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where people stand,
connect and seek
common ground

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word indeed has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!..

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light!..

Longing for shelter, people are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light!..

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light!..

*Words: Bernadette Farrell, adapted
Tune: Christ, be our light, Bernadette Farrell.*

WELCOME

Priest:

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Liturgist:

Let us give thanks
for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,
release for the captives,
recovery of sight for the blind
and liberty for those who are oppressed.

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.

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.

Sing prais - es to God, Flame of the Spir - it,
Dream - ing new vi - sions, sing - ing new songs,
Bring - er of good news for which the heart longs.
All glo - ry to God. All glo - ry to God

Words: Jenny Blood. Music: Michael Bell

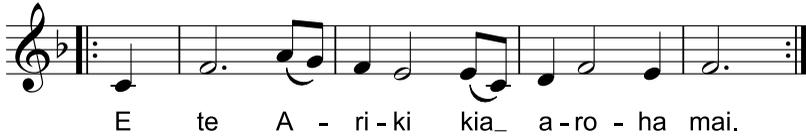
Please be seated.

Liturgist:

We come seeking forgiveness and wholeness
for our ourselves and for our world.

FORGIVENESS

1st time CANTOR, 2nd time ALL



[Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy]

Ian Render. Tune: Newlands Road. FFS 13

Silence

Holy one, look at our brokenness.
All parts of the creation cry out for your healing and love.

Come to us sacred one;
show us the path to wholeness.
Grow in us the humility to seek healing from the earth,
and the courage to bring healing to each other. ¹

Priest: God forgives us, be at peace.

¹ Ojibway prayer, Canada. Adapted by Anton Spelman.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

God our desire,
whose coming we look for,
but whose arrival is unexpected;
here in this place
may we long to greet you,
that we may be known by you,
Amen. ²

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Amos.

Amos 5:18-24

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

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

E te Atua, kua ruia nei;
O purapura pai:
homai e koe he ngakau hou,
kia tupu ake ai.

E Ihu, kua e tukua
Kia whakangaromia,
me whakatupu ake ia,
kia kitea ai nga hua.

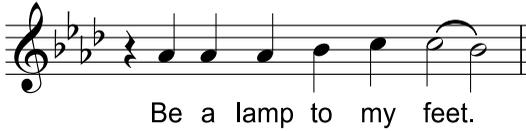
A ma te Wairua Tapu ra
matou e tiaki,
kei hoki ki te mahi he
O matou ngakau hou. Amine.

*Words: Traditional Maori Hymn
Tune: For all the mercies, traditional Maori melody,
harm. Jillian Margaret Bray (1939-2018). WOV 650*

² Janet Morley, adapted

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew, chapter twenty-five, beginning at verse one.



Be a lamp to my feet.

Matthew 25:1-13

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Be a light for my path.

THE SERMON

THE SILENCE

THE ANTHEM

Audivi vocem de caelo

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

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.

THE PEACE

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou.

A ki a koe ano hoki.

[The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.]

Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN ³

*Let justice roll down like a river,
let justice roll down like a sea,
let justice roll down like a river,
let justice begin through me.*

Justice for all who go hungry,
crying to God to be fed,
left in a world of abundance
to beg for a morsel of bread.

*Let **justice roll down like a river...***

Justice for those who are homeless,
victims of warfare or need,
trapped on the borders of nowhere,
lost in the canyons of greed.

*Let **justice roll down like a river...***

Justice for all who are powerless,
yearning for freedom in vain,
plundered, and robbed of their birthright,
silently bearing their pain.

