of life. We  
will break the bread because Christ, the source of  
life, was broken for the excluded, exploited and  
downtrodden.

We take wine, symbol of blood, spilt in war and  
conflict; symbol too of new life. We will drink the  
wine because Christ, the peace of the world,  
overcomes violence.

Now bread and wine are before us, the memory of  
our meals, our working, our talking; the story that  
shapes us: the grieving and the pain, the oppressor  
who lies deep in our own soul, the seeking and the  
loving. And we give thanks for all that holds us  
together.

Therefore, with the disciples, and with all the faithful  
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever  
praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna  
in the highest.**

**Bless the One who comes in the power of love.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.**

On the night before he died Jesus took bread; when  
he had given thanks he broke it, gave it to his  
disciples and said:

*Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do  
this to remember me.*

After supper he took the cup; when he had given  
thanks he gave it to them and said:

*Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood which  
brings new life; do this as often as you drink it, to  
remember me.*

**Break the bread for freedom. Pour the wine for  
justice. Celebrate this meal for all the world – a  
meal of faith and hope, God's love, shared among  
us.**

Spirit of God you are here, come to us afresh. May  
the bread that we eat bind us across the world with  
those who can not. May the wine we drink fortify our  
resolve to share with those who have not. May the  
power of love move us to work with those who know  
it not. May the justice of Jesus become a reality that  
all people can eat, drink and be sustained by. May  
that reality come, and may we be a part of its coming.

United in the power of love with all who stand for  
justice, we worship you, O God, in songs of  
everlasting praise.

**Blessing, and honour and glory be yours, here and  
everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

Kua akona nei tatou e to tatou Ariki, ka inoi tatou:

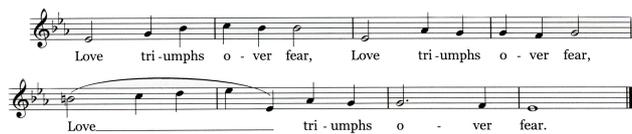
**E to matou Matua i te rangi kia tapu tou Ingoa.  
Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga. Kia meatia tau e  
pai ai ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite ano ki to te  
rangi. Homai ki a matou aianei he taro ma matou  
mo tenei ra. Murua o matou hara, me matou hoki  
e muru nei, i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.  
Aua hoki matou e kawea kia whakawaia; engari  
whakaorangia matou i te kino: Nou hoki te  
rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te kororia, Ake, ake,  
ake. Amine.**

### *The Breaking of the Bread*

We break this bread to share in the hope of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share  
the one bread.**

We sing three times:



Music: MCW Bell

## The Invitation

Come, bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,  
for all are welcome to share in this act of  
communion.

There is a chalice for dipping - simply hold the bread in  
front of you to signify your choice.

Te Taro, o te Ora. *The Bread of Life*

Te Kapu o te Ora. *The Cup of Salvation*

## Music during Communion

*Ave Verum Corpus*

*Gounod*

*O Lord increase our faith*

*Loosemore*

## Prayer after Communion

Filled with a Spirit that calls us and the entire world  
beyond what we ever thought was possible, we leave  
this table strengthened with food for the journey and  
a vision of life as it can be; one diverse family, living  
in justice and peace. **Amen.**

*Together we pray.*

**Eternal Spirit,**

**Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,**

**Source of all that is and that shall be,**

**Father and Mother of us all,**

**Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo  
through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples  
of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another,  
forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power  
that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

## Notices

### The Blessing

### Final Hymn

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore'  
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open thou the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.  
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.**

*Words: W Williams 1717-1791 tr. P & W Williams*

*Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes 1873-1932*

*Source: TiS 569*

*Liturgist from the rear of the Church*

Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.  
**Amen. We go in the hope of Christ.**

### Organ Voluntary

*Anthem*

*Composer*