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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

“Puriri Mass”

by Michael CW Bell

SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2016

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes her dwelling.**

*Words: Bianca of Siena (c.1345 – c.1412)
tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)*

Tune: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). TiS 398

WELCOME

Priest:

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Liturgist:

We celebrate today with joy God's gift of music,
and give special thanks for the Ministry of Michael Bell,
Director of Music.

In this service we make our prayer in word, silence and song,
as we give thanks for all who minister through music.

Eternal Spirit, living God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been,
and shall be is known to you,
to the very secret of our hearts
and all that rises to trouble us.

**Living flame, burn into us,
cleansing wind, blow through us,
fountain of water, well up within us,
that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.**¹

Please be seated.

¹ ANZPB p 168

RECONCILIATION

The Kyrie

**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.

Amen.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises with the lyre,
and the sound of melody.

Psalm 98:5-6

**Bountiful God,
source of human imagination and creativity
that can inspire and lift the soul;
give us musical beauty and skill
so we can raise our hearts to the very gates of heaven.
Grant us the discernment to value these gifts
and to nurture them in humility.
Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles.

2 Chronicles 5:11-14

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN

God is working his purpose out
as year succeeds to year:
God is working her purpose out,
and the time is drawing near:
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God,
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,
wherever foot has trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
rings out the voice of God:
Listen to me you continents,
you islands look to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God,
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed:
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God,
as the waters cover the sea.

*Words: Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919), adapted
Tune: Benson, Millicent D. Kingham (1866-1927)
Hymns for Today's Church 191*

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Luke, chapter thirteen, beginning at verse eighteen.

Be a lamp to my feet.

Luke 13:18-21

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Be a light to my path.

THE SERMON

The Credo

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: 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.

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

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te ariki ki a koutou
A ki a koe ano hoki.

Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

**Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,**

***so there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.***

**There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,**

***but there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.***

**There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end,**

***but there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.***

*Words: Shirley Murray
Tune: Kotuku, Colin Gibson. AA 113*

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

No one comes as a stranger to this holy table.
All of us are honoured and expected guests.
Each of us is invited to come as we are,
holding nothing in our hands
other than these humble offerings of bread and wine,
the food and drink of ordinary life made with human hands
from the gifts which lie in God's creation. ²

Blessed be God forever.

Please be seated.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God meets us here.
God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should always sing of your glory,
creating and eternal God:
for at this time we celebrate your gift of music,
through which earth and heaven combine.

At the creation of the world,
the morning stars sang together,
and the heavenly beings shouted for joy.
At the deliverance of your people from Egypt,
Moses and Miriam sang of your salvation.

At the birth of your Son, Jesus,
the angels sang 'Glory in the highest'.
And so, with the saints and angels around your throne
who offer you ceaseless songs of praise,
we join to glorify your name,
for ever praising you and singing: ³

² Dorothy Mc Rae-McMahon "Liturgies for High Days" p.122

³ RSCM

The Sanctus

We ask that your Holy Spirit
will fall upon us and upon these gifts
that these fragile, earthly things
may be to us the body and blood of our brother,
Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed,
gathered with his faltering friends
for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table,
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
'This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.'

As on that night, so here and now
he offers himself in touch and taste
beyond all words can hold.

The Benedictus

Therefore we come in memory and hope,
responding to your call
and the promise that echoes from the dawn of all time.

May mind and heart be held by your self-giving love
as we stand before the cross,
approach the empty tomb
and praise the one whose name is lifted high
above all earthly power.

Receive our broken offering
through his all-powerful grace
and bind us in communion
with all who share your gifts;
through Jesus Christ,
in whom all ages and all the worlds
are drawn into the ceaseless love
of Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.⁴

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 aiane
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 whakaorangia matou i te kino:**

**Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te kororia,
Ake, ake, ake. Amine.**

⁴ *Steven Shakespeare*

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.**

THE INVITATION

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

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

*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.

The Agnus Dei

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bring us, O God,
at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven,
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house,
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light;
no noise nor silence, but one equal music;
no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession;
no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity;
in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end. ⁵

THE BLESSING

May the songs of the angels sustain you,
may the praises of the saints inspire you,
may the silent music of the Unseen One be in your heart,
and the blessing of God
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen. ⁶

⁵ *John Donne (1571-1631)*

⁶ *RSCM*

FINAL HYMN

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
hidden now in mystery,
nature bursts with joyful promise,
ripe with what is yet to be.
In a wealth of rich invention,
still the work of art unfolds:
barely have we seen, and faintly,
what God's great salvation holds.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
making Jesus seen and heard.
Every age of God's creation
grasps new meaning from the Word.
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us
your new work begun today:
eyes and ears and hearts are open,
teach us what to do and say.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
all God's children brought to birth,
freed from hunger, fear and evil
every corner of the earth,
and a million, million voices
speak with joy the Saviour's name;
every face reflects his image,
never any two the same.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
nothing shall be left to chance.
All that lives will be united
in the everlasting dance.
All fulfilled and all perfected,
each uniquely loved and known,
Christ in glory unimagined
once for all receives his own.

Words: Marnie Barrell

Tune: Hyfrydol, melody by Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887). TIS 217(i)

Deacon from the rear of the Church.

Go now to live the gospel, go in peace.

Amen. We go to serve in love.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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