Saint Matthew-in-the-City

Candlemas Waitangi

Sunday 2nd February 2014

Opening Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88
Tune: Blaenwern, William Penfro Rowlands 1860-1937
Source: TiS 590

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.

God is here, unfolding from each of us.
Let us rejoice in song and word and deed.

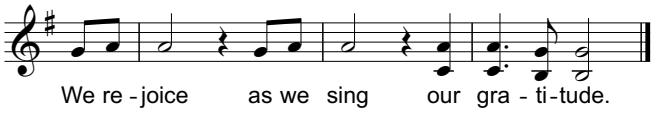
This is what God asks of you: to act justly,
to love tenderly, and to walk humbly upon our earth.

Together we pray

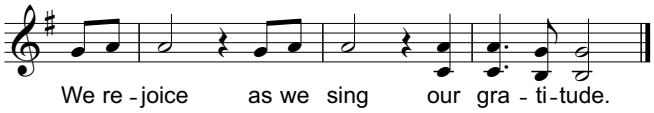
God of grace,
in whom we live and move and dance for joy,
guide our steps through the complexities of life;
widen our vision that our sight be not limited
by what we see, nor our wisdom by what we know,
nor our love by what we can accept. Amen.

The Gloria

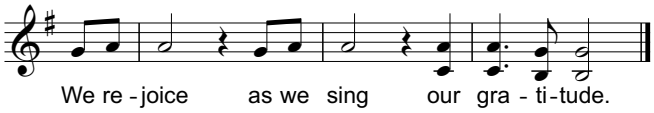
Glorious are you, Mystery of Life,
essence of all creation.
You are the symphony of stars and planets.
You are the music of the atoms within us.
You are the dawn on mountain peaks,
the moonlight on evening seas.
Forest and farm, the rush of the city,
everything is embraced in your love.



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.



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.

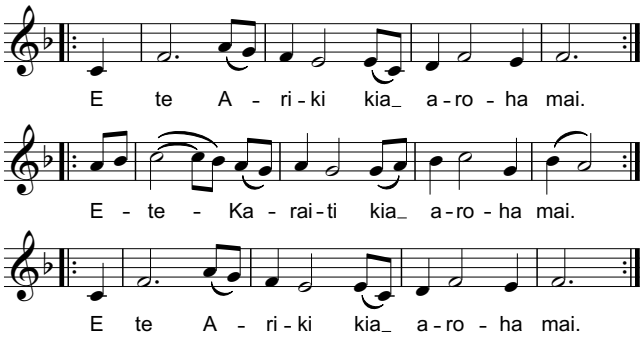
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Let us pause in silence,
being aware of God within, between and beyond us.

Please sit for private prayer

Reconciliation

1st time CANTOR, 2nd time ALL



Ian Render. Tune: Newland Road

Together we pray

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.

Sentence and Prayer for the Day

We call to mind your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of the temple. As your name is great O God,
so is your praise to the ends of the earth. *Psalm 48:9*

Together we pray

Generous God, you surround us with blessings on every side, abundantly, beyond measure, and above all with the gift of faith. Keep us from clutching these blessings to ourselves. Challenge us to see that your gifts are given to be shared with all God's people. Amen.

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of the prophet Malachi.

Malachi 3:1-5

Hear what the Spirit could be saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of peace, Spirit of truth,
bring in the spring, the hope and the green,
Spirit of growth and Spirit of youth.

And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!

Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of life, breath of new birth,
teach us to care for water and air,
nourish the seed and cherish the earth,

And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!

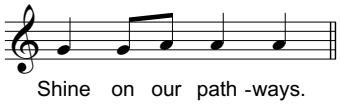
Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of bush, Spirit of bird,
speak to the soul of Aotearoa
joy in your world, and joy in your Word,

And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!

Words: Shirley Murray. Tune: Haeremai, Colin Gibson
Source: AA 26

The Gospel

The Gospel of Christ according to Luke,
chapter two, beginning at verse twenty-two.



