

Saint Matthew-in-the-City Celebrates Pentecost 5 Sunday 27th June 2010

Processional Hymn

Our Lord, our teacher, healer, friend,
the One whose love shall never end,
back years ago he lived his life
when times were harsh, in days of strife.

We look for signs of his return,
but like before, we're slow to learn.
We need not look for special sign,
nor listen for a word divine.

No need for world catastrophe,
Apocalypse, calamity;
if God is love, and love is near,
then God in Christ will reappear.

For in our day we see our Lord
in justice done, in love outpoured;
God's presence is, for those who see,
as real as when in Galilee.

We know our God is present here
when trust and hope replace our fear.
Christ's 'second coming' - it occurs
whenever love within us stirs.

Words: J A Storey

Music: Hereford, Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810-75

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Welcome

Liturgist God-in-Christ is closer than the air we
breathe, filling and inspiring us, guiding us
on. As we gather in worship the building and
music lifts us. We acknowledge with awe
the presence of the God of love and God's
call to us.

May we have the wisdom and humility to
realise the gifts we have been given, and use
those gifts to bring healing and justice.

Liturgist People of the land,
All **giving and receiving sustenance and hope.**

Liturgist People of the sea,
All **nurtured by blue expanse and rolling
waves.**

Liturgist People of the night,
All **soothed and held by silence.**

Liturgist People of the dawn,
All **ready to venture and experiment.**

Liturgist People of community,
All **offering comfort and nurture.**

Liturgist People of the journey,
All **leaving the old certainties behind.**

Liturgist Like rivers, we are connected to our source
and our destination as we travel through life.
Knowing the entire journey is held in God
runs deep within us.

Song of Praise:

Liturgist Life is like a river that flows towards the sea. It has a small beginning increasing gradually,
All **until it's in a larger place, a current deep and wide, giving its abundance to the land on either side.**

All sung



And I have quest-ions to ask you my friend. Where does the sea be- gin? Where does the riv-er end.

Liturgist The River has its secrets. In its depths it knows the nature of the ocean, where its water flows.
All **It hears the sea birds singing. It feels the touch of foam. The sea is always calling the river to come home.**

All sung



And I have quest-ions to ask you my friend. Where does the sea be- gin? Where does the riv-er end.

Liturgist Life is like a river and deep inside my mind, the call of love grows stronger as I leave each day behind.
All **We're moving with the current of this unseen mystery. Already we have knowledge of the presence of the sea.**

All sung



And I have quest-ions to ask you my friend. Where does the sea be- gin? Where does the riv-er end.

Joy Cowley

Please be seated

Words of Encouragement:

A new commandment I give to you that you love one another as I have loved you. *Jesus*

I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbour. Do you know your next door neighbour? *Mother Teresa*

Hold fast therefore to the liberty wherein Christ has made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. *Paul of Tarsus*

We pause in silence and self-reflection

A Prayer for Every Day

Pilgrim,
When your ship,
Long moored in harbour,
Gives you the illusion
Of being a house;
When your ship
Begins to put down roots
In the stagnant water by the quay:
Put out to sea!
Save your boat's journeying soul
And your own pilgrim soul,
Cost what it may.

Dom Helder Camara

Sentence and Prayer for the Day

"The way Jesus offered was one of being open to surprise and new perceptions, not clinging to established guidelines and inherited patterns." *Charles Birch*

Together we pray

Liturgist Our God, you call us to be Church:
**Enable us to create - across cultural, age
and class boundaries –
a laboratory of peace,
testing out your vision of community and
love
as we struggle to live with our differences.**

Liturgist Our God, you call us to be Church:
**All enable us to be a parable of the Kingdom,
allowing the upside-down values of
your commonwealth
to nudge us away from the
acquisitive and self-regarding attitudes of
our day.**

Liturgist Our God, you call us to be Church:
**All enable us to be a sign of contradiction
among the nations,
pointing to hope in the midst of disillusion,
offering non-violent resistance when
evil threatens,
accepting loss of prestige or wealth in the
cause of justice.**

Liturgist Our God, you call us to be Church:
**All enable us to be a place of welcome and
warmth,
where what is ignored elsewhere may be
heard and honoured,
where sorrows may be shared and stories
told,
where hard questions may be asked and
new ideas greeted with joy.**

Liturgist Our God, you call us to be Church:
**All enable us to be a community of praise,
cracking open the dry husks of
cynicism and despair,
being clowns and jesters for Christ,
celebrating the mystery of faith in stillness
and song.**

K. Compston

First Reading

A reading from the second book of Kings

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Here ends the Reading.

Gradual Hymn

**God of diversity, vibrant creation
is bursting with signs of extravagant joy.
In riot of blossom, in species unnumbered
we see that all difference is ours to enjoy.**

**God of diversity, nations and cultures
tell of the richness life offers to all.
In language and symbol, in story and doctrine
we clothe our experience, respond to your call.**

**God of diversity, humans embody
the interdependence of ear, eye and head;
we struggle to learn, in this globe-become-village,
our need of each other in every land.**

**God of diversity, help us to honour
our different perspectives on things that are true,
as, knowing more deeply the God in Christ Jesus,
we learn how to worship with all who love you.**

Words: Margaret Bond

Music: Margaret, Colin Gibson

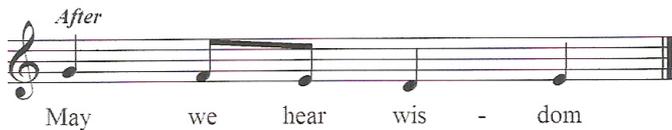
The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Luke, chapter nine beginning at verse fifty-one.



