

A spirited place where people stand, connect and seek common ground

SUNDAY OCTOBER

2022





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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All creatures of our God and light, lift up your voice with all your might; Alleluia! Alleluia! you burning sun with golden beam, you silver moon with softer gleam, O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia! Alleluia!

You rushing wind with voice so strong, you clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise God, Alleluia! you rising morn, in praise rejoice, you lights of evening find a voice, O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia! Alleluia!

You flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your God to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia! you fire so powerful and bright, wonderful source of warmth and light, O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all forgiven tender hearts, forgiving others, take your part, sing praises, Alleluia! you who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God, who knows your ev'ry care. O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words: adapted and used with permission of Dr Douglas Mews Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from 'Geistliche Kirchengesäng", Cologne, 1623 arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). TiS 100

WFLCOMF

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.

THE GLORIA

ALL:





Words: Jenny Blood. Music: Michael Bell

Please be seated.

Liturgist:

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

FORGIVENESS

E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.

Et te Karaiti, kia aroha mai.

E te Ariki, kia aroha mai. 1

Silence

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. ²

Priest: God forgives us, be at peace.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Guard the good treasure of faith entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

2 Timothy 1:14

God of the growing seed, you reach to the roots of our being and help our faith to grow. Help us to know ourselves through the eyes of the one who serves, the source of our faith: Jesus. Amen. ³

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¹ [Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy]

² Ojibway prayer, Canada. Adapted by Anton Spelman.

³ Steven Shakespeare, adapted

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Habakkuk.

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love; where there is injury, your pardon, Christ; and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

O Jesus, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, let me bring your light; and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Jesus, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

> Words: Based on an anonymous prayer (? French) c. 1900 This version by Johann Sebastian Templehoff ('Sebastian Temple') (1928-1997) Tune: Channel of Peace, Sebastian Temple (1928-1997) arr. Betty Pulkingham. TiS 607

THE GOSPEL

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



Luke 17:5-10

This is the Gospel of Christ.



THE SERMON

THE SILENCE

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Reflection on Loosemore 'O Lord, increase our faith'

Henry Loosemore (1600-1670)

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 4

Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow, for there's a connection with our resurrection that flowers will bud after frost and snow,

so there's never a time to stop believing, there's never a time for hope to die, there's never a time to stop loving, these three things go on.

There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking, a time to be laughing, a time to weep, a time to be building, a time to be breaking, a time to be waking, a time to sleep,

but there's never a time to stop believing, there's never a time for hope to die, there's never a time to stop loving, these three things go on.

There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing, a time to be saving, a time to spend, a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing, a time for beginning, a time to end,

but there's never a time to stop believing, there's never a time for hope to die, there's never a time to stop loving, these three things go on.

Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020). Tune: Kotuku, Colin Gibson. AA 113

⁴ There is a donation bowl on the back table. For electronic giving option:

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download the PUSHPAY app from Apple Store or Google Playstore and search for St Matthew-in-the-City.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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

ALL: 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 the God of peace.

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.

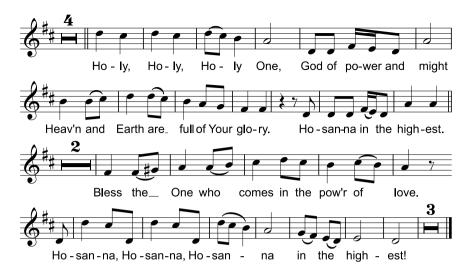
We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth, of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder.

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 flesh 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, he joined the labour of all creation's yearning; in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of God; he gives the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

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



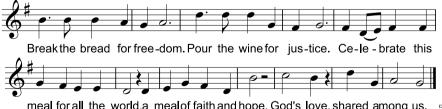
We give thanks for our brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

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.



meal for all the world, a meal of faith and hope, God's love, shared among us. 5

⁵ Words by Jenny Blood (1932-2022)

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. ⁶

United in the power of love with all who stand for justice, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.



Please be seated.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ teaches us 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.

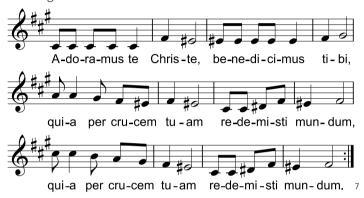
⁶ Steven Shakespeare, adapted

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.

We sing three times:



THE INVITATION

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua, tangohia ēnei 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.

⁷ We adore you, Jesus Christ, and we bless your holy name; truly your cross and passion bring us life and healing.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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.

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. 8

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

⁸ Jenny Blood (1932-2022)

FINAL HYMN

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

> Christ, our God, to you we raise this our grateful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,

Christ, our God, to you we raise this our grateful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Christ, our God, to you we raise this our grateful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift divine to our world so freely given, graces all of your design, flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

Christ, our God, to you we raise this our grateful hymn of praise.

Words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), adapted Tune: Dix, arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889) from a chorale by Conrad Kocher (1786-1872). TiS 314 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

Prelude and Fugue in F BWV 556 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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