



Saint Matthew-in-the-City

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Introit

I Will Extol Thee

Bruce Baker

Processional Hymn

**God is here! As we God's people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of God's Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need for grace;
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.**

**God of all, of Church and creation,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive.
We, who cannot live without you,
we adore you, we believe.**

Words: F Pratt Green 1903-2000

Music: Blaenwern, W P Rowlands 1860-1937

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.

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.

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.**

Please sit for

Ave Maria

David Hamilton

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.

Together we pray

**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

When you get to your wits end, remember that God lives there.

Old Proverb

Together we pray.

When we pray for justice, remind us to address ourselves and not You. Amen

The First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31:27-34

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

The Gradual Hymn

**Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate in parable and story,
holiness in glory,
living, loving God.
Hail and hosanna!
Bringing many names.**

**Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation,
genius at play:
Hail and hosanna!
strong mother God.**

**Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving,
till we're reconciled:
Hail and hosanna!
warm father God.**

**Old, aching God, grey with endless care,
calming piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises,
wiser than despair:
Hail and hosanna!
old, aching God.**

**Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice,
giving all you have:
Hail and hosanna!
young, growing God.**

**Great living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,**

**closer yet than breathing,
everlasting home:
Hail and hosanna!
great, living God.**

*Words: Brian Arthur Wren 1936 –
Music: Westchase: Carlton R Young 1926 –*

The Gospel

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

Shine on our pathways.

Luke 18:1-8

This is the Gospel of Christ.
May we hear wisdom

The Sermon

Reflective Music

You Gotta Sing Trad. Spiritual/R. Emerson

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

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

Please turn and greet those around you with peace

The Offertory Hymn

**Gentle God, when we are driven
past the limits of our love,
when our hurt would have a weapon
and the hawk destroy the dove,
at the cost of seeming weak,
help us turn the other cheek.**

**Gentle Spirit, when our reason
clouds in anger, twists in fear,
when we strike instead of stroking,
when we bruise and sting and smear,
cool our burning, take our pain,
bring us to ourselves again.**

**In the mirror of earth's madness
let us see our ravaged face,
in the turmoil of all people
let compassion find a place,**

**touch our hearts to make amends,
see our enemies as friends.**

**Let our strength be in forgiving
as forgiven we must be,
one to one in costly loving,
finding trust and growing free,
gentle God, be our release,
gentle Spirit, teach us peace.**

*Words: Shirley Murray
Music: Tawa, Jillian Bray, AA 44*

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 hope of Christ.

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

Agnus Dei

Faure

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

Thou Knowest, Lord

Purcell

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.**

Together we pray.

**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 forever. Amen.**

Notices

A Blessing for This Day

David Hamilton

Final Hymn

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love, which from our birth
over and around us lies,
*Christ of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise***

**For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
*Christ of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise***

**For the joy of human love,
sister, brother, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled,
*Christ of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.***

**For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
*Christ of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.***

Words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint 1835 -1917

Music: Dix, arr. William Henry Monk 1823-89

from a chorale by Conrad Kocher 1786-1872 TIS 137

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

Fantasia in G BWV 532

Bach