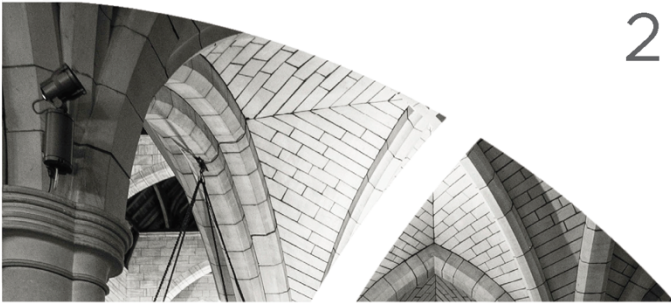




**St  
Matthew  
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A spirited place  
where people stand,  
connect and seek  
common ground

SUNDAY  
AUGUST  
**22**  
2021



21st Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

# WELCOME

*Priest:* 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*

## THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Fasten the belt of truth around your waist,  
 and as shoes for your feet,  
 put on what will make you ready  
 to proclaim the gospel of peace.

*Ephesians 6:14-15*

**O God,  
 it is your will to hold both heaven and earth  
 in a single peace.  
 Let the design of your great love  
 shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows,  
 and give peace to your Church,  
 peace among nations,  
 peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts.<sup>1</sup>**

## THE READING

A reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

*Ephesians 6:10-20*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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<sup>1</sup> NZPB p142

## THE HYMN

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church  
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts...*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts...*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts...*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts...*

*Words and Tune: Bernadette Farrell*

## SERMON

# THE ANTHEM

*O for a closer walk with God*

*Charles Villiers Stanford*

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tatou e to tatou Ariki, ka inoi tatou:

**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.  
Āua 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

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

**Amen. We go in the power of love.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Andantino, Op.51 no.2*

*Louis Vierne*