



# ST MATTHEW-IN-THE-CITY

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2015

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God is here! As we God's people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of God's Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font and pulpit,  
here the Word has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence as in speech,  
here in newness and renewal  
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

*Words: Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

*Tune: Blauenwern, William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937). TIS 590*

### 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:*

We gather as a community of faith  
to make our Lenten journey.  
May God be with us in our letting go  
and in our living with hope.

Eternal Spirit, living God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
all that we are, have been,  
and shall be is known to you,  
to the very secret of our hearts  
and all that rises to trouble us.

Living flame, burn into us,  
cleansing wind, blow through us,  
fountain of water, well up within us,  
that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. <sup>1</sup>

*Please be seated.*

### RECONCILIATION

“Return to God with all your heart, with fasting,  
with weeping and with mourning;  
rend your hearts and not your garments.  
Return to God who is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”

*Joel 2:12-13*

*Kyrie (from B minor Mass, BWV 232)*

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

*Silence.*

For our incapacity to feel the suffering of others,  
and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice  
**God forgive us.**

For the self righteousness that denies guilt,  
and the self interest that strangles compassion  
**God forgive us.**

For our failings in community,  
our lack of understanding  
**God forgive us.**

For the times we are too busy to care,  
too tired to bother, too quick to act, too slow to listen  
**God forgive us.** <sup>2</sup>

*Priest:*

God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.  
Through Christ, God has put away your sin:  
approach your God in peace. <sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> ANZPB p 168

<sup>2</sup> PACSA South Africa adapted *Bread of Tomorrow*  
ed Janet Morley p.72

<sup>3</sup> ANZPB p.458

## PSALM 119:9-16

*Setting: J. Robinson*

How shall the young keep themselves undefiled  
surely by obeying your word.

With my whole heart I seek you  
let me not stray from your commandments.

I treasure your word in my heart  
for fear I should sin against you.

Blessed are you O Lord  
O teach me your statutes.

With my lips have I been telling  
of all the judgments you have uttered.

I have found more joy  
in the way of your commandments  
than in all manner of riches.

I will meditate on your precepts  
and I will give heed to your ways.

I will delight in your statutes  
and I will not forget your word.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now:  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

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

## THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,  
it remains just a single grain;  
but if it dies it bears much fruit.

*John 12:24*

**God of the new covenant,  
in Christ you draw  
all people to yourself:  
may we die with him  
to the powers of hate  
and let him show us  
a world loved by you,  
through Jesus Christ, the fruitful grain.  
Amen.**<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Steven Shakespeare

## THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah.

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRADUAL HYMN

**In this familiar place  
I know the mystery of your grace.  
For the love that I receive,  
for the truth that I believe,  
I praise and thank you  
for this here and now.**

**In halting song and word  
the music of your voice is heard.  
For the love that I receive,  
for the truth that I believe,  
I praise and thank you  
for this here and now.**

**Among these friends of mine  
I taste the company divine.  
For the love that I receive,  
for the truth that I believe,  
I praise and thank you  
for this here and now.**

**Within this narrow sphere  
I learn that you are everywhere.  
For the love that I receive,  
for the truth that I believe,  
I praise and thank you  
for this here and now.**

*Words: Colin Gibson  
Tune: Freeland, Colin Gibson. AA 72*

## THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to John,  
chapter twelve, beginning at verse twenty.



Be a lamp to my feet.

*John 12:20-33*

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Be a light for my path.

## THE SERMON

## REFLECTIVE MUSIC

*Salvator mundi* Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

*Silence*

## 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.*

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace  
**who breaks down the walls that divide.**

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te ariki ki a koutou  
**A ki a koe ano hoki.**

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

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

**We are many, we are one,  
and the work of Christ is done  
when we learn to live in true community,  
as the stars that fill the night,  
as a flock of birds in flight,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;  
as the branches of a tree,  
as the waves upon the sea,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**All division is made whole  
when we honour every soul,  
find the life of God in every you and me,  
as the fingers of a hand,  
as the grains that form the sand,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;  
as the threads upon a loom,  
as a field of flowers in bloom,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**We will join creation's song,  
make a world where all belong,  
build as one in peace and loving harmony,  
as the voices of a choir,  
as the flames within a fire,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;  
as the snowflakes in the snow,  
as the colours of a bow,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

