



FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
EASTER

MAY

15

2022

*At any time in the service when we invite you to stand
you are welcome to remain seated if you need to.*

INTROIT

A new commandment

Richard Shephard

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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*

WELCOME

Priest: Kua ara a te Karaiti. Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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:

In this Easter season,
we celebrate that the powers of despair and destruction
do not have the final word;
that new life can still break out;
that love is stronger than death;
and that nothing can stop the life, hope,
and determination of Easter people.

**God of grace, we come today with Easter joy,
seeking to be a people of resurrection.
Gather us together now,
form us into a community of your people,
and reveal to us the Holy One. Amen.**

THE GLORIA



Praise the liv-ing God from the earth! Praise God from the heav-ens,



sun and moon, and shin-ing stars, praise the liv-ing God!

Praise the Holy Name,
whose word speaks all things into being,
who created the forces of the universe
and the laughter of children. Praise the Holy Name!



Praise the liv-ing God from the earth! Praise God from the heav-ens,



sun and moon, and shin-ing stars, praise the liv-ing God!

Praise the living God:
clouds and storms and ocean currents,
fish in the sea and creatures of the deep,
animals and cattle, insects and birds,
praise the living God!



Praise the liv-ing God from the earth! Praise God from the heav-ens,



sun and moon, and shin-ing stars, praise the liv-ing God!

Praise the Holy Name
who did not rely only on angels and messengers
but came among us in person, whose living presence saves us!
Praise God's Holy Name!



Praise the liv-ing God from the earth! Praise God from the



heav - ens, sun and moon, and shin-ing stars,



praise the liv-ing God! praise the liv-ing God!

Please be seated.

¹ Words: Brian Wren (adapted)

A NEW COMMANDMENT

Hear the teaching of Christ:

A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Love one another, as I have loved you

John 13:34

Holy One, you call us to a new way of living,
a new heaven and a new earth.

Be with us

as we strive to live out your love for all humanity,
that we may be known for our love.

Amen. ²

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 11:1-18

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

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life,
such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength,
such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.

² *Harrison/McAlpine p 23*

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart,
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.

*Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)
Tune: The Call, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958),
adapt. by E. Harold Geer (1886-1957). TIS 552*

THE GOSPEL

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



John 13:31-35

This is the Gospel of Christ.



THE SERMON

ANTHEM

Love bade me welcome

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist:

Let us stand to affirm our resurrection faith.

We believe in the power of Christ
to overcome all deaths,
deaths in us and death in the world.
We believe in life which rises in freedom
and carries us in joy towards grace
beyond our imagining,
calling our spirits to soar in freedom
with wings of hope
borne high in the wonder of Easter Day.
The gift of life will never be taken from us.
The costly life of God will be our company
for ever and for ever. ³

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.

The peace of God be with you all.

In God's justice is our peace.

E te whanau, Christ calls us to live in unity.

We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

³ Dorothy McRae-McMahon "Liturgies for High Days"

THE OFFERTORY HYMN ⁴

Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, God, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O God, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all - not just for some,
to love them as we find them
or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.

⁴ *There is a donation bowl on the back table.*

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God, for today's encounters
 with all who are in need,
 who hunger for acceptance,
 for righteousness and bread,
 we need new eyes for seeing,
 new hands for holding on:
 renew us with your Spirit;
 God, free us, make us one!

Words: Frederik Herman Kaan (1929-2009), adapted
 Tune: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876). TIS 457

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes, with two triplet markings over the first two phrases. The lyrics are: Bless-ed be God for ev - er.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical notation for the hymn 'THE GREAT THANKSGIVING'. It consists of five staves of music in a treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 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.

It is right and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Creating God.
In you all things are good.

You love us into being, you form us in your image
and breathe into us the breath of life.

When we turn away, and our love fails,
your love remains steadfast.

Your love delivers us from captivity,
and brings us into lands flowing with milk and honey.

You set before us the way of life.

And so, with the people of earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name as we join their unending hymn:

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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.

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

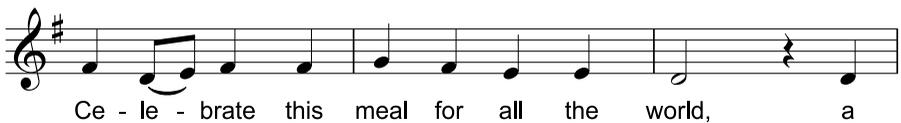
3
san -na, Ho -san-na, Ho -san - na in the high - est!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus.
By his baptism and death
you give your church birth into a living hope.
In Christ, risen from death,
you make a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit,
and deliver us into freedom.
We are now your resurrected people, the living body of Christ.
declaring life, hope and justice.

On the last night Jesus shared a meal with his friends,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all,
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.

On the third day he was revealed to the women
and was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of bread.



And so, remembering these
your mighty acts in Jesus the Christ,
we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and we praise you and we bless you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
By your spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in loving service to all the world,
until all feast at your heavenly banquet. ⁶



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 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 kawea kia whakawaia;

engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

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

Āke, ake, ake. Āmine.

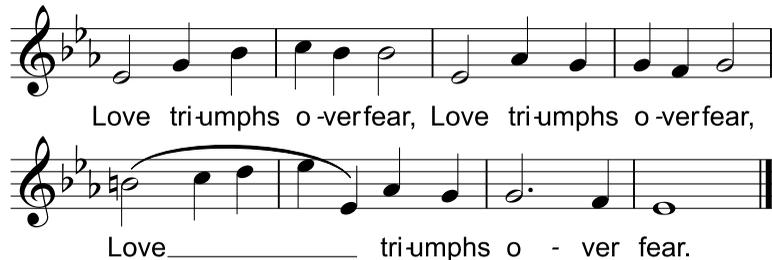
⁶ Richard Fabian, *St Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco, adapted*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the hope 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 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

Ubi caritas

John Barnard

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Risen Christ,
whom we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands;
the word of life in whom our joy is complete:
send us out to declare your truth,
your unshakeable faith in the world you love. Amen. ⁷

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

FINAL HYMN

Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the Word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then give us grace, Companion-God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

Words: Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Tune: Solothurn, traditional Swiss melody. Arr. Richard Lloyd. CAHO&N 472

⁷ *Steven Shakespeare*

Deacon from the rear of the Church:

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.

Amen. We go in the power of love.

Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Trumpet tune in D major

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

MUSIC NOTES

George Herbert (1593-1633) was a Jacobean metaphysical poet and Anglican priest. 'Love bade me welcome' is part of *The Church*, the central section in his collection of sacred poems entitled *The Temple*. The nature of love is a central problem in *The Church*, as Herbert analyses and dramatizes different forms of it. 'Love bade me welcome' is the third in sequence of three poems. The first two focus on earthly love and how it tends to attract more attention than holy love. 'Love bade me welcome' meditates on sacred love by personifying love in a passionate dialogue between the author and God. Here, God is seen as an inviting lover, explaining love's worthiness in spite of the author's shame. At the very end of the song in a moment of rapt stillness and beauty, the singers wordlessly intone the melody of the ancient eucharistic hymn 'O sacrum convivium'. For Herbert, the eucharist is the Act, the supreme love-giving gift of God. In one of Ralph Vaughan Williams's great moments, it is revealed in the radiant and traditionally Edenic key of E major.

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