



Christmas Day 2020 10am  
St Matthew-in-the-City

Nau mai, haere mai;  
a warm welcome to St Matthew-in-the-City,  
a spirited place where people stand,  
connect, and seek common ground.

We are glad you have come  
to celebrate Christmas  
with this community.

We hope that you will find  
the Christmas spirit of peace and love  
in today's celebrations.

*Presider:* Rev Cate Thorn

*Preacher:* Rev Helen Jacobi, *Vicar*

*Organist:* Paul Chan

**St Matthew's Voices**

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*SOLO:*

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

*CHOIR:*

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor, and meek, and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy.

*ALL:*

And through all his wondrous childhood  
he would honour and obey,  
love and watch the loving mother  
in whose gentle arms he lay.  
Christian children all should be  
mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern;  
day by day like us he grew;  
he was little, weak and helpless,  
tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feeleth for our sadness,  
and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love,  
for that child so dear and gentle,  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him: but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high;  
where like stars his children crowned,  
all in white shall wait around.

*Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)*

*Tune: Irby, H. J. Gauntlett (1803-1876), harm. by A. H. Mann; Carols for Choirs I 3*

# WELCOME

*Liturgist:*

We were walking in cold and darkness.  
**Now we dwell in the warmth of your light.**

For your love and goodness  
**we give you thanks, O God.**

A child has been born for us,  
**a new beginning is given to us.**

For your love and goodness  
**we give you thanks, O God.**

You are our creator, you dwell in our midst,  
**you bring us your peace.**

For your love and goodness  
**we give you thanks, O God.**

*Priest:*

Kia tau ki a koutou, te atawhai me te rangimarie o te Atua.  
Grace and peace to you from God.  
**God fill you with truth and joy.**

*Please be seated.*

# GLORIA

*Gloria (from Missa Brevis in D)*

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)*

# SENTENCE AND PRAYER FOR THE DAY

I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:  
to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,  
who is the Messiah.

*Luke 2:10-11*

God of every creature,  
whose Son was born for all the world;  
we praise you for the shepherds  
who lived between the earth and sky,  
who, with animals and angels,  
greeted the Word made flesh:  
may we share their urgency  
to meet the promised child  
with wonder and with joy  
through Jesus Christ, the Word incarnate. Amen. <sup>1</sup>

## THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

*Isaiah 9:2-7*

May we hear angel voices.  
May we see the star.

## GRADUAL HYMN

The stars danced, the angels sang  
the night God came to earth.  
The whole vault of heaven rang  
to celebrate his birth.

*We will dance, we will sing,  
**we will praise our heav'nly king at his birth!***

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<sup>1</sup> *Steven Shakespeare*

Mary, his mother smiled  
to see her babe new born.  
Shepherds came hurrying,  
left their flocks forlorn.

*We will dance, we will sing,  
we will praise our **heav'nly king at his birth!***

Wise men who saw his star,  
knew their Lord was here,  
came with their offerings,  
incense, gold and myrrh.

*We will dance...*

We too will give to him  
gifts of love and praise.  
Dance for him, sing for him,  
rejoice in him always.

*We will dance...*

*Words: Barbara Gillard. Tune: David Dell. Carol Our Christmas 43*

*We turn to face the Gospel reader.*

## THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Luke,  
chapter two, beginning at verse one.



Shine on our path -ways.

*Luke 2:1-20*

This is the Gospel of Christ.



May we hear wis - dom.

# THE SERMON AND CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

## ANTHEM

*In dulci jubilo*

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

## 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

During this hymn there is a collection to support St Matthew's.

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O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him born the king of Angels:

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

God from God, Light from Light,  
**lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb!**  
Very God, begotten, not created:

***O come, let us adore him...***

See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

***O come, let us adore him...***

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,  
**"Glory to God, glory in the highest":**

***O come, let us adore him...***

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing:

***O come, let us adore him...***

*Words: possibly by John Francis Wade (c.1711-1786)  
Tune: Adeste Fideles, probably by John Francis Wade (c.1711-1786). TiS 304*



# 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 and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. There are two triplets: the first triplet covers G4, A4, B4, and the second triplet covers F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics "Bless-ed be God for ev - er." are written below the notes.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Cantor* *All*

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. There is a triplet over G4, A4, B4. The lyrics "Hope is a - mong us. We are God's light." are written below the notes.

*Cantor* *All*

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. There is a triplet over G4, A4, B4. The lyrics "Shine then with free - dom into all the cor - ners of the world." are written below the notes.

*Cantor* *All*

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. There is a triplet over G4, A4, B4. The lyrics "Lest fear overcome the bril - liance of life and light and lib - er - ty." are written below the notes.

All life is holy, sacred; worthy of respect and dignity.  
Let us give thanks for the power of the heart  
to sense the holy in the midst of the simple.

Power and possibility of Love,  
we praise you and give you thanks,  
for on this morning Jesus was born among us,  
a baby needy and naked, born into poverty and oppression,  
in order to proclaim the gift  
of your transforming grace and justice.

Therefore with all the faithful, living and dead,  
with Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, Magi, and angels,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
forever praising you and singing:



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho-ly is the Love called God, the sparks of hope.



Blaze, jus-tice blaze. Blest is Je - sus



who lit up our world, who lit up our world. Ho-san - na,



ho- san - na, ho - san - na to the low-est and the least.

On the night before he died Jesus took bread;  
when he had given 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; when he had given you thanks,  
he gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you,  
for this is my blood which brings new life;  
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

With this bread and wine we answer the call of God.

We of - fer bread to eat with eyes and hands held  
o - pen. We pass this cup to share. We take, break,  
bless and give kind-ling hope ev' - ry where.

Empower our celebration, Spirit of promise,  
feed us with your life, fire us with your love,  
confront us with your justice,  
and make us one with all who share your gifts of love.

**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 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.**

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the life of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.**

*“Hodie Christus natus est” (from “Ceremony of Carols”)*

*Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)*

# 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.*

# MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Away in a manger*

*W. J. Kirkpatrick (arr. D. Willcocks)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Welcome, welcome, Jesus Christ our infant Saviour,  
baby who makes every birth holy.

May we, who like the shepherds  
have witnessed in the stable a new kind of love  
return to our work with joy.

May we, for whom the heavens have opened  
to proclaim that God is with us,  
we who have fed on living bread  
and drunk the wine of heaven,  
go out to be instruments of your peace,  
day by day. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

## FINAL HYMN

Hark! the herald angels sing:  
**“Glory to the new-born King!**  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
**God and sinners reconciled!”**  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
**with th’angelic host proclaim,**  
**“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”**  
Hark! the herald angels sing:  
**“Glory to the new-born King!”**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,**  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
**offspring of a virgin's womb.**  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
**hail th'incarnate Deity,**  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing:  
**"Glory to the new-born King!"**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!**  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing:  
**"Glory to the new-born King!"**

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
Tune: Mendelssohn, from a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)  
adapted by William Hayman Cummings (1831-1915). TIS 303*

*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

*Festive Encore on "We wish you a Merry Christmas"*

*Arranged by Dan Miller*

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An accessible toilet is located on the right hand side past the kitchen.

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The Parish Office is now closed;  
reopening Monday 11 January 2021.

Sunday services on 27 December, 3, 10 January at 10am only.  
Sunday 8am services resume on January 17, 2021.

Wednesday 12.20pm services resume on February 3, 2021.

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