



ST MATTHEW-IN-THE-CITY

BAPTISM OF JESUS

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2015

Processional Hymn

**Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art —
thou my best thought, by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou my inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

*Words: Irish, c.8th cent.
tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931),
alt. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935)
Tune: Slane (1), Irish traditional melody
harm. David Evans (1874-1948). TiS 547*

Welcome

In these long summer days
we gather to take stock of our lives,
to give thanks for all we have received,
to remember those who need our prayers,
to break bread together
and renew the hope we find in the Jesus story.
All this we do in the presence of the God
we find in this hallowed place,
in our thoughts and dreams, and our neighbour.
God is here, unfolding from each of us.
Let us rejoice in song and word and deed.

Liturgist: 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.**

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.

**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.¹**

Please be seated.

Reconciliation

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.

Silence.

**Gracious God,
give us the wisdom to hold to 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.

¹ Joy Cowley

Sentence and Prayer for the Day

We thank you that though the waters of baptism
you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit,
and raise us to new life.

Baptism Service

**Loving God,
you anointed Jesus at his baptism
with the Holy Spirit,
and revealed him as your beloved Son;
may we who are baptised into his name
respond to your calling in our lives.
Amen.**

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Genesis 1:1-5

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

**Tama ngakau marie, Tama a t'Atua,
tenei tonu matou, arohaina mai.**

**Murua ra nga hara. Wetekina mai
enei here kino, whakararu nei.**

**Takahia ki raro, tau e kino ai;
kei pa kaha tonu, ko nga mahi he.**

**Homai he aroha, mou i mate nei.
Tenei ra, e Ihu, takina e koe.**

**Tenei arahina, a tutuki noa:
puta i te pouri, whiwhi hari nui.**

**Tama ngakau marie, Tama a t'Atua,
tenei tonu matou, arohaina mai. Amine.**

*Words: Traditional Maori hymn
Tune: Tama ngakau marie, traditional Maori hymn. AA 128*

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Mark,
chapter one, beginning at verse four.

Shine on or pathways.

Mark 1:4-11

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

The Sermon

Reflective Music

Please stand.

The Affirmation of Faith

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

You are our God. We worship you.

Please be seated.

The Prayers of the People

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

The Peace

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.

**Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace
who breaks down the walls that divide.**

The peace of God be always with you
and also with you.

Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

Offertory Hymn

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

*Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)
Tune: Carlisle, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815). TiS 234*

The Preparation of the Gifts

God, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise of you,
our light and our hope.
Amen.

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

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son:
for at this time we celebrate your revelation in our midst.
In the coming of the Magi
Jesus was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism he was revealed as your Son,
sent among us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just,
glory and goodness come from you.
Glory to you most high and gracious God.**

On that night before he died
Jesus took bread and gave you 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, and gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:

Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you, shed for all,
to forgive sin; do this to remember me.

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one;
so may we be gathered into your kingdom.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Send your Holy Spirit,
that we who receive Christ's body
may indeed be the body of Christ,
and we who share his cup
draw strength from the one true vine.

**Praise, glory and love be yours,
this and every day, from us and all people,
here and everywhere. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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 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 kaweia kia whakawaia;
engari whakaoranga matou i te kino:
Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te kororia,
Ake, ake, ake. Amine.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**²

² *The prayers are taken from the Church of England resources and A NZ Prayer Book*

Te Powhiri

The Invitation

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,
Tangohia enei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Come God's people,
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

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

*All are welcome to come and receive the bread and wine;
there are gluten free wafers, just ask the serving priest.*

*There is a chalice for dipping -
simply hold the bread in front of you to signify your choice.*

*If you do not wish to take communion
you may come forward for a blessing.*

*If the stairs are a barrier please sit in the front pews
and communion will be brought to you.*

Te Taro o te Ora. *The Bread of Life.*

Te Kapu o te Ora. *The Cup of Salvation.*

Prayer after Communion

Priest:

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

**Therefore we offer all that we are
and all that we shall become.**

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

**Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.
Our hands were empty, and you filled them.**

The Blessing

Notices

Final Hymn

**He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
he died, singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.**

**He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith;
he died, singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.**

**He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
he died, singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.**

**He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
he died, singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.**

*Words: Colin Gibson
Tune: Singing Love, Colin Gibson. AA 59*

Deacon from the rear of the church:

Go now to live the Gospel. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the power of Love.

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