

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

SUNDAY OCTOBER

2024



30th 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.

INTROIT

Oculi omnium

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

In this familiar place
I know the mystery of your grace.
For the love that I receive,
for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you
for this here and now.

In halting song and word the music of your voice is heard. For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe, I praise and thank you for this here and now.

Among these friends of mine I taste the company divine. For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe, I praise and thank you for this here and now.

Within this narrow sphere I learn that you are everywhere. For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe, I praise and thank you for this here and now.

Words: Colin Gibson, Tune: Freeland, Colin Gibson, AA 72

WELCOME

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:

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

where God has made a holy dwelling.

God is in the midst of the city, it shall not be moved;

God will help us at the break of day. 1

BENEDICITE AOTEAROA

O give thanks to God who is good, whose love endures for ever. Sunrise and sunset, night and day



You prophets, priests, cleaners and clerks, professors, programmers, teachers and learners, seekers, discoverers, drivers and doctors



You sweepers, diplomats, writers and artists, grocers, carpenters, students and shop workers, homemakers, mystics, aid workers and lawyers



¹ Psalm 46:4

You Māori, Pākehā, women and men, all who inhabit the long white cloud. all saints and martyrs of the South Pacific



Please be seated.

FORGIVENESS

Liturgist:

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

1st time CANTOR, 2nd time ALL Ε kia_ te ri - ki a-ro - ha mai. te Ka - rai-ti kia_ a-ro - ha mai. Ε te A - ri - ki kia_ a-ro - ha

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

Ian Render, Tune: Newlands Road, FFS 13

mai.

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Silence

²NZPB p 63, adapted

Holy God, we acknowledge we have resisted the light of your love, we have not fully shared the gifts entrusted to us, we have not treasured the gifts of our neighbours. We are in need of your love.

Priest:

God our healer whose mercy is like a refining fire: touch us with your justice and confront us with your tenderness; that, being forgiven and comforted by you, we may reach out to a troubled world.

Amen. ³

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Those who now sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, as they carry their seed for sowing will come back with shouts of joy as they carry their harvest home.

Psalm 126:5.6

Gracious God,
you long for all people to experience your life-giving love.
You reach out to us, in midst of our struggles.
Grant us new vision
that we may recognise your way and follow you. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Job.

Job 42:1-6

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

Thanks be to God.

³ Daily Prayers for All Seasons p 15-16

THE GRADUAL HYMN

God comes to us as one unheard in silences profound, or marvels of a symphony, sublimity of sound.

God comes to us as one unseen in beauties of the earth; a seagull's flight, a sunset sky, the miracle of birth.

God comes to us as one unknown to share our joys, our pain; that presence felt, the gift of grace our peace and hope sustain.

God comes to us at every hour when strength and faith are weak; the smiles of friends, encircling arms, of reassurance speak.

God comes in unexpected ways, surprising us with joy, reminding that the light of love no darkness can destroy.

Teach us, O God, to recognize your spirit everywhere; make us aware, responsive, keen your love for all to share.

Words: Jocelyn Marshall

Tune: St Peter, Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877). TiS 485

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Mark, chapter ten, beginning at verse forty-six.



Mark 10:46-52

This is the Gospel of Christ.



THE SERMON

SILENCE

ANTHEM

Jesu! dulcis memoria

Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist:

Let us gather our hearts and minds in prayer; prayer for our world and for all people.

THE PEACE

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Kia tau te rangimārie o te Atua ki a koutou.

A ki a koe ano hoki.

[The peace of God be always with you. And also with you.] Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

⁴ Music by Michael CW Bell

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *

Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it, protect it like a candleflame, with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation; be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.

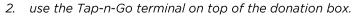
Put peace into each other's hands like bread we break for sharing; look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring.

As at communion, shape your hands into a waiting cradle; the gift of Christ receive, revere, united round the table.

Put Christ into each other's hands, he is love's deepest measure; in love make peace, give peace a chance, and share it like a treasure.

> Words: Fred Kaan (1929-2009) Tune: St Columba, Irish traditional hymn melody. TiS 523

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THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING





Let us lift up our hearts. We lift up our hearts in hope and praise.



Let us give thanks to God. We of-fer our lives in joy and prom-ise.

