



# Saint Matthew-in-the-City

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Processional Hymn

**O loving God, for ever kind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
reclothe us in our rightful mind:  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Christ,  
let us, like them, become enticed,  
rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of the peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.**

*Words: John Greenleaf Whittier 1807-92, alt  
Music: Repton,  
Sir Charles Herbert Hastings Parry 1848-1918*

## Welcome

Hope is as welcoming as a smile, as comforting/  
endearing 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 Sentence and Prayer of the Day*

“If you have no faith in the written text, how will you trust my spoken words?”

*John 5:47 (adapted)*

*Together we pray.*

**God in all things, may we respond to your presence within us and around us, and show our trust in you as we seek life and peace for all. Amen.**

### *The First Reading*

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

*2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*

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

### *The Gradual Hymn*

**My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour’s love to me.  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I that for my sake  
the Christ should take frail flesh and die?**

**He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow**

**but some made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know,  
but O my friend! my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend.**

**Sometimes they strew his way  
and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then ‘Crucify!’ is all their breath  
and for his death they thirst and cry.**

**They rise and needs will have  
my dear One made away;  
a murderer they save:  
the Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes  
that he his foes from hence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing,  
the story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.**

*Words: Samuel; Crossman 1624-83  
Music: Love Unknown, John Ireland 1879-1962*

### *The Gospel*

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to John, chapter five beginning at verse thirty-six

#### **Shine on our pathways.**

*John 5:36b-47*

This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**May we hear wisdom**

### *The Sermon*

#### *Reflective Music*

*Turn thy face from my sins*

*Thomas Attwood 1765-1838*

### *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*

**Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of our God is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode**

**The Christ who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell with us in lowliness,  
our pattern and our King:**

**still to the lowly soul  
Christ does himself impart,  
and for his cradle and his throne  
chooses the pure in heart.**

**Christ, we your presence seek;  
this blessing now renew;  
give us a pure and lowly heart  
a temple meet for you.**

*Words: John Keble 1792-1866 vv1, 3  
William John Hall 1793-1861 vv 2, 4 adapt.  
Music: Franconia, William Henry Havergal 1793-1870*

## *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*

*The Lord is my Shepherd* SS Wesley 1810-76

*Ubi Caritas* Maurice Durufle 1902-86

## *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.*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and for ever. 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*

## **First Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

### **A Reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

#### ***Pause***

Hear what the Spirit might be saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel: John 5:36b-47**

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

### **Shine on our pathways.**

[Jesus said] “But I have a testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

“You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him?

How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?”

### **Pause**

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: May we hear wisdom**