

SUNDAY AUGUST

2020

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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 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, 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,
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 thy peace, the beauty of thy 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, O still small voice of calm.

WELCOME

Grace and peace to you from God.

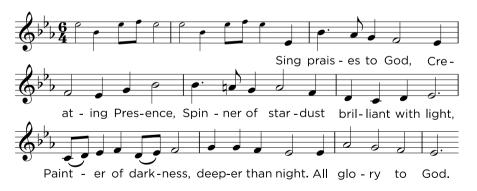
God fill you with truth and joy.

Liturgist:

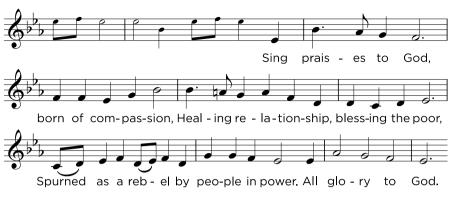
Be with us, Spirit of God; for nothing can separate us from your love. Breathe on us, breath of God; and fill us with your loving presence. Speak in us, wisdom of God; and bring strength, healing and peace.

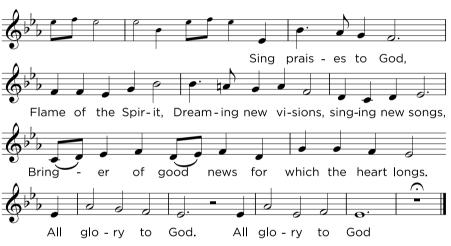
God of our days and years, we set this time apart to be still. Form us in the likeness of Christ so that our lives may reflect you. Amen. 1

THE GLORIA



¹ Church of England





Words: Jenny Blood. Music: Michael Bell

Please be seated.

Liturgist:

We come seeking forgiveness and wholeness for ourselves and for our world.

FORGIVENESS

1st time CANTOR, 2nd time ALL



[Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy]

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Silence

God of life, in our indifference and helplessness we destroy your creation; we condone violence and ignore suffering; we do not act with compassion and justice. Breathe on us, God, this day, that we might be whole again. ³

Priest: God forgives us, forgive others, forgive yourself.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Jesus spoke to them "take heart, it is I, do not be afraid".

Matthew 14:27

Holy God, so often we seek you in the miracles of creation, and often you meet us in creation's silence. When we cry out to you, help us to move forward in faith on the path of life with you. Amen. ⁴

² Ian Render. Tune: Newlands Road. FFS 13

³ Jenny Blood

⁴ Harrison/McAlpine p 64 adapted

PSALM 85:8-13

Chant: Henry Smart (1813-1879)

Let me hear what you will say O Lord, for you will speak peace to your people, to your servants whose hearts are turned to you.

For deliverance is at hand for those who fear you, so that your glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met together, justice and peace have embraced each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from heaven.

You Lord will give prosperity, and our land shall yield its harvest.

Justice shall go before you, and the path for your feet shall be peace.

THE FIRST READING

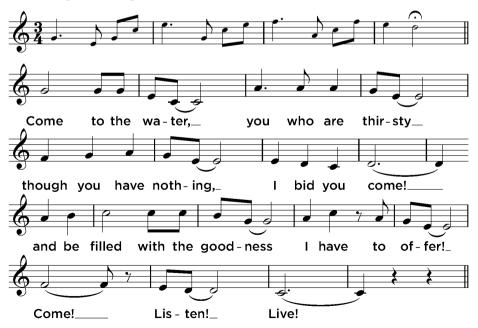
A reading from the Book of Kings.

1 Kings 19:9-15

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

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN







Words: Frank Andersen. Tune: Come to the Water. Frank Andersen.

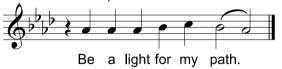
THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew, chapter fourteen, beginning at verse twenty-two.



Matthew 14:22-33

This is the Gospel of Christ.



THE SERMON

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ANTHEM

Wie der Hirsch schreiet Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

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.

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou.

A ki a koe ano hoki.

[The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.] Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

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⁵ Music: Michael Bell

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 6

We limit not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind, to notions of our day and place, crude, partial, and confined: no, let a new and better hope within our hearts be stirred:

O God, grant yet more light and truth

to break forth from your Word. Who dares to bind to one's own sense the oracles of heaven, for all the nations, tongues and climes and all the ages given? That universe, how much unknown! That ocean unexplored! O God, grant yet more light and truth to break forth from your Word.

