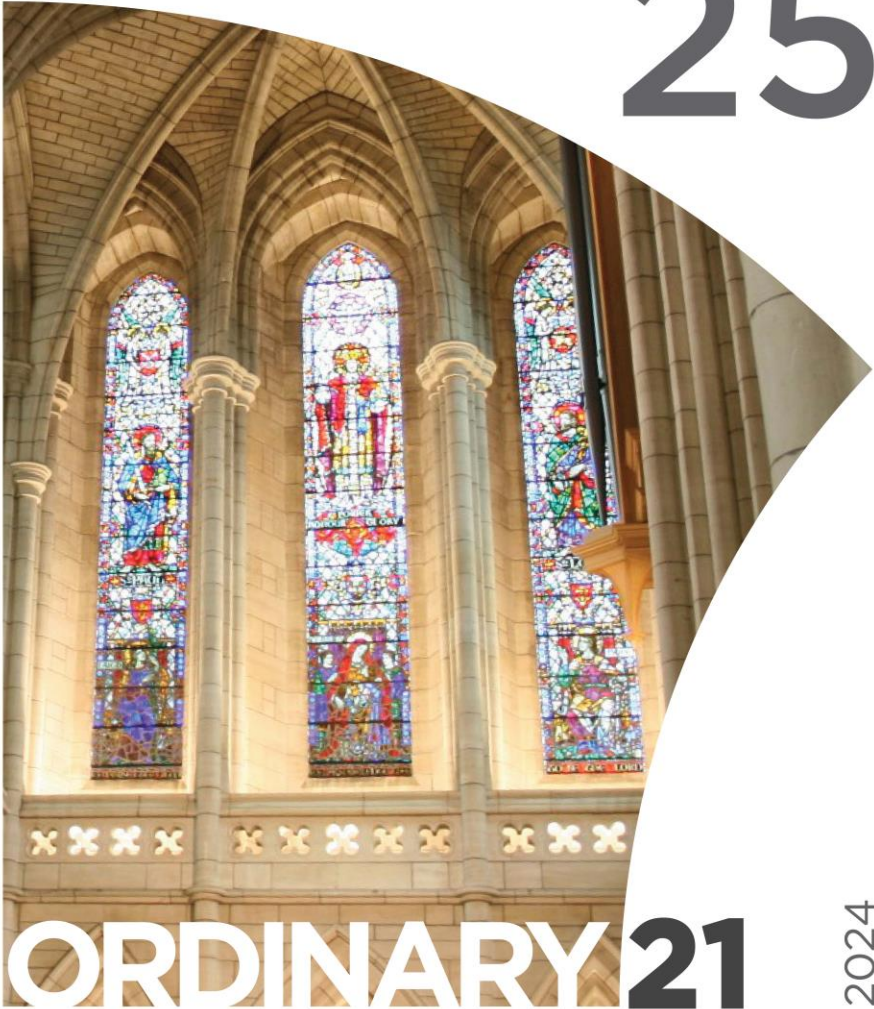




SUNDAY
AUGUST

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ORDINARY 21

2024

*At any time in the service when we invite you to stand
you are welcome to remain seated if you need to.*

INTROIT

O radiant dawn

James Macmillan

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: Blaenwern, 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: 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.**

Please be seated.

FORGIVENESS

Liturgist:

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

Kyrie (Mass of Saint Cecilia)

J. E. Turner

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.

Gloria (Mass of Saint Cecilia)

J. E. Turner

¹ *Ojibway prayer, Canada. Adapted by Anton Spelman.*

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Fasten the belt of truth around your waist
and as shoes for your feet,
put on what will make you ready
to proclaim the gospel of peace.

Ephesians 6:14-15

**Ever living God,
your son Jesus gave himself as living bread for the world;
give us such a knowledge of his presence
that we may be strengthened and sustained
for life in that same world. Amen.** ²

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the First Epistle to the Ephesians

Ephesians 6:10-20

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

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

**Tama ngākau mārie, Tama a t'Atua,
tēnei tonu mātou, arohaina mai.**

**Murua rā ngā hara. Wetekina mai
ēnei here kino, whakararu nei.**

**Takahia ki raro, tau e kino ai;
kei pā kaha tonu, ko nga mahi hē.**

**Hōmai he aroha, mōu i mate nei.
Tēnei ra, e Ihu, tākina e koe.**

**Tēnei arahina, a tutuki noa:
puta i te pōuri, whiwhi hari nui.**

**Tama ngākau mārie, Tama a t'Atua,
tēnei tonu mātou, arohaina mai. Amine.** ³

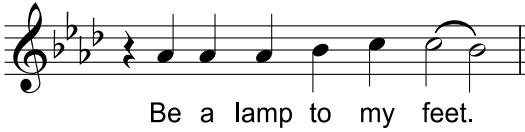
Words: Trad. Maori Hymn. Tune: Tama ngākau mārie, trad. Maori hymn. AA 128

² *A Prayer Book for Australia, adapted*

³ *Son of a peaceful heart, remove our sin. Trample evil underfoot. Give us love and lead us through darkness to joy. Son of a peaceful heart, love us.*

THE GOSPEL

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



Be a lamp to my feet.

John 6:56-69

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Be a light for my path. 4

THE SERMON

THE SILENCE

THE ANTHEM

Quata qualia

Patrick Hawes

Liturgist: We stand to affirm the faith we share
and seek to follow in word and chant
from the cultures of this land.