Luke 2:22-40

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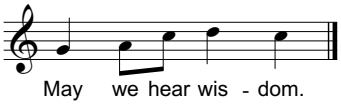


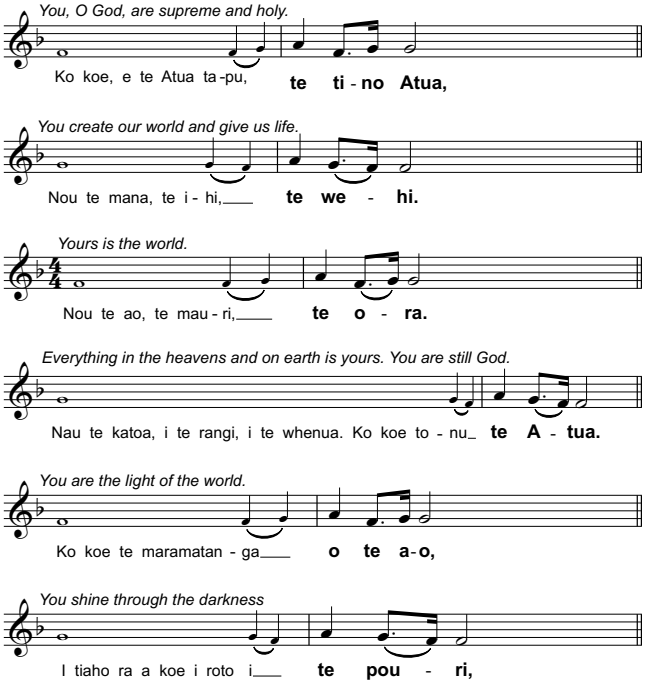
The Sermon

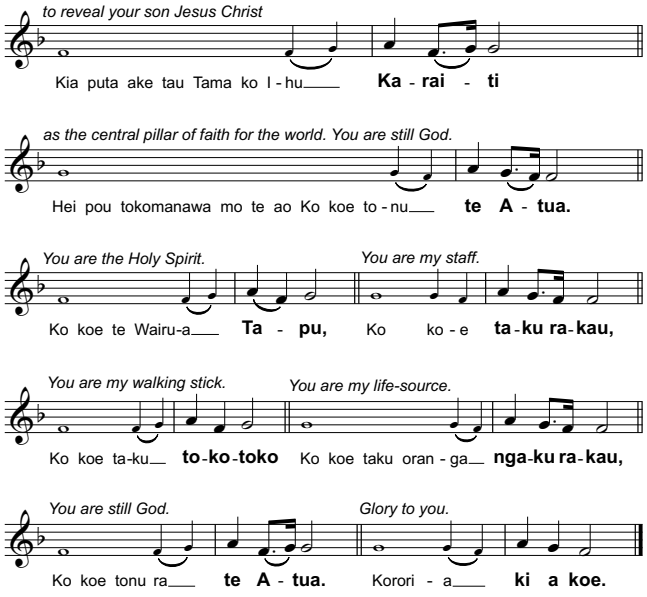
Reflective Music

O thou, the central orb *Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

Priest: We stand to affirm the faith we share and seek to find and follow in word and chant from the cultures of this land.

He Tikanga Whakapono
The Affirmation of Faith





Source: A New Zealand Prayer Book 1989

Please sit

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.

The Peace

Please stand for the Greeting of 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

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.

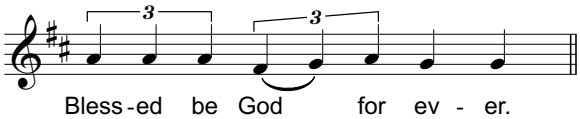
Tenei arahina, a tutuki noa:
puta i te pouri, whiwhi hari nui.

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

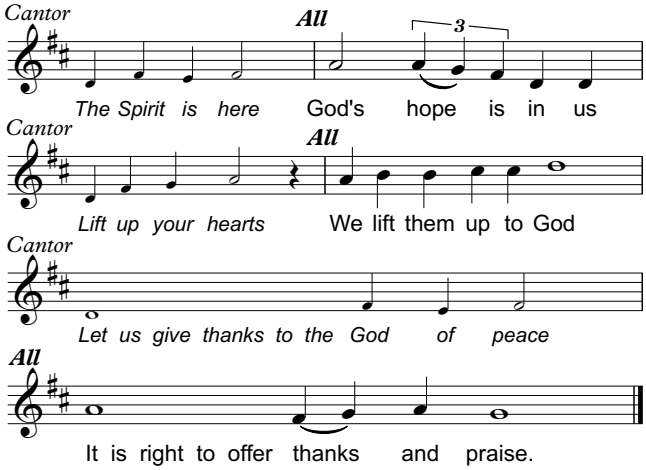
Words: Traditional Maori hymn
Tune: Tama ngakau marie, traditional Maori hymn. Source: AA 128

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.



