



# Saint Matthew-in-the-City

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

## Processional Hymn

O loving God, for ever kind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
reclothe us in our rightful mind:  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Christ,  
let us, like them, become enticed,  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of the peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier 1807-92, adapt.

Music: Repton, Sir Charles Herbert Hastings Parry 1848-1918

## 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-joice 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-joice 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*

When Simon, Andrew, James and John brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

*Luke 5:11*

*Together we pray.*

**God of the dawn, save us from being so caught up in the nets of our own making that we can't cast them aside to follow a less trod path, to heed an inner voice, to dare to be different... Amen.**

### *The Baptism*

*Priest:* Dear friends, God is Love. That love always precedes our response. In baptism we celebrate that unconditional, sustaining, lively love, and seek to respond to it.

*Fleur and Kevin* who do you bring for baptism?

**Parents:** We present Ryan James to be baptized and welcomed as a member of the Church.

*Priest:* What is the significance of Ryan James' names?

*Parents make their own response:*

*Priest:* Fleur and Kevin, we are glad that you have brought Ryan James here today. What do you ask of the Church?

*Parents make their own response*

*Priest:* What does the Church offer Ryan?

*Liturgist responds:*

*Priest:* [to the congregation] Will you care for all the children of the parish so that they too may feel themselves part of the family of God?

**All: We will.**

*Priest:* From the beginning the Church has received people by baptism. Children, as well as adults, have been baptized. Our hope has been, and is, that children may grow up to discover for themselves something of the wisdom and wonders of God, as seen in Jesus of Nazareth. Today, we have come to celebrate the gift of this child, born for us to love, to nurture, and to enjoy. We have come to celebrate God's love and embrace this child.

*Priest:* Gracious God, we thank you for your love in all creation, especially for your gift of water – water which

surrounds us in the womb, which cleanses and refreshes us as we play and work, and which sustains us and all life. We thank you that through the water Christians, for centuries, have followed the example of Jesus and joined that great stream of humanity who seek to live lives marked by integrity, compassion, justice and prayer. Through your Spirit we set apart this water of promise.

*Priest:* Ryan James, we baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen. Child of Spirit, gift to us, welcome to the family of humanity, God's family.**

*Priest:* We sign you with the sign of the cross – a sign of hope. May you continue to grow in the love of God.

*Liturgist:* We give you this candle as a symbol of the light of God in Jesus Christ. May you always be warmed and enlightened by the promise of God's love.

**All: We thank you, God of surprises and joy, for our invitation to be followers in the way of Jesus. Help us to nurture Ryan in faith. May Ryan seek, in companionship with others, to bring grace, hope, and happiness to the world. Amen.**

*[The priest speaks to the parents and Godparents.]*

*Priest:* How will you care for Ryan James?

**Parents & Godparents: We will . . .**

*Priest:* Ryan, you are on a journey with us. May you grow in the Spirit of compassion, fulfill your dreams, and follow God your whole life long.

### *The Gradual Hymn*

**New child of God, come to be blessed,  
here in the Church, your life is claimed:  
signed with the cross of Jesus Christ,  
by word and water, you are named.**

**In love and wonder you were made,  
a little lamb, like God's own Son,  
to you belongs this house of faith;  
in you will shine a hope begun.**

**In air that's free, a land that's just,  
where children thrive, and people care,  
where Christ is honoured, not denied,  
may aroha be yours to share.**

**And as you grow, may you be led,  
to know the Love who gave you light,  
to stretch and feel your spirit's wings,  
to trust, and like a bird take flight.**

*Words: Shirley Murray  
Music: Water's Edge, Ian Render*

### *The Gospel*

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Luke, chapter five beginning at verse one  
**Shine on our pathways.**

*Luke 5:1-11*

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

## *The Sermon*

### *Reflective Music*

### *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*

**These hills where the hawk flies lonely,  
beaches where the long surf rolls,  
mountains where the snows meet heaven,  
*these are our care.***

**Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,  
orchards where the apples grow,  
gardens where the roses cluster,  
*these are our prayer.***

**Forests where the tree ferns tower,  
rivers running strong and clear,  
oceans where the great whales wander,  
*these are our care.***

**Race meeting race as equals,  
justice for age-old wrong,  
worth for every man and woman,  
*these are our prayer.***

**Cities where the young roam restless,  
lives brought to deep despair,  
homeless and powerless people,  
*these are our care.***

**Places where the word is spoken,  
hands held in serving love,  
faiths of our many cultures,  
*these are our prayer.***

**All that the old world gave us,  
all that the new world brings,  
language, ideas and customs,  
*these are our care.***

**Life finding joy and value,  
faith seeking truth and light,  
God heard and seen in all things,  
*this be our prayer.***

*Words: Colin Gibson  
Music: Kaikoura, Colin Gibson*

### *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*

### *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*

**Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessedèd peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in our faith  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God  
Creator, now be given,  
Jesus, and she who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore,  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

*Words: M Rinkart 1586-1649*

*tr. Catherine Winkworth 1829-78.*

*Music: Nun danket alle Gott. J Crüger 1598-1662*

*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*