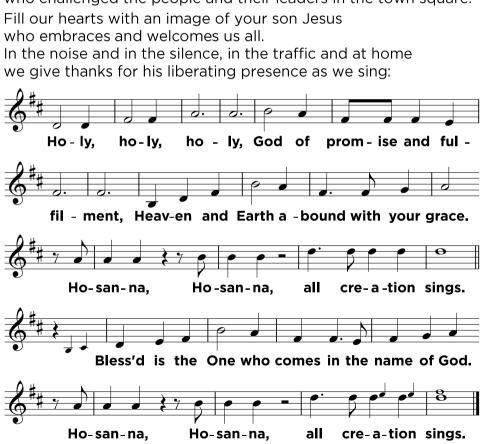
In a city of a thousand strands, laden with the sights and sounds of God's colourful people, we meet the Creator and discover the mark of God in both stranger and friend.

God of many names, we give you thanks that you are uniting the people of the city.

In a city of forgotten people and lost stories help us to listen for your good news amongst those left out or left behind in the busy rush.

We give thanks for Jeremiah who prayed for the city, for it is here that we make our home and learn of you.

We give thanks for prophets like Deborah who challenged the people and their leaders in the town square.



The city was crowded with people from across the world, the faithful gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover: the festival of freedom.

Jesus and his friends rented a room above a busy street, and there they shared a last meal together.

In the quiet of the night Jesus took a piece of bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

'This is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.' He meets the needs of a hungry city.

When everyone had finished eating

Jesus took a cup of Passover wine, gave thanks and said:

'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this to remember me.' He quenches our thirst as we search for a holy city. 5



Send your Holy Spirit that we who receive this bread may indeed be the body of Christ,

and we who share this cup draw strength from the one true vine. For you dwell in the heavenly city and make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.



⁵ Chris Shannahan [2008], adapted

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



Taizé, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

O Lord increase our faith

Henry Loosemore (1600-1670)

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

Percy W. Whitlock (1903-1946)

Be thou my vision

Bob Chilcott

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We bless you, generous God abiding in every part of the city, in each other, and in the stranger, who waits with us for a place at the table of life.

May we also learn the way to make room for all.

Amen. ⁶

THE BLESSING

⁶ Jenny Blood (1932-2022)

NOTICES

FINAL HYMN

We limit not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind, to notions of our day and place, crude, partial, and confined: no, let a new and better hope within our hearts be stirred: O God, grant yet more light and truth to break forth from your Word.

Who dares to bind to one's own sense the oracles of heaven, for all the nations, tongues and climes and all the ages given?
That universe, how much unknown!
That ocean unexplored!
O God, grant yet more light and truth to break forth from your Word.

Eternal God, incarnate Word,
Spirit of flame and dove;
enlarge, expand all living souls
to comprehend your love;
and help us all to seek your will
with wiser powers conferred O God, grant yet more light and truth
to break forth from your Word.

Words: George Rawson (1807-1889), adapted by Jenny Blood (1932-2022)
Tune: Kingsfold, from an English and Irish traditional melody
coll. Lucy Broadwood (1858-1929)
harm. and arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). TiS 262

Deacon from the rear of the Church.

May the streets of our city be holy ground under your feet. Go into the city, walking in faith and hope.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata in B minor

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

MUSIC NOTES

Like Stanford, his teacher, Charles Wood was Irish by birth. After studying at the Royal College of Music in London, Wood took up resi-dence at Selwyn College, Cambridge, moving to Gonville and Caius College upon his appointment as Organist-scholar, before being elected to a fellowship. Much of Wood's church music was written with the Cambridge college choirs in mind, with their ability to sing double-choir music with relative ease. However, Oculi omnium is the second of two easy, short introits published in 1927, and reflects his teacher's style and harmonic vocabulary.

Jesu, dulcis memoria (translation:) Jesus, sweet remembrance, granting the heart its true joys, but above honey and all things is his sweet presence. Nothing more pleasing can be sung, nothing gladder can be heard, nothing sweeter can be thought than Jesus, son of God. Jesus, hope of the penitent, how merciful you are to those who ask, how good to those who seek, but what you are to those who find! Tongue has no power to describe nor writings to express, but only belief can know by experience what it is to love Jesus. Be our joy, Jesus, who will be the prize we win, may all our glory be in you, always and through all ages. Amen.

One of the leading English organists of his generation, Percy Whitlock's life was tragically cut short by tuberculosis at the age of 43. He studied at London's Royal College of Music with Stanford and Vaughan Williams and from 1921-1930 was Assistant Organist at Rochester Cathedral in Kent. He served as Director of Music at St Stephen's Church, Bournemouth for the next five years, combining this role with that of that town's borough organist, regularly playing at the local Pavilion Theatre. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face is the second of three introits published in 1930 by Oxford University Press.

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