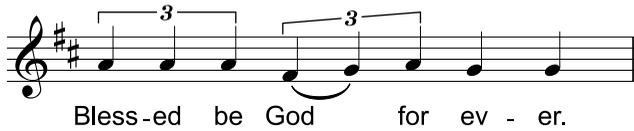
*Let **justice roll down like a river...***

Words and Tune: Colin Gibson. AA 85

³ *During this hymn there is a collection to support St Matthew's;
for electronic giving option: text **stmatthew** to **818** to make a fast
one off or ongoing donation by credit card to St Matthew-in-the-City.
Or you can download the PUSHPAY app from Apple Store or Google
Playstore and search for St Matthew-in-the-City.*

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

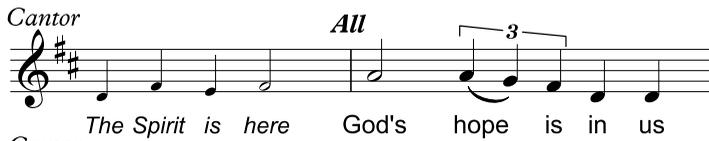
Glory be to God who flows through all creation,
blessing us with gifts to share.



Bless-ed be God for ev - er.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Cantor *All*



The Spirit is here God's hope is in us

Cantor *All*



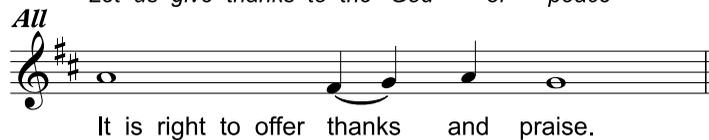
Lift up your hearts We lift them up to God

Cantor



Let us give thanks to the God of peace

All



It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Life-giving God, your word speaks in the void,
calling into being things that are not,
inviting us to share your work of creation.

We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth,
of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder.

We thank you for the creatures with whom we share the world,
for their lives so different from our own and the richness they reveal.

We thank you for Jesus the Son,
formed from Mary's flesh and nurtured by her faith;
he walked the growing earth and proclaimed a fearless kingdom
of bird and lily, child and stranger, the beggar and the blind.

On the cross, he joined the labour of all creation's yearning;
in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of God;
he gives the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

Therefore, with all that has life through him
 with animals and angels and all who hope for a new creation,
 we share the song of love which sounds from all eternity:

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 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.
 2
 Bless the One who comes in the pow'r of love.
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est! 3

We give thanks for our brother, Jesus Christ;
 who, on the night that he was betrayed,
 gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.
 Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
 This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.
 In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
 Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.
 As on that night, so here and now
 he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

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 among us. 4

⁴ Words by Jenny Blood

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts so that these fragile, earthly things will be to us the bread and wine of life. ⁵

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



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

Please be seated.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

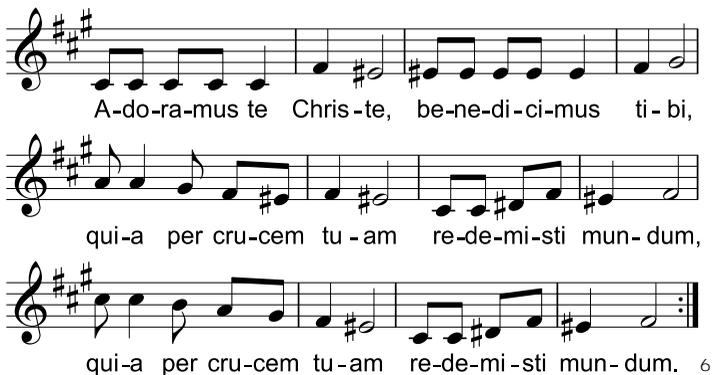
⁵ Steven Shakespeare, adapted

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

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

We sing three times:



A-do-ra-mus te Chris-te, be-ne-di-ci-mus ti-bi,
qui-a per cru-cem tu-am re-de-mi-sti mun-dum,
qui-a per cru-cem tu-am re-de-mi-sti mun-dum. ⁶

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.

⁶ *We adore you, Jesus Christ, and we bless your holy name;
truly your cross and passion bring us life and healing.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

My soul, there is a country

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Lead me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

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. ⁷

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

⁷ *Jenny Blood*

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 (1707-1788)

Tune: Song 34, arr. from melody and bass of Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625). TIS 571

Deacon 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

Grand Choeur

Théodore-César Salomé (1834-1896)

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