The Great Thanksgiving



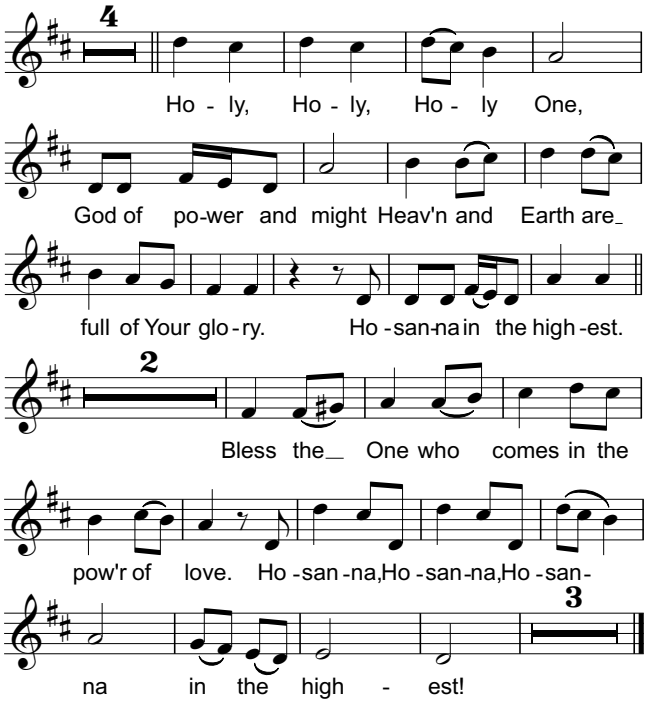
Here today, through bread and wine, we renew our journey with Jesus and his disciples. We renew our unity with one another, and with all those who have gone before us in this place. We renew our communion with the earth and our interwovenness with the broken ones of the world.

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:

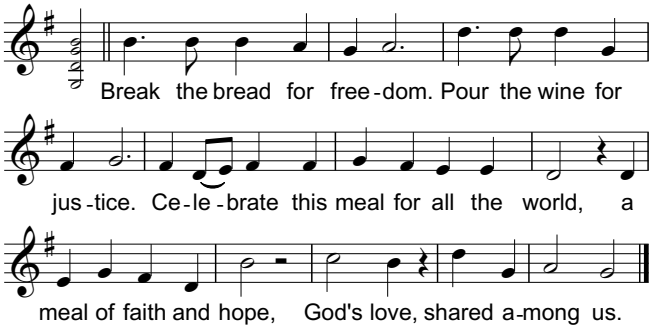


On the night before he died Jesus took bread;
when he had given thanks he broke it,
gave it to his disciples and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

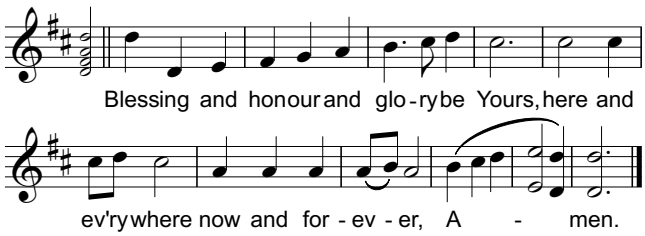
After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks
he gave it to them and said:

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.



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.



Kua akona nei tatou e to tatou Ariki, ka inoi tatou:

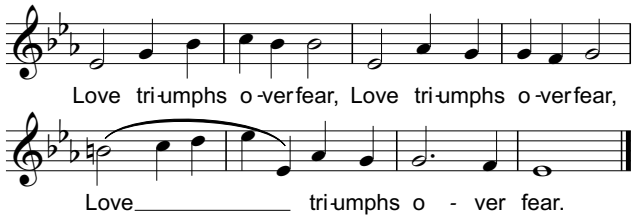
E to matou Matua i te rangi, kia tapu tou Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite ano ki to te rangi. Homai ki a matou aianei
he taro ma matou mo tenei ra.
Murua o matou hara, me matou hoki e muru nei,
i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.
Aua hoki 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: Michael CW Bell

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 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

Nunc dimittis — *Josquin de Prez (1450-1521)*

Hodie beata Virgo — *William Byrd (1540-1623)*

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.

Together we pray

Most loving God. We offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

Notices

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.

Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.

From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.

Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.

Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

Words: Shirley Murray. Tune: Dunedin, Vernon Griffiths 1894-1985
Source: AA 155

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

Variations on "Po Atarau" (Now is the Hour)