*Words: Colin Gibson  
Tune: Hamilton, Colin Gibson. FFS 67*

## THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

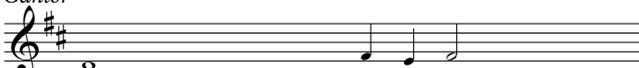
No one comes as a stranger to this holy table.  
All of us are honoured and expected guests.  
Each of us is invited to come as we are,  
holding nothing in our hands  
other than these humble offerings of bread and wine,  
the food and drink of ordinary life  
made with human hands  
from the gifts which lie in God's creation. <sup>5</sup>

**Blessed be God forever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Cantor* *All* *3*  
  
God meets us here. God's Spir-it is with us.

*Cantor* *All*  
  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to God.

*Cantor*  
  
Let us give thanks to the Ho-ly One.

*All*  
  
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

We thank you, desert Mother,  
for in the valley of dry bones  
you create hearts of flesh  
quicken by the Spirit's breath.

We thank you, wise Sister,  
that you walk in cloud and fire  
with your lost and faithless people.

We thank you, Son of Heaven,  
that you empty yourself of might and glory  
and set your face towards the fickle crowd,  
the cruel empire, the faithful despisers.

We welcome you as God's own fool  
whose cross brings to nothing  
the violence of the world  
and reveals another wisdom  
outside the city walls.

Therefore, with all who follow your way  
with the traders and tax collectors,  
the soldiers and prostitutes,  
and all who caught a glimpse of glory  
in the humanity you shared,  
we worship God's own holiness  
revealed in sweat and tears:

<sup>5</sup> Dorothy Mc Rae-McMahon "Liturgies for High Days" p.122

Holy, holy, holy is the Love called God, the sparks of hope.  
Blaze, jus-tice blaze. Blest is Je - sus who  
lit up our world, who lit up our world. Ho-san - na, ho-  
san - na, ho -san - na to the low-est and the least.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of 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.

We of-fer bread to eat with eyes and hands held  
o-pen. We pass this cup to share. We take, break,  
bless and give kind-ling hope ev' - ry where.

Therefore we come in memory and hope, responding to your call and the promise that echoes from the dawn of all time.

May mind and heart be held by your self-giving love as we stand before the cross, approach the empty tomb and praise the one whose name is lifted high above all earthly power.

Receive our broken offering through his all-powerful grace and bind us in communion with all who share your gifts; through Jesus Christ, in whom all ages and all the worlds are drawn into the ceaseless love of Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.<sup>6</sup>

*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 aiane  
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:*

Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies a  
way, never dies a-way. Within our darkest night, you kindle the  
fire that never dies a - way, never dies a - way.

## 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

*Stabat mater*

*Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)*

<sup>6</sup> Steven Shakespeare

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God,

**When we are afraid, walk beside us.**

**When we are empty, restore us.**

**When we lack purpose, give us strength.**

**For we meet you in the wilderness**

**and, with Christ, you bring us home. Amen.**<sup>7</sup>

## THE BLESSING

## NOTICES

## FINAL HYMN

**Deep in the human heart**

**the fire of justice burns:**

**a vision of a world renewed**

**through radical concerns.**

**As Christians we are called**

**to set the captives free,**

**to overthrow the evil powers**

**and end hypocrisy.**

**This is our task today**

**to build a world of peace;**

**a world of justice, freedom, truth,**

**where kindness will increase;**

**a world from hunger freed,**

**a world where people share,**

**where every person is of worth**

**and no one lives in fear.**

**Taking the step of faith**

**we leave the past behind**

**and move into the future's world**

**with open heart and mind.**

**By grace we work with Christ,**

**as one community,**

**to bring new hope and fuller life**

**to all humanity.**

*Words: W. L. Wallace*

*Tune: Diademata, George Job Elvey (1816-1893). TiS 228*

*Deacon from the rear of the Church.*

**Go now to live the gospel, go in peace.**

**Amen. We go to serve in love.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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<sup>7</sup> *Jenny Blood*