Luke 9:51-62

This is the Gospel of Christ.



The Sermon

The Reflection

Blessed Be the God & Father

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

The Prayers of the People

Presider Let us be still and mindful of the world, the Church, this nation, our communities, and ourselves.

The Peace

Peace be with us all.

With justice comes peace.

Let us build peace together,
and change our world.

Offertory Hymn

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we see this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

*Words: Richard Gillard 1953-
Music: Servant Song, Richard Gillard
arr. Betty Pulkingham 1928*

The Great Thanksgiving

Our Earth is a taonga, a treasure. Here we find food, water, shelter, companionship, beauty, and solace. Entrusted to us by our forbears, it calls to our soul, and when our soul listens, there is harmony. As the ocean's fingers caress our shores, the pregnant forests tend our land, and the night's cool whispers soothe our dreams, our life and spirits are woven into the fabric of this land.

Cantor All

O brill-iant sun, gift-ing the earth with light and warmth. We are thank - ful let us

7 Cantor All

show our gra - ti - tude. O fresh-ing rain, fal-ling to ir - ri-gate and cleanse, We are thank - ful,

14 Cantor All

let us show our grat - ti - tude O crash-ing waves, surf-ers and walk - ers de - light We are

21 Cantor

thank - ful Let us show our grat - i - tude. O boun - ti - ful earth you

27 All

suck - le and tend us. We are grate - ful Let us show our grat - i - tude.

From the beginning, powerful forces of generosity, greed, and indifference have vied for allegiance in the human heart. Individuals, tribes, and nations have been shaped by these forces. Generosity, that amazing power of gift and trust, has rarely been in the ascendancy. Time and again, ruling elites have found ways to undermine and ignore it.

Our planet has absorbed the desecration, carrying the scars. Rampant human greed has ravaged our whenua. We await a time when the taonga Earth will be valued.

Jesus of Nazareth uncompromisingly lived and preached generosity. He railed against the barriers of self-interest and the fear used to maintain them. He broke the law. Then the law broke him. It seemed the powers of avarice and apathy had vanquished the powers of gift and trust.

The life of Jesus did not end on a Roman gallows. His spirit lived on in his followers, and continues to do so among people who let love be their compass, compassion their means and justice their destination.

Sanctus sung

Sanctus All

Ho - ly, won - der - ful and vi - brant is the God in Je - sus. Praise be that

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love tri - umphs o - ver fear. Praise be that gift tri - umphs o - ver greed.

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Praise be that hope tri - umphs o - ver loss. Al - le - lu - jah!

And so we remember the rebel Jesus who, on the night before he died, took the gift of bread; when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his friends 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.

With this bread and wine, we remember the gift of life and the call to our soul.

Wine & Bread

Cantor All

O bread of life en-trus-ted to us may we be nou-rished. May we share bread so the world may be

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Cantor
fed. O cup of life en-trus-ted to us, may we be sat - is-fied. May we share drink so that

15
Cantor
none may thirst. O Je - sus mem - o - ry en-trus - ted to us, may we be

22
All
mo - ti - va - ted. To simp - ly share so the world may simp - ly live.

May we give, work and struggle for a renewed world, where generosity, love and justice abound, and planet earth is honoured and replenished.

Priest Come renewed world.

All **You call to our souls.**

Priest Come spirit of Jesus.

All **You call to our conscience.**

Priest Come let us bless, break, and share.

All **To embody the power of God.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 aiane 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

The bread is broken in silence

Priest The bread is broken

All **for all to share**

Priest The cup is consecrated

All **for all to bless.**



The Invitation

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

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 Wellbeing

Music during Communion

Bogorovitse Devo ("Ave Maria")

Rachmaninov

Jesu, Dulcis Memoria

Victoria

Prayer after Communion

We have a deep sense of gratitude for the blessings of this land, our communities, traditions, mentors, families and friends. Through them, we can know ourselves to be loved, and gain the courage to trust one another.

Liturgist We are gifts
All **entrusted to share life.**

Liturgist We are grace
All **entrusted to be gentle.**

Liturgist We are hope
All **entrusted to confront injustice.**

Liturgist We are holy
All **entrusted to nurture souls.**

Liturgist We are powerful
All **entrusted to love and to cherish.**

Liturgist With beauty, awe, wonder, and love
All **We journey on into God.**

Notices

Recessional Hymn

Stories that Jesus used
could comfort or annoy.
Religious leaders felt accused;
they did not share the joy
that common people felt
when Rabbi Jesus said
that they were welcome where he dwelt;
with them he'd share his bread.

'Come to a festive meal'
the invitation said.
With all prepared, the host's appeal
was, 'Come now and be fed.'
But all with one accord,
insulting with excuse,
they muttered things so untoward;
it was severe abuse!

One said he had to go
and test some beasts he'd bought.
Another purchased land and so
he needed his report.
My marriage, said a third,
was reason not to come. -
as shameful as you've ever heard;
the host was overcome.

So all the servants went
to find the poor and blind.
"Invite them all. It's my intent
to show the world I'm kind."
They went into the hills
and made them all come in.
the host, with joy, said, "This fulfils
my dream. Now let's begin."

**Stories like this give hope
to people in despair,
to those despised, who cannot cope,
to those who live 'nowhere'.
'Inclusive' is the song
for none are left outside;
in God's own kingdom we belong;
in God's we all abide.**

Words: Luke 14:15-24

Music: Diademata, George Job Elvey 1816-93

Liturgist Go to share, to challenge, to love, and to hope.

All We go in the name of Christ.

Organ Voluntary

You are invited to keep this copy of the liturgy and take it home with you to share with another member of your family, or with a friend.

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