

ST MATTHEW-IN-THE-CITY
5 September 2021
23rd 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

Listen, dear brothers and sisters:
didn't God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom promised to those who love God? (James 2:3)

**God our creator,
you have made us one with this earth,
to tend it and to bring forth fruit;
may we so respect and cherish
all that has life from you,
that we may share in the labour of all creation
to bring to birth life itself. Amen.**

HYMN

**These hills where the hawk flies lonely,
beaches where the long surf rolls,
mountains where the snows meet heaven,
these are our care.**

**Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,
orchards where the apples grow,
gardens where the roses cluster,
these are our prayer.**

**Forests where the tree ferns tower,
rivers running strong and clear,
oceans where the great whales wander,
these are our care.**

**Race meeting race as equals,
justice for age-old wrong,
worth for every man and woman,
these are our prayer.**

**Cities where the young roam restless,
lives brought to deep despair,
homeless and powerless people,
these are our care.**

**Places where the Word is spoken,
hands held in serving love,
faiths of our many cultures,
these are our prayer.**

**All that the old world gave us,
all that the new world brings,
language, ideas and customs,
these are our care.**

**Life finding joy and value,
faith seeking truth and light,
God heard and seen in all things,
this be our prayer.**

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READING *Mark 7:24-37*

Anne Walsh

THE SERMON

Anton Spelman and Elena Philp

ANTHEM

Magnificat

St Matthew's Voices

Chris Adams

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amanda Mark

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

March Maestoso

Donald Cashmore

Paul Chan, Director of Music