

Saint Matthew-in-the-City

Sunday, 2nd August 2009
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Processional Hymn

New every morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we need to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, our God, in thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.

*Words John Keble 1792-1866
Music: Melcombe, S Webb, 1740-1816*

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 Sentence and Prayer of the Day

Where love rules, there is no will to power; and where power predominates, there love is lacking. The one is the shadow of the other

Carl Jung

Together we pray.

May Truth be our beacon. May we never tire striving for it. May we never claim to have found it. Amen

The First Reading

A reading from the second book of Samuel

2 Sam 11:26-12:13a

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

The Gradual Hymn

**Every day I will offer you,
loving God, my heart and mind,
every way I discover you
in the work your hand has signed;
help me see I'm your image, and
you have dreamed what I might be,
every day in your Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!**

**Every day I will look to Christ,
and give thanks for wine and bread
through pain and the emptiness
where your world cries to be fed;
help me see I can work for change,
and wherever I might be,**

**every day in your Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!**

**Everyday I will take your word,
answer your compassion's claim,
celebrate every sign of hope,
every deed done in your name;
help me see you are always there,
and your light can shine through me,
every day in your Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!**

*Words: Shirley Murray
Music: Lynnfirth, Colin Gibson*

The Gospel

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

Shine on our pathways.

John 6:24-35

This is the Gospel of Christ.
May we hear wisdom

The Sermon

Reflective Music

Fugue in E from (Well-Tempered Clavier Book 2)

JS Bach 1685-1750

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

**Teach us, O loving heart of Christ,
what only love can say:
"God, forgive" and still forgive
the blindness of our way.**

**Torn is the world you came to save –
it bleeds from hands and side,
slow is your Church to bear the scars
where suffering love has died.**

**We have not healed our neighbour's hurt
nor learned our neighbour's tongue:
across the span of creed and race
your song is not yet sung.**

**We have not found your way of peace
when lack of peace is death:
we have not fed with word or bread
the hunger of the earth.**

**Christ in whose hands were thrust the nails
and yet for us could pray –
Forgive the things we have not done,
the words we do not say.”**

*Words: Shirley Murray
Music: St Fulbert, H.J. Gauntlett 1805-76*

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:

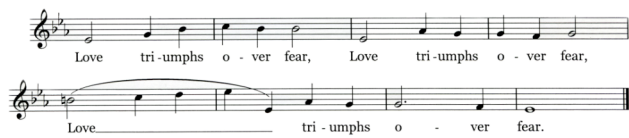
**E to matou Matua i te rangi kia tapu tou Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga. Kia meatia tau e
pai ai ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite ano ki to te
rangi. Homai ki a matou aianei he taro ma matou
mo tenei ra. Murua o matou hara, me matou hoki
e muru nei, i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.
Aua hoki matou e kawea kia whakawaia; engari
whakaorangia matou i te kino: Nou hoki te
rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te kororia, Ake, ake,
ake. Amine.**

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

Ave Verum Corpus Gounod 1818-93

Ergo Sum Panis Vivus Byrd 1543-1623

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

**God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for our living in your power.**

**Though the hosts of evil round us,
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us,
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.**

**Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your gospel's goal.**

**Fill us with a living vision;
heal our wounds that we may be
bound as one beyond division
in the journey to be free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
ears to hear and eyes to see.**

**Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore.**

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick 1878-1969
Music: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart 1813-79

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

"Toccata" from *Symphony No.5* Widor

First Reading: 2 Sam 11:26-12:13a

A Reading from the second book of Samuel

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David.

He came to him, and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him.

Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.”

Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.”

David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

Nathan said to David, “Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.

Pause

Hear what the Spirit might be saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 6:24-35

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

Shine on our pathways.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”

Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Pause

This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: May we hear wisdom