

Saint Matthew-in-the-City

Sunday, 12th September 2010

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Processional Hymn

**Community of Christ,
who made the cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.**

**Community of Christ,
look past the church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.**

**Community of Christ,
through whom the world must sound—
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish
into joy.**

**When menace melts away
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun:
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
forevermore.**

*Words: Shirley Erena Murray 1931-
Music: Leoni, Hebrew Synagogue Melody
transcribed by Meyer Lyon 1751-97
arr. Thomas Olivers 1725-99*

Source: TiS 473

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.**

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-joyce as we sing our gra-ti-ude.

Words: Joy Cowley; Music: MCW Bell

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 or kneel for private prayer

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

I opened to my beloved, but my beloved had turned and
was gone. My soul failed me when he spoke. I sought
him, but did not find him; I called him, but he gave no
answer.

Song of Songs 5:6

Together we pray.

**May we find wisdom: Wisdom to not be defeated
or defined by our losses.
May we find awareness: Awareness of our worth.
May we find courage: Courage to seek wholeness.
May we find faith: Faith that nothing is lost.
May we find joy: Joy in finding ourselves one
with the love of God.**

The First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Jer 4:11-12, 22-28

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

The Gradual Hymn

**Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,**

nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

**We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!**

**Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.**

**God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seeding, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ re-connect us,
using us gently and making us one.**

*Words: Shirley Murray
Music: Tenderness, Colin Gibson*

Source AA 143

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Luke, chapter
fifteen beginning at verse one.

Shine on our pathways.

Luke 15:1-32

This is the Gospel of Christ.
May we hear wisdom

The Sermon

Reflective Music

Psalm 18 "I Love you, O my God"

Michael CW Bell

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

**God who carved this timeless landscape,
snow-clad ridge to valley plain,
power of surging race and river,
limestone crag and scarred terrain;
maker still of earth, fire water,
artistry of sight and sound,
Southern lights and sunset splendour,
raise our eyes and you are found.**

**Calendar of nature's balance,
rhythms of the farming year,
shearing, milking, ploughing, pruning
manger setting ever near!
lonely struggle in the byways,
nor'west dust and snow or flood,
fellowship of tears and laughter:
Lord, with you, we're understood.**

**Giving thanks for those before us,
village life and tussock track,
as we turn to face the future,
history's wind upon our back;
scattered are our congregations,
each now shares in ministry,
bonding strength of work together:
spirit of community.**

Words: Doug Grierson

Music: Converse, Charles Crozat Converse, 1832-1918

Source: WOV 648 (Music)

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:

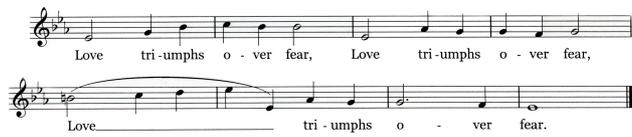
**E to matou Matua i te rangi kia tapu tou Ingoa. Kia
tae mai tou rangatiratanga. Kia meatia tau e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite ano ki te rangi.
Homai ki a matou aianei he taro ma matou mo tenei
ra. Murua o matou hara, me matou hoki e muru nei,
i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou. Aua hoki matou
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.

We sing three times:



Music: MCW Bell

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

Almighty and everlasting God Gibbons

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake Farrant/Hilton

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

The Blessing

Final Hymn

**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.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed 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.**

**All praise and thanks to God
Creator, now be given,
Jesus, and she who reigns
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. Catherine Winkworth 1829-78.*

Music: Nun danket alle Gott. J Crüger 1598-1662

Source: TiS 106

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

Eine Kleine Nachtmusik 1st movt. Mozart