

Saint Matthew-in-the-City

Sunday 10 October 2010

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Processional Hymn

O for a thousand voices now
Would sing in heartfelt praise,
Would sing in heartfelt praise,
The beauty of the living God
And blessings, love and grace,
And blessings, love and grace,
And blessings, love and grace.

The name that calls us from our fears,
That bids our sorrow cease,
That bids our sorrow cease;
Is music to all suffering ears,
Is life and health and peace,
Is life and health and peace,
Is life and health and peace.

The God in us will work anew
To set all people free,
To set all people free.
True love can make us all aware,
Restore the earth and air,
Restore the earth and air,
Restore the earth and air.

God speaks, and listening to the voice
New life can be received,
New life can be received.
The sad and broken hearts rejoice,
The doubtful may have faith,
The doubtful may have faith,
The doubtful may have faith.

O hear us, gracious God of all,
Assist us to proclaim,
Assist us to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The wonders of this realm,
The wonders of this realm,
The wonders of this realm.

Words: Cecily Sheehy adapt.

Music: Lymington, Thomas Jarman 1776-1861

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-joice 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 Sentences and Prayer of the Day

“And this is one of the major questions of our lives:
how we keep boundaries, what permission we have
to cross boundaries, and how we do so.”

A. B. Yehoshua

Together we pray.

**May the infinite and omnipresent source of all
love give us a sense of boundaries, which define
who we are while not keeping us from becoming.
Amen.**

The First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7

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

The Gradual Hymn

**Maker of mystery,
dreamer of what will be,
well-spring and fertile ground of all our growing:
tending the buried seed,
foreseeing every need,
you draw us into life beyond our knowing.**

**Christ, strong and living vine,
spreading through space and time,
deep rooted in the love of God our mother:
dying, you live and share
your strength with us, to bear
ripe fruit in season for the life of others.**

**Wild Spirit, springing green,
coiled in the depths unseen,
promise of fruit with the seed maturing:
new life, you grow and swell,
burst from the outgrown shell,
hundredfold yield in every age ensuring.**

**Living and loving God,
sing in the pulse of our blood,
help us to know you in your own creation,
love you, the life of all,
serve you and hear your call
from our first forming to our full salvation.**

Words: Marnie Barrell

Music: Down Ampney

Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Luke, chapter
seventeen beginning at verse five

Shine on our pathways.

Luke 17:11-19

This is the Gospel of Christ.
May we hear wisdom

The Sermon

Reflective Music

Thou Visiteth the Earth

Maurice Greene

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

**We seek a faith community,
One which promotes inquiry,
And which eschews rigidity,
Yet opens to the mystery.**

**For God cannot be held inside
The thoughts and words that we provide;
Nor in our creeds which can divide;
Nor dogma that is glorified.**

**But dreams can challenge and correct;
Can prompt us question and reflect;
And with sincerity, to respect
The other faiths which some reject.**

**Our common dreams can be the seeds
Growing new truths a new age needs;
Our dreams can quash divisive creeds
From which exclusiveness proceeds.**

**Our common dreams can then ignite
Flames which can burn with wisdom's light;
And then responding with delight
Uncover more divine insight.**

Words: George Stuart
Music: Fulda
Source: SNS2 33

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:

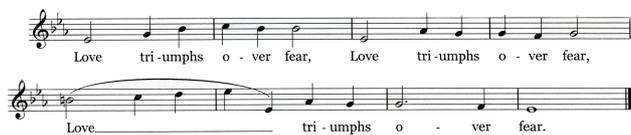
E to matou Matua i te rangi kia tapu tou Ingoa. Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga. Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite ano ki te rangi. Homai ki a matou aianei he taro ma matou mo tenei ra. Murua o matou hara, me matou hoki e muru nei, i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou. Aua hoki matou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

Cantique de Jean Racine

Faure

O Sacrum Convivium

Charpentier

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

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

Anthem

Composer