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**EPIPHANY 2**

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

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

You are called to tell the story,  
passing words of life along,  
then to blend your voice with others  
as you sing the sacred song.  
Christ be known in all our singing,  
filling all with songs of love.

You are called to teach the rhythm  
of the dance that never ends,  
then to move with in the circle,  
hand in hand with strangers, friends.  
Christ be known in all our dancing,  
touching all with hands of love.

You are called to set the table,  
blessing bread as Jesus blessed,  
then to come with thirst and hunger,  
needing care like all the rest.  
Christ be known in all our sharing,  
feeding all with signs of love.

May the One whose love is broader  
than the measure of all space  
give us words to sing the story,  
move among us in this place.  
Christ be known in all our living,  
filling all with gifts of love.

*Words: Ruth C. Duck  
Tune: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879). TIS 142*

# 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. <sup>1</sup>

*Please be seated.*

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<sup>1</sup> 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 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

I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

*Isaiah 49:6*

Spirit of energy and change,  
in whose power Jesus was anointed  
to be the hope of the nations;  
be poured out also upon us  
without reserve or distinction,  
that we may have confidence and strength  
to plant your justice on earth. Amen. <sup>2</sup>

## THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

*Isaiah 49:1-7*

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

## THE GRADUAL HYMN

All praise to you, Christ Jesus,  
our brother, priest, and God.  
**You are our stories' ending,**  
our first believing word.  
Though all our life is shaken,  
we stand within your grace;  
once for all time, you brought us  
into the holy place.

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<sup>2</sup> Janet Morley

You heard the voice from heaven,  
**God's word of gracious love;**  
you saw the Holy Spirit  
descending as a dove,  
and, through the Jordan River,  
where John preached and baptised,  
you entered into Israel  
**as God's long-promised Christ.**

Through the baptismal waters  
God brings the church to birth,  
makes us a holy people,  
and teaches us our worth.  
There is no turning back, now  
that we are born anew;  
stay with us, Jesus, guide us,  
and give us work to do.

*Words: Elizabeth Joyce Smith*

*Tune: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876). TIS 457*

## THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to John,  
chapter one, beginning at verse twenty-nine.  
**Shine on our pathways.**

*John 1:29-42*

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. <sup>3</sup>

*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.*

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<sup>3</sup> NZ Prayer Book, p. 481



## OFFERTORY HYMN <sup>4</sup>

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, God, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
for you only may it ring;  
take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart: it is thine own;  
claim it now for you alone.

Take my love; my God, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

*Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), adapted  
Tune: Nottingham, adapted from Wenzel Müller (1767-1835). TIS 599 (ii)*

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<sup>4</sup> There is a donation bowl on the back table. For electronic giving option:

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- download the PUSHPAY app from Apple Store or Google 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 in joyful words 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

As Christ teaches us we pray

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

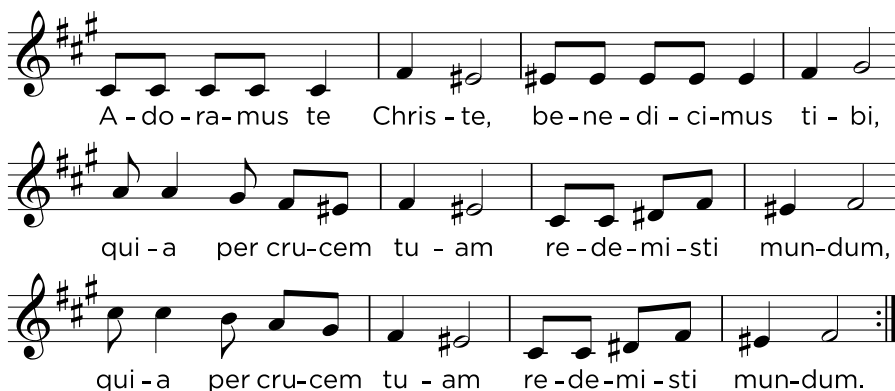
We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life. <sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> The prayers are taken from the Church of England resources and A NZ Prayer Book

We sing three times Taizé:



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.

## TE POWHIRI 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 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

From this holy time,  
from this sacred space,  
we go now to serve  
our own day and place,  
committed to follow  
the way Jesus trod:  
do justly, love mercy,  
walk humbly with God.

He lives in our midst,  
though gone from our sight,  
baptised in his name,  
we walk in his light;  
we treasure his presence,  
example and word:  
do justly, love mercy,  
walk humbly with God.

Let this be our life,  
till Christ come again -  
to love as he loves  
and work for God's reign,  
this song in our hearts  
and this sign on our road:  
do justly, love mercy,  
walk humbly with God.

*Words: Marine Barrell*

*Tune: Laudate Dominum, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918). TIS 215*

*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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