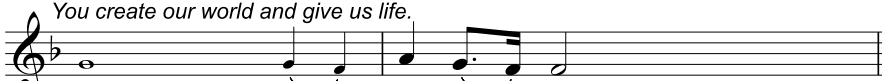
HE TIKANGA WHAKAPONO THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You, O God, are supreme and holy.



Ko koe, e te Atua ta-pu, **te ti - no Atua,**

You create our world and give us life.



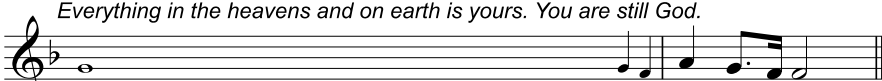
Nou te mana, te i - hi, ___ **te we - hi.**

Yours is the world.



Nou te ao, te mau - ri, ___ **te o - ra.**

Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours. You are still God.




Nau te katoa, i te rangi, i te whenua. Ko koe to - nu_ **te A - tua.**

You are the light of the world.



Ko koe te maramatan - ga ___ **o te a-o,**

You shine through the darkness

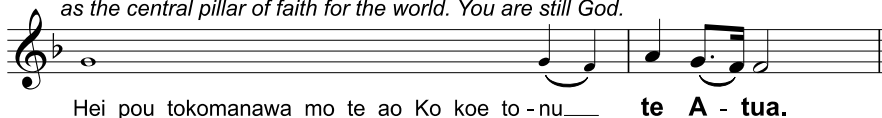


I tiaho ra a koe i roto i ___ **te pou - ri,**

to reveal your son Jesus Christ



as the central pillar of faith for the world. You are still God.



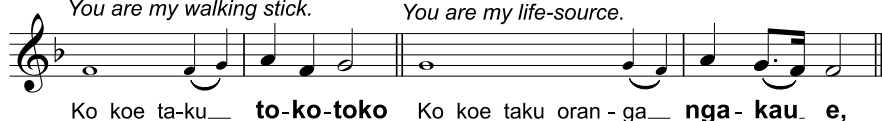
You are the Holy Spirit.

You are my staff.



You are my walking stick.

You are my life-source.



You are still God.

Glory to you.



Music: Bishop Muru Walters

Please be seated.

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

**O Christ, at your first Eucharist you prayed
that all your Church might be for ever one;
may at each Eucharist this prayer be made
with longing heart and soul, 'Your will be done.'
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**For all your Church, O Christ, we intercede;
make all our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to you, O Prince of Peace:
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**We link our hands with peoples round the world;
bind them with love in every time and place;
show us the faith that saints believed of old;
keep hope and trust alive on every face.
Soon may we all one bread, one body be
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**So, Christ at length when sacraments shall cease
may we hold fast to justice and be free;
one with your saints in one unbroken peace,
one with your saints in blessed liberty.
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
one in the mystery of unity.**

*Words: William Henry Turton (1856-1938) alt.v3, v4 Jenny Blood (1932-2022)
Tune: Song 1, arranged from melody and bass of Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)
arr. attrib. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). TIS 521*

* *During this hymn there is a collection to support St Matthew's.*

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Please be seated.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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

Blessed be God forever.

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 God

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 body 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, Christ joined the labour of all creation's yearning;
And in his rising hallowed us all to bear the glory of God;
and sent the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus (Mass of Saint Cecilia)

J. E. Turner

We give thanks for our brother, Jesus Christ;
who, on the night that he was betrayed,
gathered with his 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
Christ is present in touch and taste beyond all words.

**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.**

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 honour and glory be yours
Here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

⁵ *Steven Shakespeare, adapted*

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 aianeī 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

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.**

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

Agnus Dei (Mass of Saint Cecilia)

J. E. Turner

There is a balm in Gilead

Arr. by William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

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.** ⁶

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

⁶ *Jenny Blood (1932-2022)*

FINAL HYMN

**Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.**

**With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the Word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.**

**To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.**

**Then give us grace, Companion-God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.**

Words: Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

*Tune: Winchester New, melody adapted by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)
from a chorale in the 'Musikalisches Hand-Buch', Hamburg, 1690, TIS 270*

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

Air and Variation in E (on organ) George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

MUSIC NOTES

James Macmillan's Strathclyde Motets are communion motets setting propers of the mass for various Sundays and feasts. O Radiant Dawn is an antiphon for 21st December, the text (in English) is one of the "Great O" antiphons which are used on the seven days approaching Christmas.

Composer Patrick Hawes writes "The original version of O Quanta Qualia for solo soprano and SATB choir first appeared on my debut album Blue in Blue in 2004. It was subsequently recorded by Hayley Westenra for her Number-One-selling album Odyssey and, in 2014, Patrick was approached by Voces8 to produce a version for them with saxophone which featured on their Number-One-selling album Eventide. The words, by my brother Andrew, express a heartfelt longing for the joys of heaven – a happiness to be shared in a future moment of meeting. The ecstasy of this moment is certainly underlined by the soprano line, with the repetition of key words 'mane', 'gaudia' and 'conventus' deepening the intensity of the yearning for bliss." Translation: O my soul Wait! O how great and how wonderful the joys of meeting will be.

Perhaps the most enduring concert choral arrangement of the great African-American spiritual There is a balm in Gilead, was composed by William Levi Dawson (1899-1990) in 1939 for the Tuskegee Choir Series of spirituals. Countless church and college choirs have sung this beautiful, hushed and powerful arrangement.

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