

ST MATTHEW-IN-THE-CITY

PATRONAL FEAST ST MATTHEW'S DAY

26 SEPTEMBER 2021

INTROIT

Blest are the pure in heart

Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

WELCOME

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

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 for you.

Form us in the likeness of Christ

so that our lives may reflect your life. Amen.¹

¹ Church of England, adapted

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Matthew 5:6

**Welcoming Spirit,
come into your people where we stand in the city,
holding out our hands to embrace all,
young and old, gay and straight,
doubters and seekers,
all whom You include in Your loving care.
May we be a compassionate people
reaching out to those like Matthew,
whom Jesus loved and welcomed into his community.
Amen.²**

HYMN

**We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon a loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

² *Jenny Blood*

**We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

Words and music Colin Gibson

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew,
chapter nine, beginning at verse nine.

Be a lamp to my feet.

Matthew 9:9-13

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Be a light for my path.

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Taize Love triumphs over fear

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 āianeī 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

DISMISSAL

Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.

Amen. We go in the power of love.

RECESSIONAL MUSIC | VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in D

David Johnson (1922-1987)