

ST MATTHEW-IN-THE-CITY  
19 September 2021  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Season of Creation

WELCOME

*Rev Cate Thorn*

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.**

The earth and everything on it  
The world and all who live in it belong to God  
We live in God's world, we are not alone.

**We share this life**

**With the heavens and the earth,**

**With the waters and the land,**

**With trees and grasses,**

**With fish, birds, and animals,**

**With creatures of every form,**

**And with all our brothers and sisters.**

**Together we form strands in the web of creation**

**Woven and held together by God our creator.**

In the beginning creation was woven,  
A beautiful web loved into being,  
In which all things are connected,  
In which all things need all things:

**We are one in the web of creation.**

## THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Happy are those whose delight is in the law of God,  
they are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.

*Psalm 1*

**Creator God,  
may the creatures of the city remind us of you,  
may the water of the city bring us new freedom,  
the air of the city breathe the Spirit's energy  
so the city may flourish  
with life in all its fullness. Amen.**

## HYMN

**Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.**

**We who endanger, who create hunger,  
agents of death for all creatures that live,  
we who would foster clouds of disaster,  
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!**

**Let there be greening, birth from the burning,  
water that blesses and air that is sweet,  
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete.**

**God of all living, God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,  
teach us, deflect us, Christ re-connect us,  
using us gently and making us one.**

*Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)  
Tune: Tenderness, Colin Gibson. AA 143*

## READING *James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a*

*Tim McWhannel*

## THE SERMON

*Rev Cate Thorn*

## ANTHEM

*Wild Wordless Wisdom*

*Cecily Sheehy*

*St Matthew's Voices*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Nick Rogers*

## THE SILENCE

## 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.**

## BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon Wilf Holt*

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

**We go in the power of love.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Voluntary in C minor*

*Paul Chan, Director of Music*

*Maurice Greene*