



St Matthew-in-the-City



SUMMER 2014  
HYMN BOOK



## OPENING HYMN

## (1) THE FIRST NOWELL THE ANGEL DID SAY

1

The first nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel!*

2

They lookèd up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel!*

3

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel!*

4

This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
over Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel!*

5

Then entered in those wise men three  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel!*

6

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
that hath made heaven and earth of naught  
and with his blood humankind hath bought:

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel!*

*Words: Anon., English c. 17<sup>th</sup> cent.*

*Music: The First Nowell, English trad. melody. Harmony from David Evans 1874-1948; TiS 301*



## THE GRADUAL HYMN

## (2) ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

1

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship,  
Christ, the new-born King  
come and worship,  
worship Christ, the new-born King.*

2

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant-light

*Come and worship,  
Christ, the new-born King  
come and worship,  
worship Christ, the new-born King.*

3

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations,  
ye have seen His natal star:

*Come and worship,  
Christ, the new-born King  
come and worship,  
worship Christ, the new-born King.*

4

Saints, before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord descending  
in His temple shall appear:

*Come and worship,  
Christ, the new-born King  
come and worship,  
worship Christ, the new-born King.*

*Words: James Montgomery 1771-1854*

*Music: Iris, French traditional melody. Arr. Martin Shaw 1875-1958; TiS 309*



## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

## (3) IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

1

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

2

In him shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find,  
his service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.

3

Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be;  
who serves my Father as a son,  
is surely kin to me.

4

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north,  
all Christ-like souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

*Words: John Oxenham 1852-1941  
Music: St Bernard. Melody from Hémy's Easy Hymns  
for Catholic Schools' 1851-53; TIS 459(ii)*



## CLOSING HYMN

## (4) JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD HAS COME

1

Joy to the world! The Lord has come;  
let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

2

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;  
your sweetest songs employ.  
While fields and streams and hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

3

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness,  
the wonders of His love,  
the wonders of His love,  
the wonders, the wonders of His love.

*Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748 (based on Psalm 98)  
Music: Antioch, George Friderick Handel 1685-1759; WOV 224*

# 5 JANUARY



# EPIPHANY

OPENING HYMN

## (5) WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS!

1

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience,  
and incense of lowliness  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

2

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows,  
and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou would reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4

These, though we bring them in trembling  
and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

*Words J.S.B. Monsell 1811-79*

*Music: Was lebet, Rheinhardt MS., Üttingen, 1754; TiS 160*



THE GRADUAL HYMN

## (6) GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL, REJOICE

1

Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart, and soul, and voice!  
Give you heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

2

Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart, and soul, and voice!  
Now you hear of endless bliss,  
Jesus Christ was born for this:  
He has oped the heavenly door,  
and all are blest for evermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

5

Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart, and soul, and voice!  
Now you need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save,  
calls you one and calls you all,  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

*Words: John Mason Neale 1818-66*

*Music: In Dulci Jubilo, 14th-cent. German carol melody; WOV 238*

# EPIPHANY



# 5 JANUARY

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

## (7) WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

1

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect Light.*

2

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown Him again,  
king forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect Light.*

3

Frankincense to offer have I.  
Incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praising people raising,  
worship Him, God on high.

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect Light.*

4

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
breaths a life of gathering gloom.  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect Light.*

5

Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies.

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect Light.*

*Words and Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. 1820-91*



CLOSING HYMN

## (8) GIVE THANKS FOR LIFE

1

Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,  
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,  
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2

Give thanks for those  
who made their life a light  
caught from the Christ-flame,  
bursting through the night,  
who touched the truth,  
who burned for what is right,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

3

And for our own, our living and our dead,  
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,  
a love not changed by time or death or dread,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

4

Give thanks for hope,  
that like the wheat, the grain  
lying in darkness does its life retain,  
in resurrection to grow green again,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Words: Shirley Murray  
Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958; TiS 455*



## OPENING HYMN

### (9) BE THOU MY VISION, O JOY OF MY HEART

1

Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart,  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
thou my best thought, by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;  
thou my inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4

Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*Words: Irish, c. 8<sup>th</sup> cent., tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1880-1931,  
alt. Eleanor H. Hull 1860-1935  
Music: Slane. Irish traditional melody; TiS 547*



## THE GRADUAL HYMN

### (10) TAMA NGAKAU MARIE

1

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

2

Murua ra nga hara. Wetekina mai  
enei here kino, whakararu nei.

3

Takahia ki raro, tau e kino ai;  
kei pa kaha tonu, ko nga mahi he.

4

Homai he aroha, mou i mate nei.  
Tenei ra, e Ihu, takina e koe.

5

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

6

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

*Words: Traditional Maori hymn  
Music: Tama ngakau marie, traditional Maori hymn; AA 128*

# EPIPHANY 1



# 12 JANUARY

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

## (11) BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

1

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love  
and do what thou wouldst do.

2

Breathe on me, breath of God  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

3

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

4

Breathe on me, breath of God;  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

*Words: Edwin Hatch 1835 -89*

*Music: Carlisle, Charles Lockhart 1745-1815; TiS 234*



CLOSING HYMN

## (12) HE CAME SINGING LOVE

1

He came singing love  
and he lived singing love;  
he died, singing love.  
He arose in silence.  
For the love to go on  
we must make it our song:  
you and I be the singers.

