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where people stand,  
connect and seek  
common ground

# SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22 2020



St Cecilia's Day

# INTROIT

*A sound came from heaven*

*Douglas Mews (1918-1993)*

# 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:*

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.**

*Please be seated.*

# THE GLORIA

*Gloria (from Mass No. 2 in G-major, D167)*

*Franz Schubert (1797-1828)*

*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.** <sup>1</sup>

*Priest:* God forgives us, be at peace.

## THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.  
Sing praises with the lyre, and the sound of melody.

*Psalm 98:5-6*

**Bountiful God,  
source of human imagination and creativity  
that can inspire and lift the soul;  
we give thanks for St Cecilia  
and musical beauty and skill.  
Grant us the discernment to value these gifts  
and to nurture them in humility.  
Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles.

*2 Chronicles 5:11-14*

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

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<sup>1</sup> *Ojibway prayer, Canada. Adapted by Anton Spelman.*

# THE GRADUAL HYMN

**We sing the song of God's great name  
God's dream of liberty**

unbinding all from grief and shame  
the song to set us free.

**We aim to act on Love's behalf**  
when evil would prevail.

Give us the hands and hearts to serve  
to strive and not to fail.

Justice and peace will come about  
**in Earth's community,**  
when holiness in every part  
inspires humanity.

**So sing the song of God's great name**  
with hope and joyful praise.  
God will greet all in every task  
enlightening all our days.

*Words: Jenny Blood  
Tune: Richmond, later form of melody by Thomas Haweis (1734-1820),  
adapted by Samuel Webbe the younger (c.1770-1843). TIS 425*

# THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew,  
chapter twenty-six, beginning at verse six.



Be a lamp to my feet.

*Matthew 26:6-13*

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Be a light for my path.

# A REFLECTION

## THE ANTHEM

*A Hymn for St Cecilia*

*Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

## 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.*

*Please refrain from shaking hands.*

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN <sup>2</sup>

For the music of creation,  
for the song your Spirit sings,  
for your sound's divine expression,  
burst of joy in living things:  
God, our God, the world's composer,  
hear us, echoes of your voice:  
music is your art, your glory,  
let the human heart rejoice!

Psalms and symphonies exalt you,  
drum and trumpet, string and reed,  
simple melodies acclaim you,  
tunes that rise from deepest need,  
hymns of longing and belonging,  
carols from a cheerful throat,  
lilt of lullaby and lovesong  
catching heaven in a note.

All the voices of the ages  
in transcendent chorus meet,  
worship lifting up the senses,  
hands that praise and dancing feet;  
over discord and division  
music speaks your joy and peace,  
harmony of earth and heaven,  
song of God that cannot cease!

*Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)  
Tune: Douglas Mews. AA 41*

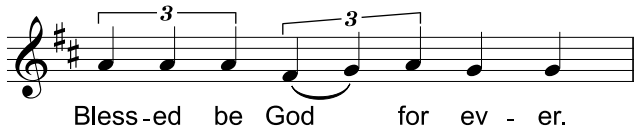
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<sup>2</sup> *There is a donation bowl on the back table.*

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# THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

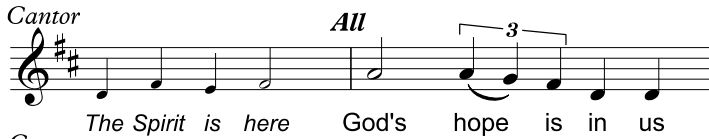
Glory be to God who flows through all creation,  
blessing us with gifts to share.



Bless-ed be God for ev - er.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Cantor* *All*



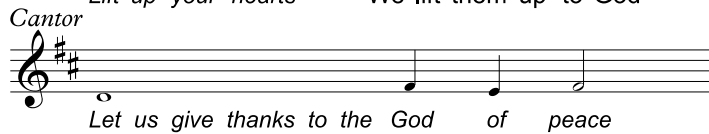
*The Spirit is here God's hope is in us*

*Cantor* *All*



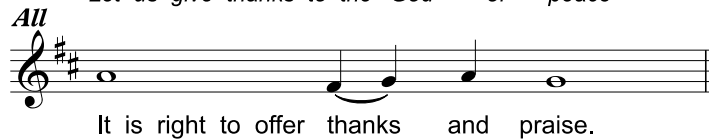
*Lift up your hearts We lift them up to God*

*Cantor*



*Let us give thanks to the God of peace*

*All*



*It is right to offer thanks and praise.*

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. 3

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. <sup>4</sup>

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.

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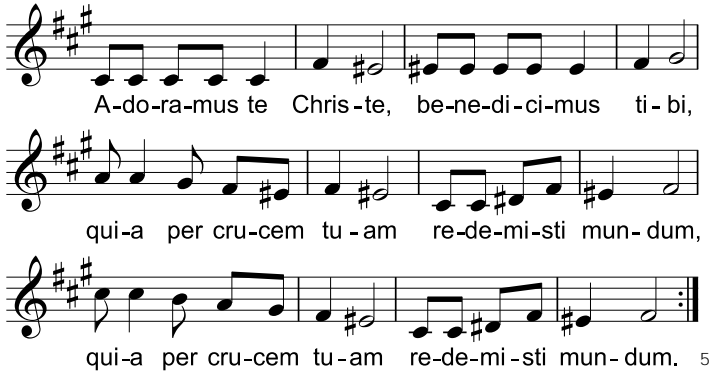
<sup>4</sup> *Steven Shakespeare, adapted*

# 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. 5

# 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.*

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<sup>5</sup> *We adore you, Jesus Christ, and we bless your holy name;  
truly your cross and passion bring us life and healing.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Ubi caritas*

*Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)*

*Cantate Domino*

*Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)*

## 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. <sup>6</sup>

## THE BLESSING

## NOTICES

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<sup>6</sup> *Jenny Blood*

# FINAL HYMN

Song of faith that sings forever  
through God's people, ages long,  
Word that holds the world together  
when our hearts take up the song,  
always, always somewhere sounding,  
though the source we do not see,  
counterpoint to all despairing,  
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exultation,  
rising through the vaults of prayer,  
tune of simple celebration  
offered up in open air,  
song in chapel and cathedral,  
descant to our daily tone,  
song from sickbed or in prison:  
faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,  
when there seems no song to sing,  
hear the constant voice of courage  
out of fear and suffering:  
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,  
all who lift us to be strong,  
endless, endless are the voices  
of the faith that makes the song.

*Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)  
Tune: Abbeyfield, Colin Gibson. FFS 57*

*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

*Final Marche (Suite No. 2, Op. 27)*

*Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)*

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