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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

Christ, you give the great commission:

"Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the Church neglect its mission  
and the gospel go unheard,

help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity;

**with the Spirit's gifts empower us**

for the work of ministry.

Christ, you call us to your service:

"In my name baptize and teach."

That the world may trust your promise,

life abundant meant for each,

give us all new fervor, draw us

closer in community;

**with the Spirit's gifts empower us**

for the work of ministry.

**Christ, you show us love's true measure:**

"Abba, what they do, forgive."

Yet we hoard as private treasure

all that you so freely give.

May your care and mercy lead us

to a just society;

**with the Spirit's gifts empower us**

for the work of ministry.

Christ, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."

Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity;  
**with the Spirit's gifts empower us**  
for the work of ministry.

*Words: Jeffery W. Rowthorn (1934-, adapted  
Tune: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991). TIS 153*

## 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

Yahweh, you've searched me and you know me.  
For all these mysteries I thank you - for the wonder of myself,  
for the wonder of your works - my soul knows it well.

*Psalms 139:1, 14*

**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>**

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<sup>2</sup> *Janet Morley*

# THE FIRST READING

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

*1 Samuel 3:1-10*

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

# THE GRADUAL HYMN

Fill thou my life, O faithful God,  
in every part with praise,  
that my whole being may proclaim  
thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,  
**nor ev'n the praising heart**  
I ask, but for a life made up  
of praise in every part:

not in the temple crowd alone  
where holy voices chime,  
but in the silent paths of earth,  
the quiet rooms of time.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care  
be turned into a song,  
and every winding of the way  
the echo shall prolong;

so shall no part of day and night  
from sacredness be free;  
but all my life, in every step  
be fellowship with thee.

*Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889) alt.*

*Tune: Richmond, later form of melody by Thomas Haweis (1734-1820),  
adapted by Samuel Webbe the younger (c.1770-1843). TIS 425*

# THE GOSPEL

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

Shine on our pathways.

*John 1:43-51*

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.*

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

# 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 \*

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?

**Will you go where you don't know,**  
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you, and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind,  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer  
in you, and you in me?

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

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donation to St Matthew-in-the-City  
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**Will you love the 'you' you hide**

if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside,  
and never be the same?

**Will you use the faith you've found**

to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you,  
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you, and you in me.

*Words: John L. Bell and Graham Maule*

*Tune: Kelvingrove, Traditional Scottish melody, arr. C. Tambling. CAHO&N 752*

## 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

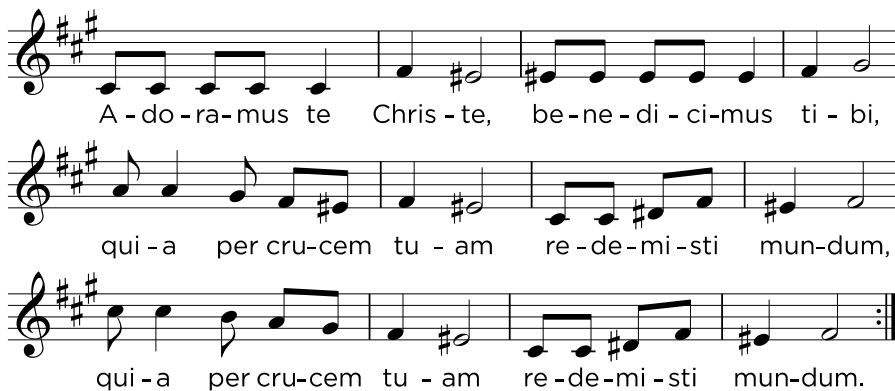
We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life. <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</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

Forth in your name, O God, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue,  
you, God, alone resolved to know,  
in all I think, or speak, or do.

Each task your wisdom has assigned  
still let me cheerfully fulfil,  
in all my works your presence find,  
and prove your good and perfect will.

You may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance view,  
and labour on at your command,  
and offer all my works to you.

Give me to bear your easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to your glorious day;

for you delightfully employ  
all that your bounteous grace has given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with you to heaven.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Tune: Song 34, arr. from melody and bass of Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625). 571*

*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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