



# Saint Matthew-in-the-City

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011

#### *Processional Hymn*

God comes to us as one unheard  
in silences profound,  
or marvels of a symphony,  
sublimity of sound.

God comes to us as one unseen  
in beauties of the earth;  
a seagull's flight, a sunset sky,  
the miracle of birth,

God comes to us as one unknown  
to share our joys, our pain;  
that presence felt, the gift of grace  
our peace and hope sustain.

God comes to us at every hour  
when strength and faith are weak;  
the smiles of friends., encircling arms,  
of reassurance speak.

God comes in unexpected ways,  
surprising us with joy,  
reminding that the light of love  
no darkness can destroy.

Teach us, O God, to recognize  
your spirit everywhere;  
make us aware, responsive, keen  
your love for all to share.

*Words: Jocelyn Marshall, 42 HioS*

*Music: Belmont, W Gardener's 'Sacred Melodies'*

*Vol 1. 1812, melody probably by William Gardener 1770-1853*

*Source: TiS 514*

#### *Welcome*

Hope is as welcoming as a smile, as comforting as kindness, and as vulnerable as Jesus. 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.

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

*Words: Joy Cowley*

## *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*

**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*

Sentence.

*Reference*

### **Together we pray**

## *The First Reading*

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Gen 22:1-14*

Hear what the Spirit might be saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## *The Gradual Hymn*

**God is beyond, within, between;  
the now and what has been;  
God in the future and before;  
the ever wondrous 'More'.**

**God is beyond gods we create  
Ev'n those we venerate.  
God is beyond what is beyond,  
but still our hearts respond.**

**God is within, the force we know  
in all life's ebb and flow,  
In God we live and move and be,  
and touch and taste and see.**

**And God we know is in between,  
Involved but still unseen,  
when fostering in you and me  
a rich community.**

**God is within to sanctify;  
beyond to glorify;  
God is between to beautify;  
of this we testify.**

*Words: G Stuart*

*Music: St Magnus, probably by Jeremiah Clarke c1673-1707*

*Source: TiS 378*

## *The Gospel*

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew,  
chapter ten, beginning at verse forty  
**Shine on our pathways.**

*Matt 10:40-42*

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

## *The Sermon*

## *Reflective Music*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me*

*Elgar*

## *The Prayers of the People*

*Priest:* 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.**

## *The Offertory Hymn*

**Every day I will offer you,  
loving God, my heart and mind,  
every way I discover you  
in the work your hand has signed;  
help me see I'm your image, and  
you have dreamed what I might be,  
every day in your Spirit,  
I'll find the love and energy!**

**Every day I will look to Christ,  
and give thanks for wine and bread  
through pain and the emptiness  
where your world cries to be fed;  
help me see I can work for change,  
and wherever I might be,  
every day in your Spirit,  
I'll find the love and energy!**

Everyday I will take your word,  
answer your compassion's claim,  
celebrate every sign of hope,  
every deed done in your name;  
help me see you are always there,  
and your light can shine through me,  
every day in your Spirit,  
I'll find the love and energy!

Words: Shirley Murray  
Music: Lynnfirth, Colin Gibson  
Source AA 36

### *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 power of hope.  
**We who are many are one body, for we all share  
the one bread.**

*We sing three times:*

Love tri-umphs o-ver fear, Love tri-umphs o-ver fear,  
Love tri-umphs o-ver fear.

## *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*

*My Spirit longs for Thee* *Selby*

*O most Merciful* *Wood*

*Was Gott thut, das ist wohlgethan*  
*(from Cantata 75)* *J S Bach*

## *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.**

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## *Notices*

### *The Blessing*

### *Final Hymn*

*Liturgist from rear of Church*

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

### *Organ Voluntary*

*Voluntary*

*Composer*

We invite you to keep this copy of the Service and take it home with you to share with another member of your family, or with a friend.

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