

# ST MATTHEW-IN-THE-CITY

## 10 OCTOBER 2021

### 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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.**<sup>1</sup>

## 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



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<sup>1</sup> Psalm 46:4-5

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



**Give to God your thanks and praise.**

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



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## THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The word of God is living and active,  
sharper than any two-edged sword;  
it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

*Hebrews 4:12*

**God of the narrow way,  
you call us to shed  
all that burdens  
the lightness of life:  
help us to surrender false wealth,  
embrace our need of you  
and live for you  
above all things, Amen.**

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 10:17-31*

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<sup>2</sup> NZPB p 63, adapted. Setting: Matthew Howes.

# HYMN

**Take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me,  
gave me light and food and shelter,  
gave me life and set me free.  
Now, because your love has touched me,  
I have love to give away;  
now the bread of love is rising,  
loaves of love to multiply!**

**Take the fruit that I have gathered  
from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion,  
juice that makes the wine of God;  
spiced with humour, laced with laughter –  
flavour of the Jesus life,  
tang of risk and new adventure,  
taste and zest beyond belief.**

**Take whatever I can offer –  
gifts that I have yet to find,  
skills that I am slow to sharpen,  
talents of the hand and mind,  
things made beautiful for others  
in the place where I must be:  
take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me.**

*Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020). Tune: Talavera Terrace, Colin Gibson. AA 127*

# THE SERMON

## ANTHEM

*Song*

*Anthony Ritchie*<sup>3</sup>

*Bianca Andrew (mezzo-soprano), Paul Chan (piano)*

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<sup>3</sup> *Song, to a poem by James K. Baxter, is a soulful evocation of the figure of Jesus Christ. It was commissioned by the Holy Cross Chapel, Mosgiel with assistance from QEII Arts Council of NZ (now Creative New Zealand).*

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God,  
**and let our cry come to you.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka ĭnoi 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 āiane 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 BLESSING

## THE DISMISSAL

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

*Ein Siegesgesang Israels (alla Händel)*      *Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)*