

**ST MATTHEW-IN-THE-CITY**

# **THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

**24 MAY 2015**



# Introit

*Come, Holy Ghost*

*Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

## Processional Hymn

**Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
my outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace  
till they become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes her dwelling.**

*Words: Bianca of Siena (c.1345 – c.1412)  
tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)*

*Tune: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). TiS 398*

# Welcome

*Priest:*

Holy, holy, holy God,  
wonder, mystery and all-goodness,  
in the power of the Spirit we are carried into your presence.

**You are our God and we are your people.** <sup>1</sup>

*Liturgist:*

On this day of Pentecost  
we celebrate the Spirit of transformative love –  
that power which disturbs the comfortable  
and comforts the disturbed.

Holy Spirit come.

**Let us breathe in peace.**

Holy Spirit heal.

**Let us breathe out fear.**

Holy Spirit enlighten.

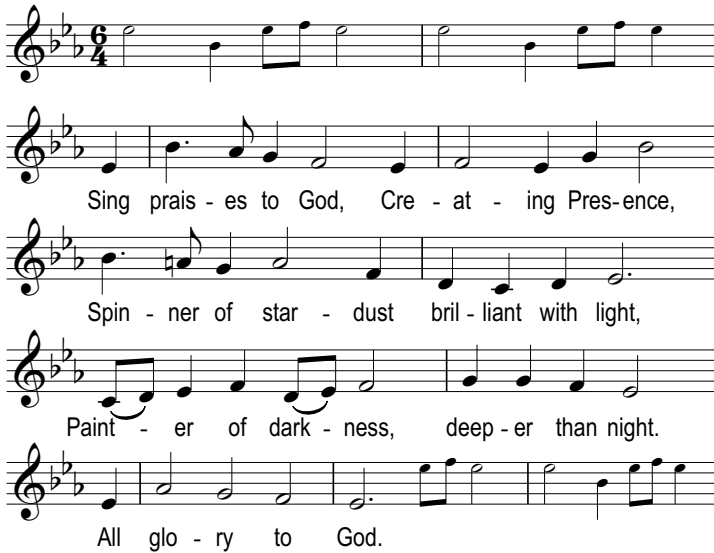
**Let us breathe in hope.**

**Spirit of love,  
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.**

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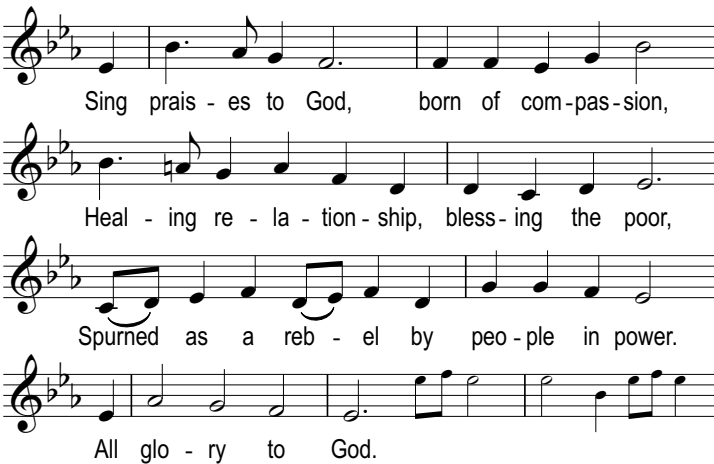
<sup>1</sup> *Dorothy McRae-McMahon*

# The Gloria



Sing prais - es to God, Cre - at - ing Pres-ence,  
Spin - ner of star - dust bril - liant with light,  
Paint - er of dark - ness, deep - er than night.  
All glo - ry to God.

The first system of musical notation for 'The Gloria' is written on five staves. The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note B-flat3, and a half note C4. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note D4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note F4, and a half note G4. The third staff has a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, a quarter note C5, and a half note D5. The fourth staff has a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, and a half note A5. The fifth staff has a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, a quarter note D6, and a half note E6. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.



Sing prais - es to God, born of com-pas-sion,  
Heal - ing re - la - tion - ship, bless - ing the poor,  
Spurned as a reb - el by peo - ple in power.  
All glo - ry to God.

