

ST MATTHEW-IN-THE-CITY



TRINITY SUNDAY

30 MAY 2021

INTROIT

Holy is the true light

William H. Harris (1883-1973)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.

Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence –
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure –
foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe,
when shown Christ's vibrant unity.

*Words: John L. Bell & Graham Maule
Tune: Praise, my soul. John Goss (1800-1880). TIS 179*

WELCOME

Priest: In the name of God:
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.

Amen.

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

Sing prais - es to God, Cre -
at - ing Pres - ence, Spin - ner of star - dust bril - liant with light,
Paint - er of dark - ness, deep - er than night. All glo - ry to God.

Sing prais - es to God,
born of com - pas - sion, Heal - ing re - la - tion - ship, bless - ing the poor,
Spurned as a reb - el by peo - ple in power. All glo - ry to God.

Sing prais - es to God,
 Flame of the Spir-it, Dream-ing new vi-sions, sing-ing new songs,
 Bring - er of good news for which the heart longs.
 All glo - ry to God. All glo - ry to God

Words: Jenny Blood. Music: Michael Bell

Please be seated.

FORGIVENESS

Kyrie

from Missa Brevis

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Holy One, look at our brokenness.

We know that in all creation only the human family
 has strayed away from the sacred way.

We know that we are the ones
 who must come back together
 to walk in the sacred way.

Holy One, sacred one,
 teach us love, compassion and honour
 that we may heal the earth and heal each other. ¹

Priest: God forgives us, be at peace.

¹ *Ojibway prayer, Canada*

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God;
it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit
that we are children of God.

Romans 8:14, 16

Enfolding God, Trinity of love,
you are our source, our goal, our life:
may we be born again in you,
no more to live alone and unconnected,
but sharing in the Spirit's breath and carried to your heart;
through Jesus Christ, who lifts us up. Amen. ²

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 6:1-8

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Yours the hand that made creation,
womb of every constellation,
every species, every nation:
glory to the Three-in-One.

Jesus, from the first descending,
by your birth the broken mending,
Word of God the never-ending:
glory to the Three-in-One.

Holy Wisdom, ever near us,
tongue of fire to teach all hearers,
sanctify and guard and cheer us:
glory to the Three-in-One.

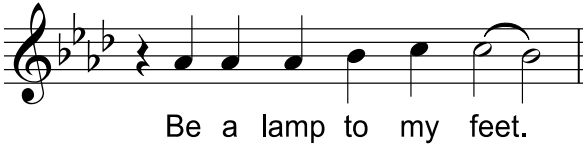
Words: Elliot Rose (1928-1994), alt.

*Tune: Quem Pastores, German traditional melody (14th century);
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). Common Praise 256*

² *Steven Shakespeare*

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to John, chapter three, beginning at verse one.



John 3:1-17

This is the Gospel of Christ.



THE SERMON

ANTHEM

O Trinity, most blessed light

C. Kenneth Turner

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.

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace
who breaks down the walls that divide.

The peace of God be always with you.

Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.

Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Great ring of light,
true circle with no ending;
clear beams so bright,
whose purpose knows no bending;
O Word of God,
in darkness always shining out.

A man who cried
upon a cross at Calvary;
for him who died
an empty tomb, a mystery;
O risen Christ,
all pain and loss transcending.

Immortal fire
of love forever yearning;
flame of desire
for our salvation burning;
Spirit divine,
our friend and present comforter.

The light shines still,
the eternal Word has spoken;
on Calvary's hill
the power of death is broken;
and I receive
the life, the joy, the loving.

*Words: Colin Gibson
Tune: Halley, Colin Gibson. AA 57*

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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

All:

Musical notation for the first line of the song. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. There are two triplet markings over the first three notes and the last three notes. The lyrics are "Bless-ed be God for ev - er." with hyphens under "ed" and "ev".

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Cantor

Musical notation for the second line of the song. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. There is a triplet marking over the last three notes. The lyrics are "The Spirit is here God's hope is in us".

Cantor

Musical notation for the third line of the song. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. There is a triplet marking over the last three notes. The lyrics are "Lift up your hearts We lift them up to God".

Cantor

Musical notation for the fourth line of the song. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are "Let us give thanks to the God of peace".

All

Musical notation for the fifth line of the song. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are "It is right to offer thanks and praise.".

We praise you, life-giving God
 mystery of being, and freedom of the world.
 Through your love all things came into being
 reflecting infinite beauty and the glory of diversity.
 You drew near to Abraham and Sarah
 as the unexpected guest; you wrestled with Jacob
 and blessed him with wounds; you dwelt as glory and
 wisdom with the people of your covenant.
 In Jesus of Nazareth you engaged our human story
 and came among us in Word made flesh.
 Through human fear and violence our brother Jesus was crucified.
 Through the risen Christ we are gathered in hope.
 Through the restless Spirit of life, you bring life to our diversity,
 you end our isolation, you draw all our ways
 into the community of your grace.

Therefore we join the eternal song of power and glory shared,
 of communion and integrity, of difference and delight: ³

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One, God of po - wer and might Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless the One who comes in the pow'r of love. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est!". There are four numerical markers: a '4' at the beginning of the first staff, a '2' above the second staff, and a '3' above the final staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

³ Steven Shakespeare, "Prayers for an Inclusive Church", 2008 (alt.)

On the night before he died Jesus took bread;
when he had given thanks he broke it,
gave it to his disciples and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;

when he had given thanks he gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood which brings new life;
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.



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Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death
of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,
feed us with your life, fire us with your love,
confront us with your justice,
and make us one in the body of Christ
with all who share your gifts of love.

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

Blessing and hon-our and glo - ry be Yours, here and
 ev-ry -where now and for - ev - er, A - men.

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 ālanei
 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:

Ve - ni San-cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris i - gnemac - cen - de.

Ve - ni San-cte Spi - ri - tus, ve - ni San-cte Spi - ri - tus.

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(Come Holy Spirit and kindle the flame of your love.)

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

Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei

from Missa Brevis

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest:

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.

Amen.

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. ⁶

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

⁶ *Jenny Blood*

FINAL HYMN

O threefold God of tender unity,
life's great unknown that binds and sets us free:
felt in our loving, greater than our thought,
you are the mystery found, the mystery sought.

O blaze of radiance, source of light that blinds,
the fiery splendour of prophetic minds,
you live in mystery, yet within us dwell;
life springs from you as from a living well.

Most loving Parent, Child of joys and pains,
creative Spirit, life-force that sustains,
in bone and flesh, in blood we touch your hand,
your face we see in water, air and land.

In every making, each creative dream
and in the flowing of life's healing stream,
when love is born or people reconciled,
we share your life, O Parent, Spirit, Child.

O threefold God of tender unity,
life's great unknown that binds and sets us free:
felt in our loving, greater than our thought,
you are the mystery found, the mystery sought.

Words: Bill Wallace

Tune: Woodlands, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949). TIS 161

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

Toccata on hymn tune "Nicaea"

Page C. Long

*We invite you to keep this copy of the Service and take it home with you
to share with another member of your family, or with a friend.*

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