2

He came singing faith  
and he lived singing faith;  
he died, singing faith.  
He arose in silence.  
For the faith to go on  
we must make it our song:  
you and I be the singers.

3

He came singing hope  
and he lived singing hope;  
he died, singing hope.  
He arose in silence.  
For the hope to go on  
we must make it our song:  
you and I be the singers.

4

He came singing peace  
and he lived singing peace;  
he died, singing peace.  
He arose in silence.  
For the peace to go on  
we must make it our song:  
you and I be the singers.

*Words: Colin Gibson*

*Music: Singing Love, Colin Gibson; AA 59*

# 19 JANUARY



## EPIPHANY 2

OPENING HYMN

### (13) EARTH HAS MANY A NOBLE CITY

1

Earth has many a noble city –  
Bethlehem alone excels:  
from it came the Lord from heaven,  
came to rule his Israel.

2

Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the star that told his birth,  
to the world its God announcing,  
seen in human form on earth.

3

Eastern sages at his cradle  
make oblations rich and rare;  
see them give in deep devotion  
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

4

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:  
frankincense God to disclose,  
gold the King of kings proclaiming,  
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

5

Jesus, whom the gentiles worshipped  
at your glad epiphany,  
now to you with God the Father  
and the Spirit glory be.

*Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius 348-c. 413*

*Music: Stuttgart, melody adapted from a chorale in 'Psalmodia Sacra', Gotha, 1715  
harm. William Henry Havergal 1793-1870; TiS 291*



THE GRADUAL HYMN

### (14) FILL THOU MY LIFE, O LORD MY GOD

1

Fill Thou my life, O Lord my God,  
in every part with praise,  
that my whole being may proclaim  
Thy being and Thy ways.

2

Not for the lip of praise alone,  
nor e'en the praising heart  
I ask, but for a life made up  
of praise in every part!

3

Praise in the common words I speak,  
life's common looks and tones,  
in fellowship in hearth and board  
with my beloved ones;

4

not in the temple crowd alone  
where holy voices chime,  
but in the silent paths of earth,  
the quiet rooms of time.

5

Fill every part of me with praise;  
let all my being speak  
of Thee and of Thy love, O Lord,  
poor though I be, and weak.

6

So shalt Thou, Lord, from me, e'en me,  
receive the glory due;  
and so shall I begin on earth  
the song forever new.

7

So shall each fear, each fret, each care  
be turned into a song,  
and every winding of the way  
the echo shall prolong;

8

so shall no part of day or night  
from sacredness be free;  
but all my life, in every step  
be fellowship with Thee.

*Words: Horatius Bonar 1808-89*

*Music: Richmond, later form of melody by Thomas Haweis 1734-1820,  
adapted by Samuel Webbe the younger c. 1770-1843; TiS 425*



## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

## (15) THOU, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

1

Thou, whose almighty Word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the Gospel's day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!

2

Thou, who didst come to bring  
on Thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
o now, to all mankind,  
let there be light!

3

Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving holy dove,  
speed forth Thy flight;  
move on the waters' face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!

4

Blessèd and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world far and wide,  
let there be light!

*Words: John Mariott 1780-1825*

*Music: Moscow, adapted from Felice Giardini 1716-96; TiS 447*



## CLOSING HYMN

## (16) NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

1

Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessèd peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in our faith  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

3

All praise and thanks to God,  
Creator now be given;  
the Spirit and the Son  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore,  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

*Words: M. Rinkart 1586-1649, tr. C. Winkworth 1827-78*

*Music: Nun danket alle Gott (1), Johann Crüger 1598-1662; TiS 106 (i)*



OPENING HYMN

## (17) IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE

1

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,  
thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.

3

To all life thou givest, to all great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish:  
but naught changeth thee.

4

Great Father of glory, pure Mother of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see,  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

*Words: Walter Chalmers Smith 1824-1908  
Music: St Denio, Welsh melody; TiS 143*



THE GRADUAL HYMN

## (18) LOVING SPIRIT

1

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be,  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.

2

Like a mother, you enfold me,  
hold my life within your own,  
feed me with your very body,  
form me of your flesh and bone.

3

Like a father, you protect me,  
teach me the discerning eye,  
hoist me up upon your shoulder,  
let me see the world from high.

4

Friend and lover, in your closeness  
I am known and held and blessed:  
in your promise is my comfort;  
in your presence I may rest.

5

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be,  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.

*Words: Shirley Murray  
Music: Omni Die, melody from David Gregor Corner's 'Gesangbuch', Nürnberg, 1631  
arr. William Smith Rockstro 1823-95; TiS 101*



## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

## (19) YOUR HAND, O GOD, HAS GUIDED

1

Your hand, O God, has guided  
your flock from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page;  
our forebears owned your goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

2

Your heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade them rise, and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

3

Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, all restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

4

Your mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us  
the victory shall be won;  
and then, by folk and angels,  
your name shall be adored,  
and this shall be our anthem:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

*Words: Edward Hayes Plumtre 1821-91*

*Music: Thornbury, Basil Harwood 1859-1949; TiS 456*



## CLOSING HYMN

## (20) GREAT AND DEEP THE SPIRIT'S PURPOSE

1

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.

2

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.

3

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.

4

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, AA 55*

*Music: Hyfrydol, Roland Huw Pritchard, 1811-87, TiS 217(i)*

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