



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

SUNDAY
JUNE
16
2024



11th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**Called as partners in Christ's service,
Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
In a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens,
Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
Then surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace.**

Words: J. P. Huber (1926-2008). Tune: Blauenwern, W. P. Rowlands (1860-1937). TIS 590

WELCOME

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

Liturgist: Be with us, Spirit of God;
for nothing can separate us from your love.
Breathe on us, breath of God;
and fill us with your loving presence.
Speak in us, wisdom of God;
and bring strength, healing and peace.

**God of our days and years,
we set this time apart to be still.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may reflect you. Amen.**¹

Please be seated.

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

FORGIVENESS

1st time CANTOR, 2nd time ALL

E te A - ri - ki kia_ a - ro - ha mai.

E - te - Ka - rai - ti kia_ a - ro - ha mai.

E te A - ri - ki kia_ a - ro - ha mai. 2

Silence

¹ Church of England

² [Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy].
Ian Render. Tune: Newlands Road. FFS 13

**God of life,
in our indifference and helplessness
we destroy your creation;
we condone violence and ignore suffering;
we do not act with compassion and justice.
Breathe on us, God, this day,
that we might be whole again.** ³

Priest: God forgives us,
forgive others,
forgive yourself.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

**Creating God
your reign of love makes all things new:
plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts
so that, trusting in your word,
we may live for your creation and for you.
Amen.** ⁴

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

Chant: George Elvey (1816-1893)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name O Most High,
to tell of your love in the morning
and of your faithfulness during the night,
on the ten-stringed lyre and the lute:
with the tuneful sound of the harp.

For you Lord have made me glad by your deeds,
I shout for joy at the works of your hands.

³ *Jenny Blood (1932-2022)*

⁴ *Daily Prayer for All Seasons, ECUSA, p. 126, adapted*

The just shall flourish like a palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Planted in the house of the Lord,
they flourish in the courts of our God.

Still bearing fruit in their old age,
they are still green and full of sap,
to show that the Lord is just,
the Lord my rock, in whom is no unrighteousness.

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 17:22-24

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

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

**Deep in the human heart
the fire of justice burns:
a vision of a world renewed
through radical concerns.
As Christians we are called
to set the captives free,
to overthrow the evil powers
and end hypocrisy.**

**This is our task today
to build a world of peace;
a world of justice, freedom, truth,
where kindness will increase;
a world from hunger freed,
a world where people share,
where every person is of worth
and no one lives in fear.**

**Taking the step of faith
we leave despair behind
and move into the future's world
with open heart and mind.
By grace we work with Christ,
as one community,
to bring new hope and fuller life
to all humanity.**

*Words: W. L. Wallace, adapted
Tune: Diademata, George Job Elvey (1816-1893). TIS 228*

THE GOSPEL

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



Mark 4:26-34

This is the Gospel of Christ.



THE SERMON

SILENCE

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ the apple tree

Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

⁵ *Music: Michael CW Bell*

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 *

**For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God.**

**For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.**

**For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.**

**In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.**

**In our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

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

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2. *use the Tap n Go terminal on top of the donation box*



For the harvests of the Spirit,
 thanks be to God.
 For the good we all inherit,
 thanks be to God.
 For the wonders that astound us,
 for the truths that still confound us,
 most of all that love has found us,
 thanks be to God.

Words: Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos, Welsh trad.l melody arr. as in the English Hymnal, 1906. TIS 168

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Cantor

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

All

Bless'd be God for - ev - er.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Cantor *All*

The Spirit is here. **God's hope is in us.**

Cantor *All*

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Cantor

Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

All

It is right to of-fer thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks, Creator of all,
for your voice alone brought light and life to birth when all began.
You called each one of us to be,
and named us with the name that you alone could speak.
You called us to be lovers of creation,
and to care for each other as you had cared for us.

But we betrayed your trust
and we in turn became the victims of betrayal.
The bond of trust became the bondage of division:
male and female, Jew and Gentile,
slave and free, oppressor and oppressed.

Yet you in your love did not desert us,
but instead Jesus came among us to seek us out,
to gather in the lost and outcast.
He threw open the doors of freedom,
casting out the darkness of our hearts
and greeting us as God's beloved friends and children.

In place of judgment, Jesus gave us compassion;
in place of condemnation, healing.
And even as he came to share our suffering,
he called us to be witnesses,
to follow in the way that led to the cross;
and to see with our own eyes the depths of your forgiveness.
Therefore, with all that have life in him, we praise you and sing:

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just,
Glory and goodness come from you.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

On the night before he died,
our friend and brother Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:
“Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to the disciples and said:
“Drink of this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, loving God, we offer this bread and wine,
giving thanks for his death and resurrection:

Priest: Bread of life

All: food for the world

Cup of life
for the thirsty.

Jesus our brother
Offered for us.

Now, as was promised, send us your loving Spirit,
that this bread and this cup may represent
the life-giving presence of your Christ,
and make us one in your covenant of love,
proclaiming the freedom of new life, as together we sing: ⁶

**Blessing and honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now end forever. Amen.**

⁶ *The Great Thanksgiving is adapted from a service from St Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco*

Please be seated.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e to tātou Ariki, ka inoi tātou:

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi,
kia tapu tōu Ingoa.**

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

**Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.**

**Hōmai ki a mātou āianei
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.**

**Murua ō mātou hara,
me mātou hoki e muru nei,
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.**

**Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:**

**Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,
Āke, ake, ake. Āmine.**

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:



Love tri-umphs o-verfear, Love tri-umphs o-verfear,



Love _____ tri-umphs o - ver fear.

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

Teach me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Now the green blade riseth Trad. French carol, arr. by M. Shaw (1875-1958)

Ave verum corpus

William Byrd (1540-1623)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, whom we know in love and graciousness,
we accept with gratitude all that lies within this sacred feast.

**May we carry into the world the bread which brings life
and the wine of compassion for all who wait in longing.
This we pray in your name. Amen.**⁷

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

⁷ Dorothy McRae-McMahon "Liturgies for High Days", p. 126

FINAL 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! 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! 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! 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! Alleluia!**

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Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from 'Geistliche Kirchengesäng', Cologne, 1623
arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). TiS 531*

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

MUSIC NOTES

Elizabeth Poston was a composer, arranger, pianist and arts administrator. Her best-known compositions are based upon folk tunes, and her setting of Jesus Christ the apple tree (the author of the New England poem is unknown), spread her name across the English-speaking world. It is her most famous composition, admirably displaying her qualities as a sensitive creative figure. The traditional French Christmas carol Noël nouvelet can also be refreshingly and simply sung to alternative Easter words that recall the promise of Spring and the hope of earth. It is infused with quiet, joyful expectation. William Byrd's 'Gradualia' includes the four-voice motet Ave verum corpus, which sets words specified in the Catholic liturgy for use on the feast of Corpus Christi. Today no composition by Byrd is performed and recorded more often than this one, partly because it is such a gem that offers such rich opportunities for expressive singing, and partly because it is technically not hard for choirs to sing. Nonetheless this motet, like Byrd's Masses, attained its popularity only in the modern era; being strictly a Catholic work, it was totally shunned by English church musicians until its revival by Catholic choirs late in the nineteenth century. In an age of greater religious tolerance its popularity quickly spread, and by a pleasing twist of fortune Byrd's Ave verum corpus is now a staple not only of Catholic choral worship, but of Anglican and other denominations too. Byrd would have been amazed. Translation: Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary: truly you suffer, offered in sacrifice on the cross for man. From whose pierced side flowed the blood: may we have tasted of you when we come to the trial of death. O gentle, loving Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

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