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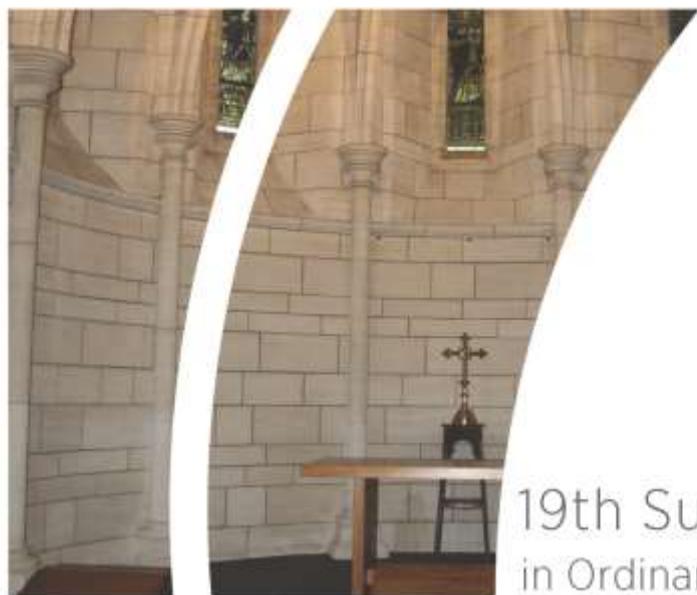
**St
Matthew
in-the-City**

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

SUNDAY
AUGUST

8

2021



19th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

INTROIT

Our Father

Robert Stone (1516-1613)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to God, the world's Creator,
source of life and growth and breath,
cradling in her arms her children,
holding them from birth to death.
In our bodies, in our living,
strength and truth of all we do,
God is present, working with us,
making us creators too.

Praise to God, our saving Wisdom,
meeting us with love and grace,
helping us to grow in wholeness,
giving freedom, room, and space.
In our hurting, in our risking,
in the thoughts we dare not name,
God is present, growing with us,
healing us from pride and shame.

Praise to God, the Spirit in us,
prompting hidden depths of prayer,
firing us to long for justice,
reaching out with tender care.
In our searching, in our loving,
in our struggles to be free,
God is present, living in us,
pointing us to what shall be.

Words: Jan Berry (b. 1953)
Tune: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991). TiS 153

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

Please be seated.

Liturgist:

We come seeking forgiveness and wholeness
 for our ourselves and for our world.

FORGIVENESS

1st time CANTOR, 2nd time ALL

E te A - ri - ki kia_ a - ro - ha mai.
 E - te - Ka - rai - ti kia_ a - ro - ha mai.
 E te A - ri - ki kia_ a - ro - ha mai.

[Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy]

Ian Render. Tune: Newlands Road. FFS 13

Silence

Holy one, look at our brokenness.
All parts of the creation cry out for your healing and love.

Come to us sacred one;
show us the path to wholeness.
Grow in us the humility to seek healing from the earth,
and the courage to bring healing to each other. ¹

Priest: God forgives us, be at peace.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Say only what is useful for building up, as there is need,
so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:29

Living Presence, nurturing Householder,
baking the living bread,
feed us when we no longer know how to find sustenance,
that our strength may be renewed,
and that our feet may take us
further than we have so far journeyed,
further than we imagined we should have to go. Amen. ²

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

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

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

¹ *Ojibway prayer, Canada. Adapted by Anton Spelman.*

² *Jim Cotter*

Like a mother, you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father, you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort;
in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

*Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)
Tune: Omni Die, arr. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895). TIS 101*

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to John,
chapter six, beginning at verse thirty-five.



Be a lamp to my feet.

John 6:35, 41-51

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Be a light for my path.

THE SERMON

THE SILENCE THE ANTHEM

Sacerdotes Domini

William Byrd (1540-1623)

A finest offering of our gifts to God - Alleluia

Liturgist: We stand to affirm the faith we share
and seek to follow in word and chant from the cultures of this land.

HE TIKANGA WHAKAPONO THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You, O God, are supreme and holy.



Ko koe, e te Atua ta-pu, **te ti - no Atua,**

You create our world and give us life.



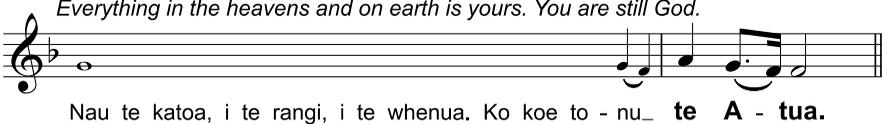
Nou te mana, te i - hi, **te we - hi.**

Yours is the world.



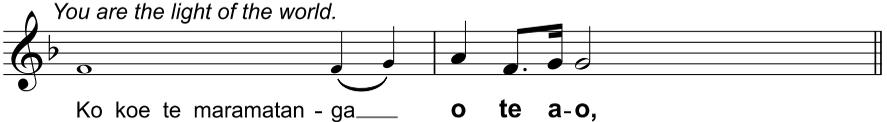
Nou te ao, te mau - ri, **te o - ra.**

Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours. You are still God.



Nau te katoa, i te rangi, i te whenua. Ko koe to - nu **te A - tua.**

You are the light of the world.