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*Words: Jenny Blood. Music: Michael Bell*

*Please be seated.*

*Children are invited to come forward to share in the Children's Conversation and there are activities on the side table.*

## Forgiveness

Loving God, if our faith has become so mundane to us that we have ceased to expect to be surprised by your holiness, treading each day as if we know all that is possible instead of looking around us for your new word:

**Stride into our lives, Jesus Christ,  
and interrupt us with your grace.**

O God, when we look at others and fail to see the godliness which may be present there, assuming we know all there is to know about them and closing our minds and hearts to fresh gifts:

**Stride into our lives, Jesus Christ,  
and interrupt us with your grace.**

**Forgive us when we expect less than you give. Amen.** <sup>2</sup>

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*Priest:*

God the Creator brings you new life,  
forgives and redeems you.  
Take hold of this forgiveness  
and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## The Sentence and Prayer of the Day

The love of God has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

**Holy God, blowing through creation:  
No door can keep you out.  
Unlock our hearts, breathe on us anew;  
that we may speak God's words of life,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.**

## The First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*Acts 2:1-21*

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

## The Gradual Hymn

**Join hands in the Spirit,  
the one holy name,  
you are love, and we your children,  
one and the same.  
All glory to the Spirit,  
all praise to your name,  
for your love unites us  
in peace once again.**

**Join minds in the Spirit,  
the one source of life,  
all are born in your image,  
sparks of your light.  
Oh joy that you call us  
to love and forgive,  
to trust beyond fear,  
that in death we may live.**

**Join hearts in the Spirit,  
the one holy peace,  
your love is our union,  
your touch our release.  
Oh great heart! embracing  
every creed, every race,  
in gratitude we cry  
at the gift of your grace.**

*Words: Radha Wardrop. Tune: Radha Wardrop, arr. Ian Render. AA 82*

## The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to John,  
chapter fifteen, beginning at verse twenty-six.



Be a lamp to my feet.

*John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15*

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Be a light for my path.

## The Sermon

# Reflective Music

*The Spirit of the Lord*

*Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

## 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.

*To the words* “We long for community”,  
*we respond* **“Breath of God, breathe on us”.**

## The Peace

*Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.*

*The peace will be shared in different languages ending with*

The peace of Christ be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Please turn and greet those around you with peace.*

## The Offertory Hymn

**Creator Spirit, come, inspire  
our lives with light and heavenly fire;  
now make us willing to receive,  
the sevenfold gifts you freely give.**

**Your pure anointing from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
so heal with your eternal light  
the blindness of our human sight.**

**Anoint and cheer our saddened face  
with all the fulness of your grace;  
remove our fears, give peace at home –  
where you are guide, no harm can come.**



Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and you with them the Three-in-One;  
that through the ages all along  
this shall be our endless song:

Praise to your eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words: after R. Maurus (c.776-856) and J. Cosin (1594-1671)

Tune: Veni, Creator Spiritus;

melody from 'Vesperale Romanum', Mechlin, 1848. TIS 396

## The Preparation of the Gifts

*Cantor:* Glory be to God who flows through all creation,  
blessing us with gifts to share.

**All:**



## The Great Thanksgiving

*Cantor* **All**

The Spirit is here God's hope is in us

*Cantor* **All**

Lift up your hearts We lift them up to God

*Cantor*

Let us give thanks to the God of peace

**All**

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

The musical notation for 'The Great Thanksgiving' is spread across four systems, each on a single staff in G major (one sharp). The first system is for the 'Cantor' and 'All' parts, with the lyrics 'The Spirit is here God's hope is in us'. The second system is for the 'Cantor' and 'All' parts, with the lyrics 'Lift up your hearts We lift them up to God'. The third system is for the 'Cantor' part, with the lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the God of peace'. The fourth system is for the 'All' part, with the lyrics 'It is right to offer thanks and praise.'.

O Eternal Wisdom, we praise you and give you thanks,  
 for, as you revealed yourself of old  
 in fire and storm and precious law,  
 so you did not leave your followers comfortless,  
 but came upon them at Pentecost in thunder, wind and flame,  
 filling them with clarity and power,  
 and making them drunk with longing  
 to utter your uncontainable word.  
 And now, your spirit is poured out upon all flesh,  
 sons and daughters are prophesying,  
 old and young share visions  
 and even the lowest paid are finding their voice.

