

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

SUNDAY JUNE

2024





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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus, where'er thy people meet, there they behold thy mercy-seat; where'er they seek thee thou art found, and ev'ry place is hallowed ground.

For thou, within no walls confined, inhabitest the humble mind; such ever bring thee when they come, and, going, take thee to their home.

Here may we prove the pow'r of prayer to strengthen faith and sweeten care, to teach our faint desires to rise, and bring all heav'n before our eyes.

> Lord, we are few, but thou art near; nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear; O rend the heav'ns, come quickly down, and make a thousand hearts thine own.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800) Tune: Wareham, later form of melody by William Knapp (1698-1768). TiS 124

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



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

Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.

Mark 3:35

All embracing Presence, calling us into a greater family and household, may we have courage to recognise as whanau those we usually pass by, that we may show forth among us your commonwealth of justice and generosity. Amen. ⁴

PSALM 138

Chant: Thomas Walmislev (1814-1856)

I will give thanks to you O Lord with all my heart: before the gods I will sing your praises.

I will bow down toward your holy temple, and give thanks because of your love and faithfulness: for you have exalted your name and your word above all things.

On the day that I called, you answered me: and put new strength within me.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you O Lord: when they hear the words of your mouth.

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³ Jenny Blood (1932-2022)

⁴ Jim Cotter, adapt.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord: that the glory of the Lord is great.

For though Lord you are high, yet you care for the lowly: as for the proud, you humble them from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble you keep me safe: you stretch out your hand against my enemies' rage, and your right hand will save me.

You will fulfil your purpose for me, your love O Lord is everlasting: do not leave unfinished the work of your hands.

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

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

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you, pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travellers on the road, we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear, I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you, I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love, and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you, pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Words and Tune: Richard Gillard. AA 8

THE GOSPEL

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



Mark 3:20-35

This is the Gospel of Christ.



THE SERMON

SILENCE

ANTHEM

There is no speech or language (from 'Annelies') James Whitbourn

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⁵ Music: Michael 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 *

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.

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

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.

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: Colin Gibson Tune: Hamilton, Colin Gibson, FFS 67

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

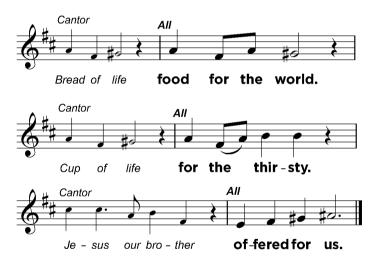
And even as he came to share our suffering, he called us to be witnesses, to follow in the way that led to the cross; and to see with our own eyes the depths of your forgiveness. Therefore, with all that have life in him, we praise you and sing:



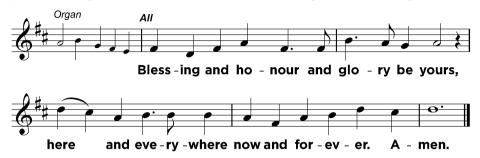
On the night before he died, our friend and brother Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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:



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



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. āke. Āmine.

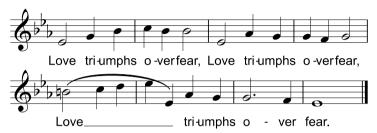
⁶ The Great Thanksgiving is adapted from a service from St Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco

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:



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

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake O Lord, give Thy Holy Spirit If ye love me Richard Farrant (1530-1580)
Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Philip Wilby

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

FINAL 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.

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

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

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 in b minor

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

MUSIC NOTES

James Whitbourn's Annelies is an extended cantata based on The Diary of Anne Frank. Annelies is Frank's full first name. The libretto was compiled from the diary by Melanie Challenger. Anne quoted these words of scripture in her diary after being discovered, captured and sent to the concentration camp. For Anne, the voice and power of God cannot be limited or contained by the prison walls in which she now finds herself.

There is some doubt as to whether Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake was written by Farrant or another Elizabethan composer, John Hilton (1565 – 1609). Both Farrant and Hilton were cathedral musicians who had an interest in the theatre, producing plays enacted by young choristers.

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit shows Tallis writing in English for the reformed rites of Edward VI and Elizabeth (who reinstated Edward's First Prayer Book of 1549 when she came to the throne). This exquisite miniature, a setting of a prayer published in 1566, obviously dates from the time of Elizabeth I.

Philip Wilby is a contemporary British composer who taught at the University of Leeds. Knowing how famous and exquisite the Tallis anthem which sets the same words is, Wilby chose to enter that space through his own composition, opening up new insights into this familiar text.

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