



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 1



ORDINARY 26 2023

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken,
the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing,
one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine –
renewed, sustained and given
by token, sign and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.

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

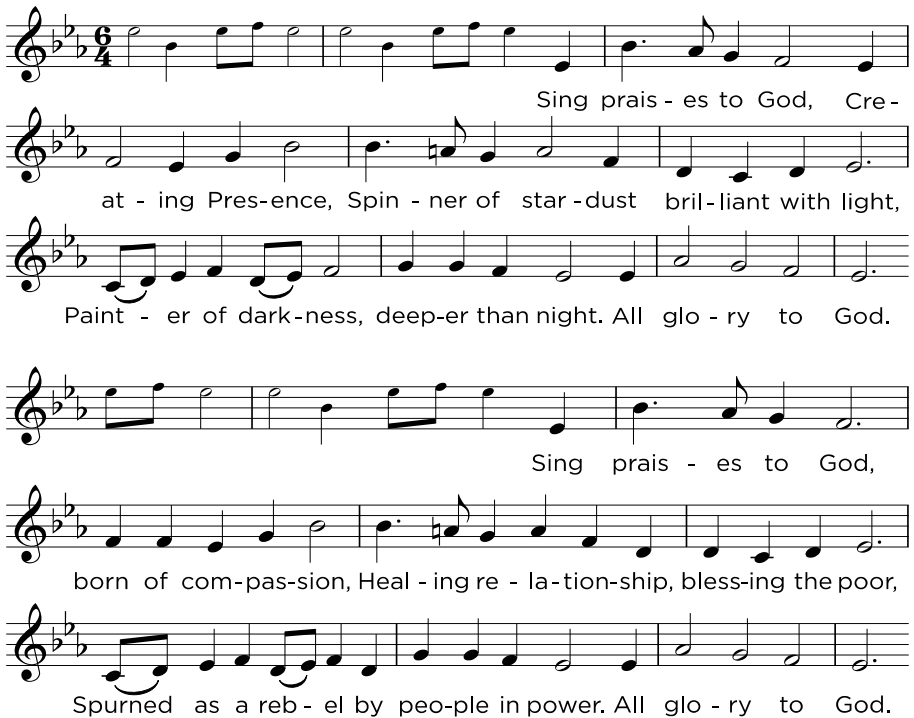
WELCOME

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

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.

¹ Church of England

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.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

My God, I trust in you;
you guide the humble in what is right,
and teach them your way.

Psalm 25:2, 9

Living Presence of wisdom and justice,
Renew in all of us a thirst for justice,
That we may cherish the earth and the oceans,
Teaching one another the wisdom of restraint,
And nurturing a deep desire for the common good.
We pray this after the pattern of Jesus
And in the power of the Spirit. Amen. ⁴

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

Chant: John Goss (1800-1880)

Give heed to my teaching O my people:
turn your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable: I will reveal the hidden meanings
of things in the past, things we have heard and known:
and such as our forbears have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, but declare to the next
generation: your glories O Lord and your might,
and the wonders that you have done.

Marvellous things you did in the sight of our ancestors:
in the land of Egypt, in the plain of Zoan.

³ *Jenny Blood (1932-2022)*

⁴ *Jim Cotter, adapt.*

You divided the sea and let them go through:
and made the waters stand up like a wall.
In the daytime you led them with a cloud:
and all the night long with a beacon of fire.
You split rocks in the wilderness:
and gave them drink in plenty, as from the great - deep.
You brought streams out of the cliff:
and made water run down like rivers.

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Exodus 17:1-7

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN

**Tama ngākau mārie, Tama a t'Atua,
tēnei tonu mātou, arohaina mai.**

**Murua rā ngā hara. Wetekina mai
ēnei here kino, whakararu nei.**

Takahia ki raro, tau e kino ai;
kei pā kaha tonu, ko nga mahi hē.

**Hōmai he aroha, mōu i mate nei.
Tēnei ra, e Ihu, tākina e koe.**

**Tēnei arahina, a tutuki noa:
puta i te pōuri, whiwhi hari nui.**

**Tama ngākau mārie, Tama a t'Atua,
tēnei tonu mātou, arohaina mai. Amine.** ⁵

Words: Traditional Maori hymn

Tune: Tama ngākau mārie, traditional Maori hymn. AA 128

⁵ *Son of a peaceful heart, remove our sin. Trample evil underfoot.
Give us love and lead us through darkness to joy. Son of a peaceful heart, love us.*

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew chapter twenty-one, beginning at verse twenty-three.



Be a lamp to my feet.

Matthew 21:23-32

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Be a light for my path.

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SERMON

SILENCE

ANTHEM

God so loved the world

John Stainer (1840-1901)

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.

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 *

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Blaenwern, William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937). TIS 590

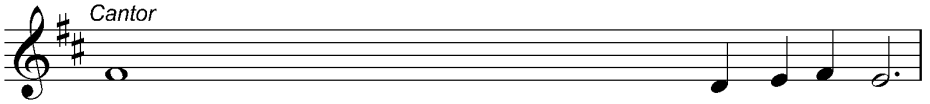
* *There is a donation bowl on the back table.*

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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,
proclaiming the freedom of new life, as together we sing: ⁷

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

Organ *All*

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 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 whakawala;

engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

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

Āke, ake, ake. Āmine.

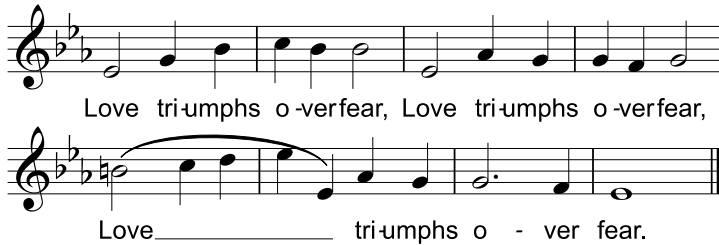
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

THE INVITATION

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua,
tangohia ēnei 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

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

Sicut cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

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**

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

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

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FINAL HYMN

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's realm and to answer the call.

⁹ Dorothy McRae-McMahon "Liturgies for High Days", p. 126

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and that name which we bear.

*Words: Omer Westendorf (1916-1997) alt.
Tune: The Ash Grove, Welsh traditional melody. TIS 531*

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

Marche de Procession, Op. 41 No. 5

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

MUSIC NOTES

John Stainer became the Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, London in 1872. The Crucifixion was composed in 1887 and first performed in St Marylebone Parish Church on Good Friday of that year. Scored for tenor and bass soloists, choir and organ, Stainer conceived The Crucifixion as 'A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer', a work that would be performable by the average village choir and also immediately engaging for the audience. It has, in spite of some criticisms of its high Victorian piety (particularly the words) always proved immensely popular. The words of the chorus 'God so loved the world' are of course taken directly from St. John's Gospel, and the piece has always been regarded by choirs as a fine gem of simple, beautiful Victorian hymnody.

Sicut Cervus, one of Palestrina's most beloved and beautiful motets, sets words from the opening of Psalm 42: "As the deer desires the fountains, so my soul desires You, O God." At the word "desiderat", Palestrina subtly expresses longing through rising, faster paced melismas.

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