Therefore, with Elizabeth who prophesied Jesus' birth,  
 Mary who sang with the poor,  
 Martha who confessed Jesus as the Christ,  
 the women who announced the resurrection from the dead,  
 and with every nameless and unremembered prophet  
 who heard your call and inspired their people,  
 we sing in praise:

**All:**

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One, God of po-wer and might  
 Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san-na in the high - est. Bless the One who  
 comes in the pow'r of love. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est!

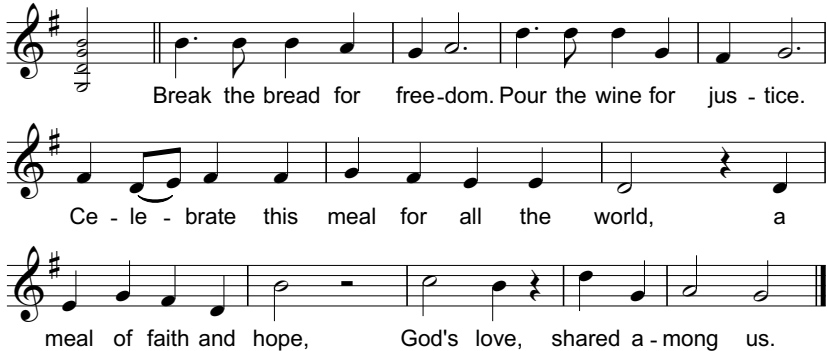
Blessed is our brother Jesus,  
who comes behind the doors we have closed  
and breathes on our fear his fearful peace;  
who, on the night before he died took bread,  
gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:

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.

**All:**



Break the bread for free-dom. Pour the wine for jus - tice.

Ce - le - brate this meal for all the world, a

meal of faith and hope, God's love, shared a - mong us.

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Come now, spirit of integrity,  
of tenderness, judgement and dance;  
touch our speechlessness,  
kindle our longing, quell our fears,  
and fire our words with your truth;  
that each may hear in their own language  
the mighty works of God.<sup>4</sup>

United in the power of love with all who stand for justice,  
we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

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<sup>3</sup> Words by Jenny Blood

<sup>4</sup> Janet Morley

**All:**



Blessing and hon-our and glo - ry be Yours, here and  
ev-'ry -where now and for - ev - er, A - men.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Cantor:* 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 aiane i 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:*



Love triumphs o-verfear, Love triumphs o-verfear,  
Love triumphs o - ver fear.

# 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 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.*

*If the stairs are a barrier please sit in the front pews  
and communion will be brought to you.*

Te Taro, o te Ora. *The Bread of Life*

Te Kapu o te Ora. *The Cup of Salvation*

# Music during Communion

*Loquebantur variis linguis*

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)*

*Come, Holy Ghost*

*Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)*

## 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.**

**Mystery of God  
heartbeat of the universe,  
centre of spirited change and rebirth;  
we glorify your ways:  
the ways of dignity and justice,  
the ways of love for all creatures,  
the ways of caring for the earth.  
Let us be simple in our needs,  
showing compassion for our neighbour,  
sharing generously what we have,  
letting go our hurts and fears.  
For in you we find peace,  
in you we find hope,  
and in you we find courage,  
now and forever. Amen.**<sup>5</sup>

## Notices

## The Blessing

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<sup>5</sup> *Jenny Blood*

## Final Hymn

**Miracle of life unfolding,  
dazzling to our watching eyes,  
far beyond full comprehension,  
secrets of the earth and sky.  
Each advance of understanding  
each new piece of knowledge gained  
leaves the soul amazed and humbled,  
child-like wonder yet remains.**

**Nature teems with life abundant,  
stunning in variety,  
shape and size and colour diff'ring,  
wondrous in complexity.  
From a high, majestic mountain  
to the contours of a shell,  
life has much to teach of diff'rence,  
rich we be to learn it well.**

**Filled with joy we stand in wonder  
at the life in which we share,  
gratefully we find our spirits  
sensing glory everywhere.  
Sun and moon and tiny creature  
in their beauty stir the heart,  
leading us to sacred duty,  
call us well to do our part.**

*Words: Scott Kearns. Tune: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991). TiS 153*

*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

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