



Saint Matthew-in-the-City

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 18th September 2011

Processional Hymn

Robe yourself, my soul, in gladness,
leave sin's gloomy den of sadness,
come where God in light is waiting,
come begin the celebrating!
For my God brings me salvation,
issues me my invitation;:
God most holy comes to win me,
comes from heaven to live within me.

Quickly let me go to meet him,
like a bride run out to greet him.
With his grace he stands there knocking;
let me now my doors unlocking,
open wide the way before him,
say to him, as I adore him:
Come, O God, let me receive you,
do not let me ever leave you

How I hunger, loving Saviour,
for your goodness and your favour!
Often has my heart been burning;
for this food have I been yearning,
often thirsting for refreshing
in this cup of life and blessing,
given by him who here invites us,
and to God himself unites us.

All our thinking, as we ponder,
cannot comprehend this wonder,
that this living bread is boundless
though the people fed are countless,
and that Christ his blood is giving,
with the wine we are receiving.
What a mystery, of God's planning,
past all human understanding!

Jesus, sun of life, my splendour,
Jesus, joy and friend most tender,
Jesus, source of all my being,
all my thoughts and actions seeing:
at your feet I fall before you;
make me worthy to enjoy you
in this feast that you have given
as my food, the food from heaven.

Jesus, bread of life, I pray thee,
let me cheerfully obey you,
and accept your invitation

for my good, not condemnation.
Let me eat this supper, knowing
what great love, Christ, you are showing.
Now on earth these gifts you give me,
as your guest in heaven receive me.

*Words: Johann Franck 1618-77
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78
rev. in Lutheran Hymnal 1973 & David A Schubert 1942
Music: Schmücke Dich, Johann Crüger 1598-1662*

Source: TiS 503

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-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

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 for private prayer

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

**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 Lesson

A reading from the book of Exodus

Hear what the Spirit might be saying to the church
All: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

Brother, sister I'm beside you,
Let me be as Christ to you,
Pray that I might have the grace
to let you be as Christ to me.

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 share your problems with you
I'll support you in your space
I will help you run your distance
I will look you in the face.

I'll remember that God made you
I'll not take your dignity
I'll encourage you in your skills
to create and feel and be.

Brother, sister I'm beside you,
Let me be as Christ to you,
Pray that I might have the grace
to let you be as Christ to me.

Words: S E Murray

Music: *Servant Song*, Richard Gillard
arr. Betty Pulkingham, 1926

Source: TIS 650

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew,
chapter twenty beginning at verse one.

All: Shine on our pathways.

Matt 20:1-16

This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: May we hear wisdom

The Sermon

Reflective Music

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Ralph Vaughn Williams 1872-1958

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

**A man of ancient time and place
with foreign speech and foreign face,
reveals the glory, power and grace
of costly, unexpected love.**

**A rabbi, schooled in Moses' Law,
a male, amending Herod's flaw,
arouses wonder, rage and awe
with costly, unexpected love.**

**By teasing word and healing deed,
a leper touched, an outcast freed,
he bears the fruit and plants the seed
of costly, unexpected love.**

**The cost we barely can surmise
when, lifted up before our eyes,
the face of God we recognise
in crucified, unfathomed love.**

**May faith and hope within us grow,
the way of Christ to tell and show,
and may the Spirit breathe and blow
in costly, unexpected love.**

Words B Wren

*Music: Tallis' Canon, Thomas Tallis 1505-85
From Thomas Ravenscroft's 'Psalms', 1621*

Source: TiS 443

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 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:



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

O Lord increase our faith

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Holy is the true light

William Henry Harris (1883-1973)

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

**Your hand O God has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear on every page;
our fathers owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness,
*one Church, one faith, one Lord.***

**Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
*one Church, one faith, one Lord.***

**Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption
sin pardoned, all restored,
was all in this enfolded,
*one Church, one faith, one Lord.***

**Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us
the victory shall be won;
and then, by folk and angels,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem,
*one Church, one faith, one Lord.***

*Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre 1821-91
Music: Thornbury, Basil Harwood 1859-1949*

Source: TiS 456

Organ Voluntary

Concerto in Eb (3rd movt - extract)

MCWB

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.

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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