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BAPTISM OF JESUS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Crashing waters at creation,
**ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death.**

Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage –
channel to a life made new.

Cleansing water once at Jordan
closed around the one foretold,
opened to reveal the glory
ever new and ever old.

Living water, never ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Well-spring, source of life eternal,
drench our dryness, make us whole.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)

Tune: Marching, Martin Shaw (1875-1958). TIS 165

WELCOME

Come people of God,
turn your hearts and minds to the light of Christ
even as we turn to the warmth of our summer sun.
Let us be ready to welcome the events and the people
who may become turning points in our lives.

**We welcome with eyes and hearts open,
ready to see God present in our summer world;
in the people we meet and in the things we do.**

Liturgist: This is what God asks of you:
to act justly, to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly upon our earth.

God of grace,
in whom we live and move and dance for joy,
guide our steps through the complexities of life;
widen our vision that our sight be not limited
by what we see, nor our wisdom by what we know,
nor our love by what we can accept. Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glorious are you, Mystery of Life,
essence of all creation.
You are the symphony of stars and planets.
You are the music of the atoms within us.
You are the dawn on mountain peaks,
the moonlight on evening seas.
Forest and farm, the rush of the city,
everything is embraced in your love.

Glorious are you, O Jesus Christ,
Cosmic love in human flesh.
You graced the smallness of time and place
to teach us to dance to the music.
You walk on our seas and heal in our streets.
You make your home in our lives,
revealing that cross and resurrection
are one on the road to freedom.

Glorious are you, O Spirit of Truth,
wisdom and breath of our being.
You are the wind that sweeps our senses.
You are the fire that burns in our hearts.
You are the needle of the inner compass,
always pointing to true North,
guiding us on the sacred dance
into the Mystery of Life. ¹

Please be seated.

¹ Joy Cowley

RECONCILIATION

In this time of quiet
we invite you to reflect on life this holiday season.
Bring into the presence of God, in this place,
the joys and and burdens you carry with you this morning.
If you need forgiveness, seek it in the renewing love of God.
If you need healing, or courage, or wisdom,
seek it in the peace of God.

Jesus says,
“Ask, and it will be given to you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you”

Luke 11:9

Silence.

Gracious God,
give us the wisdom to hold to what we need,
grace to let go of those things
that we can do without,
and a vision of your breadth, height, and depth
that will challenge our smallness of heart,
and bring us humbly together.

Priest:

Spirit of God hold us,
Spirit of God move us, Spirit of God burn within us,
so that we may light up the world with your love.

SENTENCE AND PRAYER FOR THE DAY

We thank you that through the waters of baptism
you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit,
and raise us to new life.

Baptism Service

Loving God,
you anointed Jesus at his baptism
with the Holy Spirit,
and revealed him as your beloved Son;
may we who are baptised into his name
respond to your calling in our lives. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Act of the Apostles.

Acts 10:34-43

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

*Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)
Tune: Carlisle, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815). TIS 234*

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Mark,
chapter one, beginning at verse four.

Shine on our pathways.

Mark 1:4-11

This is the Gospel of Christ.

May we hear wisdom.

THE SERMON

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Please stand.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us. You are God.
You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now. You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.

Please be seated.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us be still and mindful of the world, the Church,
this nation, our communities, and ourselves.

THE PEACE

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace
who breaks down the walls that divide.

The peace of God be always with you
and also with you.

Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN ²

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes her dwelling.

*Words: Bianca of Siena (c.1345 – c.1412), tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)
Tune: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). TIS 398*

² *During this hymn there is a collection to support St Matthew's;
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one off or ongoing donation by credit card to St Matthew-in-the-City.
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Playstore and search for St Matthew-in-the-City.*

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

God, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise of you,
our light and our hope.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Spirit is here.

God's hope is in us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
creator, ever-living God,

through Jesus Christ your only Son:

for at this time we celebrate your revelation in our midst.

In the coming of the Magi

Jesus was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism he was revealed as your Son,
sent among us.

In the water made wine

the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven

we lift our voices to sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just,
glory and goodness come from you.**

Glory to you most high and gracious God.

On that night before he died
Jesus took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:

Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you, shed for all,
to forgive sin; do this to remember me.

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one;
so may we be gathered into your kingdom.

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Send your Holy Spirit,
that we who receive Christ's body
may indeed be the body of Christ,
and we who share his cup
draw strength from the one true vine.

**Praise, glory and love be yours,
this and every day, from us and all people,
here and everywhere. Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e to tātou Ariki, ka waiata 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 ālanei

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. Āmine.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life,

and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us,

light in the midst of us,

bring us to light and life. ³

³ The prayers are taken from the Church of England resources and A NZ Prayer Book

TE POWHIRI THE INVITATION

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,
Tangohia enei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Come God's people,
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

Come bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,
for all are welcome to share in this grace.

*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.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest:

God of abundant love and unexpected gifts.
We delight in your presence amongst us.

We are glad we can gather around your table as friends
sharing the bread of life and wine of blessing.
In this holiday season
we will look for you in the smile of strangers,
we will honour you in the life of those we love,
we will be people of God and the Body of Christ
wherever we are. Amen.

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

RECESSIONAL HYMN

He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
he died, singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith;
he died, singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
he died, singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
he died, singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

*Words: Colin Gibson
Tune: Singing Love, Colin Gibson. AA 59*

Deacon from the rear of the church:
Go now to live the Gospel. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the power of Love.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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