Ko koe te maramatan - ga **o te a-o,**

You shine through the darkness



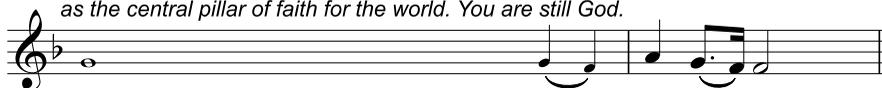
I tiahora a koe i roto i **te pou - ri,**

to reveal your son Jesus Christ



Kia puta ake tau Tama ko I-hu_____ **Ka - rai - ti**

as the central pillar of faith for the world. You are still God.



Hei pou tokomanawa mo te ao Ko koe to-nu_____ **te A - tua.**

You are the Holy Spirit.

You are my staff.



Ko koe te Wairu-a_____ **Ta - pu,** Ko ko - e **ta-ku ra-kau,**

You are my walking stick.

You are my life-source.



Ko koe ta-ku_____ **to-ko-toko** Ko koe taku oran - ga_____ **nga- kau_ e,**

You are still God.

Glory to you.



Ko koe tonu ra_____ **te A - tua.** Korori - a_____ **ki a koe.**

Music: Bishop Muru Walters

Please be seated.

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 ³

Now to your table spread we come, each one, in faith
that you alone provide the words of life and death:
in wine and bread, in promised food
we find your loving heart, O God.

Hands of the world stretch out, your mystery to touch
in longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,
to sing in joy, to cry in grief,
to know your meaning for our life.

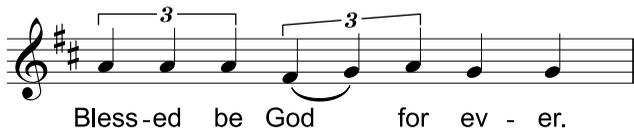
Here is our common wealth in sharing what is good,
as though all humankind around one table stood,
this bread to break, this wine to taste –
one people in the name of Christ.

Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

Tune: Love Unknown, John Nicholson Ireland (1879-1962). TIS 341

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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



³ During this hymn there is a collection to support St Matthew's;
for electronic giving option: text **stmatthew** to **818** to make a fast one off or ongoing
donation by credit card to St Matthew-in-the-City.
Or you can download the PUSHPAY app from Apple Store or Google Playstore and
search for St Matthew-in-the-City.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Cantor *All*

Cantor *All*

Cantor

All

Life-giving God, your word speaks in the void,
calling into being things that are not,
inviting us to share your work of creation.

We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth,
of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder.

We thank you for the creatures with whom we share the world,
for their lives so different from our own and the richness they reveal.

We thank you for Jesus the Son,
formed from Mary's flesh and nurtured by her faith;
he walked the growing earth and proclaimed a fearless kingdom
of bird and lily, child and stranger, the beggar and the blind.

On the cross, he joined the labour of all creation's yearning;
in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of God;
he gives the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

Therefore, with all that has life through him
with animals and angels and all who hope for a new creation,
we share the song of love which sounds from all eternity:

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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.

2

Bless the One who comes in the pow'r of love.

3

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san - na in the high - est!

We give thanks for our brother, Jesus Christ;
 who, on the night that he was betrayed,
 gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.
 Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
 This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.
 In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
 Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.
 As on that night, so here and now
 he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Break the bread for free-dom. Pour the wine for jus-tice. Ce-le-brate this

meal for all the world, a meal of faith and hope, God's love, shared among us. 4

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts so that these fragile, earthly things will be to us the bread and wine of life. ⁵

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 tatou e to tatou Ariki, ka inoi tatou:

E to matou Matua i te rangi,
kia tapu tou Ingoa.

Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite ano ki to te rangi.

Homai ki a matou aianei he taro ma matou mo tenei ra.

Murua o matou hara,

me matou hoki e muru nei,

i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.

Aua hoki matou e kawea kia whakawaia;

engari whakaorangia matou i te kino:

Nou hoki te rangatiratanga,

te kaha, me te kororia,

Ake, ake, ake. Amine.

⁵ Steven Shakespeare, adapted

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:

A-do-ra-mus te Chris-te, be-ne-di-ci-mus ti-bi,
qui-a per cru-cem tu-am re-de-mi-sti mun-dum,
qui-a per cru-cem tu-am re-de-mi-sti mun-dum. 6

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;
there are gluten free wafers, just ask the serving priest.*

*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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

O sacrum convivium

Giovanni Croce (1557-1609)

Our future, full of grace is received in this food

⁶ *We adore you, Jesus Christ, and we bless your holy name;
truly your cross and passion bring us life and healing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.** ⁷

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

FINAL HYMN

O God in whom all life begins,
who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives;
here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts
of patience, joy, and peace;
deliver us from numbing fear,
and grant our faith increase

⁷ *Jenny Blood*

Unite in mutual ministry
our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek
the pow'r your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine
to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed
we may your love proclaim

Through tears and laughter, grief and joy,
enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community
that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here
to worship, sing, and pray,
then send us forth in pow'r and faith
to live the words we say.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr.
Tune: Kingsfold, from an English and Irish traditional melody
coll. Lucy Broadwood (1858-1929)
harm. and arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). TiS 262

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

Factus est & Fantaisie Op. 66 Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)

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