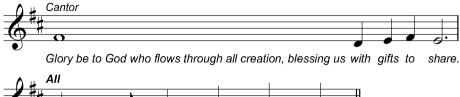
Eternal God, incarnate Word,
Spirit of flame and dove;
enlarge, expand all living souls
to comprehend your love;
and help us all to seek your will
with wiser powers conferred –
O God, grant yet more light and truth
to break forth from your Word.

Words: George Rawson (1807-1889), adapted by Jenny Blood Tune: Kingsfold, from an English and Irish traditional melody coll. Lucy Broadwood (1858-1929) harm. and arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). TiS 262

⁶ During this hymn there is a collection to support St Matthew's; for electronic giving option: text **stmatthew** to **818** to make a fast one off or ongoing donation by credit card to St Matthew-in-the-City.

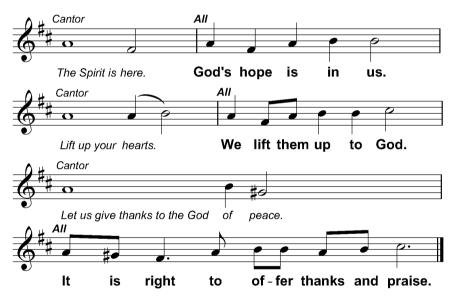
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THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS





THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Creator God source of life, we give you thanks for all creation. We praise you that you made us in your image from dust of the earth, in all our fragility and strength.

For this we give you thanks.

In your love for us you sent Jesus, born as one of us, lived as one of us, knowing community in struggle and in joy, showing us how to love.

For this we give you thanks.

Jesus loved us and didn't give up on us.

Even though he was rejected, excluded and alienated he shared the pain of our lives on the cross.

God showed us a new way of living.

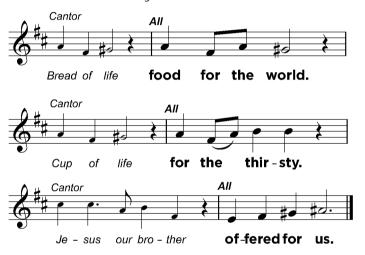
Through the resurrection transformation happens, new life is possible.

So here and now with all people of faith throughout the ages and round the world we proclaim together:



We remember and give thanks that on the night before Jesus died at supper with friends, Jesus took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to them, 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 you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.



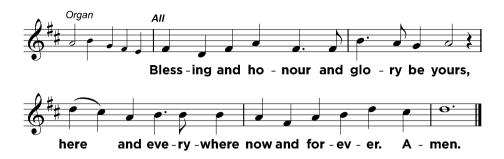
Therefore, loving God, for this bread and wine, broken and poured out, bringing forth abundant life, in struggle and joy being together in daily life.

We give you thanks.

Come now Holy Spirit enable and empower us in the harsh realities of exclusion and oppression to be bearers of your love and hope in our world. God, Source of everything, we praise you as we sing: ⁷

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⁷ The Great Thanksgiving written for Disability Awareness Sunday



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi, kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,

kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

Hōmai ki a mātou āianei he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātou hara, me mātou hoki e muru nei,

i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;

engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

Nāu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korāria,

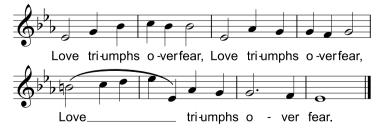
Ake, ake, ake. Amine.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

We sing three times:



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 will be two communion stations at the front of the church.

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.

Te Taro o te Ora. The bread of life.

Te Kapu o te Ora. The cup of salvation.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei (from Mass for Four Voices)

William Byrd (1540-1623)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, whom we know in love and graciousness, we accept with gratitude all that lies within this sacred feast.

May we carry into the world the bread which brings life and the wine of compassion for all who wait in longing. This we pray in your name. Amen. 8

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

⁸ Dorothy McRae-McMahon "Liturgies for High Days", p. 126

FINAL HYMN

O changeless Christ, for ever new, who walked our earthly ways, still draw our hearts as once you drew the hearts of other days.

As once you spoke by plain and hill or taught by shore and sea, so be today our teacher still, O Christ of Galilee.

In broken bread, in wine outpoured, your new and living way proclaim to us, O risen Lord, O Christ of this our day.

O changeless Christ, till life is past your blessing still be given; then bring us home, to taste at last the timeless joys of heaven.

> Words: Timothy Dudley Smith b. 1926 Tune: St Botolph, Gordon Archbold Slater 1896-1979. TiS 223

Deacon from the rear of the Church:

Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.

Amen. We go in the power of love.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G major, BWV 541 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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