



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

SUNDAY AUGUST 29 2021



22nd 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.

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

What does God require of you but to do justice,
 and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

**Living Presence of fierce and tender love,
 filling us with anger at injustice,
 and clothing anger with compassion;
 may we never lose respect for human beings,
 each and all created in your image,
 that we may overcome all desire to harm,
 and all prejudice that treats others as less than human.
 We pray this after the pattern of Jesus
 and in the power of the Spirit, Amen.¹**

THE READING

A reading from the Epistle of James.

James 1:17-27

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

Thanks be to God.

¹ *Jim Cotter Unfolding the Living Word p253*

THE HYMN

**Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfil God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action
make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
then surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.**

Words: Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008)

Tune: Blaenwern, William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)

THE SERMON

THE ANTHEM

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem *Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

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.
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. Amine.**

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

Tuba on Parade

John Marsh

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