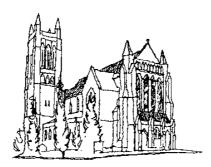
St Matthew in-the-City



15TH JULY 2012

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Processional Hymn

New every morning is the love our waking and uprising prove; through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day, hover around us while we pray; new perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find, new treasures still, of countless price, God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we need to ask, room to deny ourselves, a road to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O God, in thy dear love fit us for perfect rest above; and help us, this and every day, to live more nearly as we pray.

> Words John Keble 1792-1866 Music: Melcombe, S Webb, 1740-1816 Source: TiS 213 (ii)

Welcome

In the beauty of this building and the company of one another we come to be still, to open our hearts, and to hear the challenge of making this world a better place for all.

This is what God asks of us: 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.

A Prayer for the Season

We give thanks for the blessing of winter: season to cherish the heart.

To make warmth and quiet for the heart.

To cook for the heart and read for the heart.

To curl up softly and nestle with the heart.

To sleep deeply and gently at one with the heart.

To dream with the heart.

To spend time with the heart.

A long, long time of peace with the heart.

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Adapted from M. Leunig

The Gloria



For the great mystery we name as God, accepting we know nothing but to love and create, to mend and to make, to heal and embrace



For the great mystery we name as Jesus, sustenance to the rebel, strength in the pilgrim, scourge of the greedy.



For the great mystery we name as Spirit, out and about, breathing where She will, in simple and profound acts of love and compassion



Let us pause, being aware of God beyond, among and within us.

Please sit for private prayer

Silence

Kyrie in D Minor (KV 90)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756-91

Together we pray

May we hold tightly to these few things: love, compassion and respect;
May we hold lightly to many things: pride, fears, possessions;
And may we so live that the challenge, tolerance, and forgiveness of God are known in us.

Priest

Let the embrace of God hold us, Let the call of God unsettle us, And let the love of God consume us. **Amen**

The Sentence and Prayer of the Day

"What fear calls risk is actually opportunity."

~lan Lawton

Together we pray.

May our heads not be served up on a platter When we speak truth to power And call out for accountability. Give us the courage not to be silenced by the Herods of this age.

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Amos

Amos 7:7-17

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

The Gradual Hymn

Perfect Singer, songs of earth rise on every field and hearth; let our voices sound again ancient songs of joy and pain.

All your creatures strive for life suffer hurt in angry strife, seek compassion, find release in the covenant of peace.

Sing a sacred melody for the justice that shall be; let our harmonies resolve dissonance in steadfast love.

Steadfast Seeker, find our song woven into lives made strong; let the patterns of surprise kindle hope with each sunrise.

> Words: G K Beach Music: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, Plainsong, as in Martin Luther's Enchiridia, Erfurt, 1524

> > Source: TiS 295

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Mark chapter six beginning at verse fourteen .



Mark 6: 14-29

This is the Gospel of Christ.



The Sermon

Reflective Music

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me

Sir Edward Elgar 1857-1934

The Prayers of the People

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

Teach us, O loving heart of Christ, what only love can say: "God, forgive" and still forgive the blindness of our way.

Torn is the world you came to save – it bleeds from hands and side, slow is your Church to bear the scars where suffering love has died.

We have not healed our neighbour's hurt nor learned our neighbour's tongue: across the span of creed and race your song is not yet sung.

We have not found your way of peace when lack of peace is death: we have not fed with word or bread the hunger of the earth.

Christ in whose hands were thrust the nails and yet for us could pray – Forgive the things we have not done, the words we do not say.

Words: Shirley Murray Music: St Fulbert, H.J. Gauntlett 1805-76

> Source: Words AA 130 Source: Music TiS 56

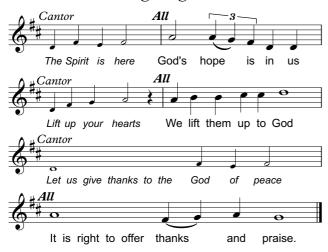
The Preparation of the Gifts

[Cantor] 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.



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The Great Thanksgiving



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:

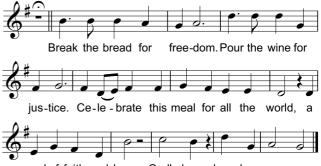


On the night before he died Jesus took bread; when he had given thanks he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:

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



meal of faith and hope, God's love, shared a-mong us.

God's Spirit is in our midst, in simple bread and wine, in simple grace.

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.

Adapted from WSCF 1985



[Priest] 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.

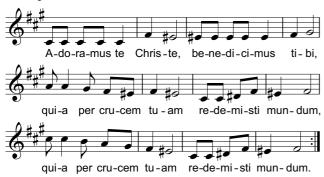
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The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

We sing three times:



Music: Jacques Berthier Source: Songs and Prayers from Taizé

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

The Lord is my shepherd

Sir Charles Stanford 1852-1924

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.

Mystery of God,
heartbeat of the universe,
You are all that is sacred.
We glorify your ways,
the ways of dignity and justice,
the ways of love for all creatures,
the ways of caring for the earth.
Let us be simple in our needs,
showing compassion for our neighbour,
sharing generously what we have,
letting go our hurts and fears.
For in you we find peace,
in you we find hope,
and in you we find courage,
now and forever. Amen.

Notices

The Blessing

Final Hymn

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; now fulfil your Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for our living in your power.

Though the hosts of evil round us, scorn your Christ, assail his ways. Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your gospel's goal.

Fill us with a living vision; heal our wounds that we may be bound as one beyond division in the journey to be free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, ears to hear and eyes to see.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick 1878-1969 Music: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart 1813-79

Words: TiS 611; Music: TiS 462

Liturgist from the rear of the Church
Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.
Amen. We go in the power of love.

Organ Voluntary

Allegro III from Water Music in F (HWV 348)

George Frideric Handel 1685-1759

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