



Saint Matthew-in-the-City

Sunday 22nd Month 2011

5th Sunday of Easter

Processional Hymn

All creatures of our God and light,
lift up your voice with all your might;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You burning sun with golden beam,
you silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

You rushing wind with voice so strong,
you clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise God, Alleluia!
You rising morn, in praise rejoice,
you lights of evening find a voice,
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.

You flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your God to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You fire so powerful and bright,
wonderful source of warmth and light,
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all forgiven tender hearts,
forgiving others, take your part,
sing praises, Alleluia!
You who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, who knows your ev'ry care.
O Praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Words adapted and used with permission of Dr Douglas Mews
Music: Lasst uns erfreuen
"Geistliche Kirchengesang", Cologne, 1623*

Source: TiS 100

Welcome

In these days of Eastertide, we celebrate that the powers of despair and destruction do not have the final word; that new life can still break out; that love is stronger than death; and that nothing can stop the life, hope, and determination of Easter people.

Chaos 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.

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.



We re-joice as we sing our gra-ti-ude.

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.



We re-joice as we sing our gra-ti-ude.

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.



We re-joice as we sing our gra-ti-ude.

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

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

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

Sentence

Reference

Together we pray.

Amen.

The First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 7:55-50

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

The Gradual Hymn

God of all time, all seasons of our living,
source of our spark, protector of our flame,
blazing before our birth beyond our dying,
God of all time, we come to sing your name.

Here in this place where others have been building,
we come to claim the legacy of faith,
take, in our turn the telling of your story,

and though we tremble, speak your hope, your truth.

Spirit who draws our fragile selves together,
Spirit who turns a stranger to a friend,
be at this table where we greet each other,
be in the peace we pass from hand to hand.

Let us not die from poverty of caring,
let us not starve, where love is to be shared.
Come break us open to receive your healing:
your broken body be our wine and bread

Words: Shirley Murray

Music: Highwood, Robert Runciman Terry 1861-1938

Source: TiS 617

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to John, chapter fourteen beginning at verse one.

Shine on our pathways.

John 14:1-14

This is the Gospel of Christ.
May we hear wisdom

The Sermon

Reflective Music

Rejoice in the Lord always

Purcell

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

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth up to the sky,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

**Our hearts be pure from evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail' and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that has no end.**

*Words: John of Damascus d. c. 754
tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66*

Music: Ellacombe, Melody from 'Mainz Gesangbuch', 1833

Source: TiS 361

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.**

God's Spirit is in our midst, in simple bread and
wine, in simple grace.

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 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 the Risen Christ.

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

We sing three times:



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

Misericordia Domini
Lord, I trust thee
Oculi Omnium

Pitoni
Handel
Wood

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 for ever. Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

Final Hymn

**Forth in your name, O God, I go,
my daily labour to pursue;
you, God alone, resolved to know,
in all I think, or speak, or do.**

**Each task your wisdom has assigned
still let me cheerfully fulfil:
in all my works your presence find,
and prove your good and perfect will.**

**You may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance view,
and labour on at your command,
and offer all my works to you.**

**Give me to bear your easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to your glorious day;**

**for you delightfully employ
all that your bounteous grace has given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.**

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88
Music: Song 34 Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625

Source: TiS 571

Liturgist 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

Anthem

Composer