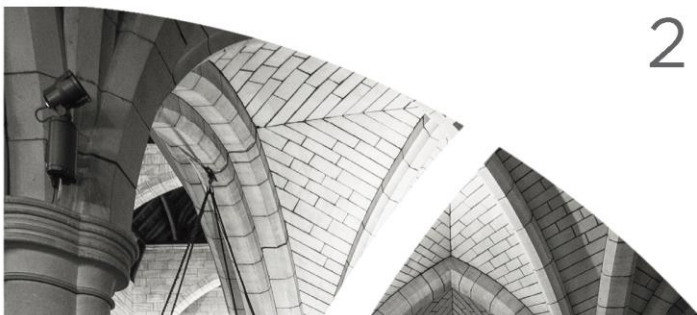


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**St
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A spirited place
where people stand,
connect and seek
common ground

SUNDAY
JUNE
13
2021



11th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

*Words: Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000)
Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos, Welsh traditional melody
arr. as in the English Hymnal, 1906. TIS 168*

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

¹ Church of England

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 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]

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Silence

**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.

² Ian Render. Tune: Newlands Road. FFS 13

³ Jenny Blood

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!

1 Corinthians 5:17

**Creating God,
your reign of love makes all things new:
plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts
so that, trusting in your word,
we may live for your creation and for you. Amen. ⁴**

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

Chant: Elvey

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name O Most High,
to tell of your love in the morning
and of your faithfulness during the night,
on the ten-stringed lyre and the lute:
with the tuneful sound of the harp.

For you Lord have made me glad by your deeds,
I shout for joy at the works of your hands.

The just shall flourish like a palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Planted in the house of the Lord,
they flourish in the courts of our God.

Still bearing fruit in their old age,
they are still green and full of sap,
to show that the Lord is just,
the Lord my rock, in whom is no unrighteousness.

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 17:22-24

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

Thanks be to God.

⁴ *Daily Prayer for All Seasons, ECUSA, p126 adapted*

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,

*so there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,

*but there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end,

*but there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)
Tune: Kotuku, Colin Gibson. AA 113

THE GOSPEL

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



Be a lamp to my feet.

Mark 4:26-34

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Be a light for my path. ⁵

THE SERMON

SILENCE

ANTHEM

Geistliches Lied

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Through sadness, in calm, God's will be done.

Constancy, resolution and God's guidance will be best. Amen.

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.

⁵ Music: Michael Bell

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 ⁶

**To be your bread now, be your wine now,
Christ come and change us,
to be a sign of your love.
Blest and broken, poured and flowing,
gift that you gave us, to be your body once again.**

*[Solo] We come to your table with our lives as they are.
Heal us, Christ, for we are broken, make us one again.*

To be your bread now, be your wine now . . .

*[Solo] Christ, we stumble through the darkness of night.
Lead us now, O Christ, we follow, bring us home to you.*

To be your bread now, be your wine now . . .

*[Solo] Give us the bread and wine that bring us to life.
Feed us and we'll never hunger, never thirst again.*

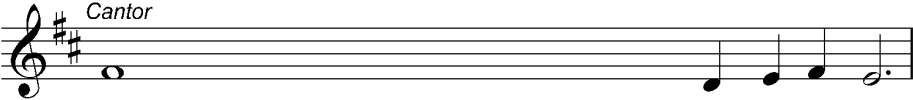
To be your bread now, be your wine now . . .

Words and Tune: David Haas, Marty Haugen, Charles Knoll

⁶ 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 PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Cantor



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

All



Bless'd 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 of-fer thanks and praise.

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:



Organ **All**

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and mer-ci-ful.

ho-ly and just, glo-ry and good-ness come from you.

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of God. Ho-

san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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:

Cantor *All*



Bread of life **food for the world.**

Cantor *All*



Cup of life **for the thir-sty.**

Cantor *All*



Je - sus our bro - ther **of-fered for us.**

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.
 Give us courage not to cling to what is past,
 but to proclaim the freedom of new life, as together we sing:⁷

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is marked 'Organ' and 'All'. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Bless - ing and ho - nour and glo - ry be yours, here and eve - ry - where now and for - ev - er. A - men.'

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 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 kaweā kia whakawaia;

engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,

Āke, ake, ake. Āmine.

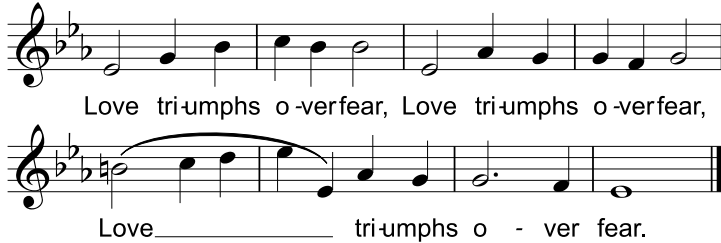
⁷ *The Great Thanksgiving is adapted from a service from St Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco*

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:



Love tri-umphs o-verfear, Love tri-umphs o-verfear,
Love _____ tri-umphs o - ver fear.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: 'Love tri-umphs o-verfear, Love tri-umphs o-verfear,'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'Love _____ tri-umphs o - ver fear.' The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes.

THE INVITATION

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,
tango hia 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

O salutaris hostia

Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868)

Open wide the gate of heaven to us all. Amen.

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.**⁸

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

FINAL HYMN

**Deep in the human heart
the fire of justice burns:
a vision of a world renewed
through radical concerns.
As Christians we are called
to set the captives free,
to overthrow the evil powers
and end hypocrisy.**

⁸ *Dorothy McRae-McMahon "Liturgies for High Days", p. 126*

**This is our task today
to build a world of peace;
a world of justice, freedom, truth,
where kindness will increase;
a world from hunger freed,
a world where people share,
where every person is of worth
and no one lives in fear.**

**Taking the step of faith
we leave the past behind
and move into the future's world
with open heart and mind.
By grace we work with Christ,
as one community,
to bring new hope and fuller life
to all humanity.**

*Words: W. L. Wallace (b. 1933)
Tune: Diademata, George Job Elvey (1816-1893). TIS 228*

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

Allegro (from Eine kleine Nachtmusik KV525)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

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