



A spirited place
where people stand,
connect and seek
common ground

SUNDAY
AUGUST

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2021



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTROIT

*Pater Noster*¹

Nikolai Kedrov (1870-1940)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We celebrate the web of life,
its magnitude we sing;
for we can see divinity
in every living thing.

A fragment of the perfect whole
in cactus and in quail,
as much in tiny barnacle
as in the great blue whale.

Of ancient dreams we are the sum;
our bones link stone to star,
and bind our future worlds to come
with worlds that were and are.

Respect the water, land, and air
which gave all creatures birth;
protect the lives of all that share
the glory of the earth.

Words: Alicia S. Carpenter (1930-1990)

Tune: Wiltshire, George Thomas Smart (1776-1867). TIS 122

WELCOME

Priest: 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.

Liturgist: Let us give thanks
for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,
release for the captives,
recovery of sight for the blind
and liberty for those who are oppressed.

¹ *Our Father in Heaven*

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.

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 our 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]

Ian Render. Tune: Newlands Road. FFS 13

Silence

Holy one, look at our brokenness.
All parts of the creation cry out for your healing and love.

Come to us sacred one;
show us the path to wholeness.
Grow in us the humility to seek healing from the earth,
and the courage to bring healing to each other. ²

Priest: God forgives us, be at peace.

² Ojibway prayer, Canada. Adapted by Anton Spelman.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4: 1-2

Living Presence,
revealed to us as the bread of life,
so sustain us with your daily manna
that we may learn to trust that you will feed us
in every corner of our being,
satisfying what we most deeply desire.
We pray this after the pattern of Jesus
and in the power of the Spirit. Amen. ³

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 4:1-16

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

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Ma te marie a te Atua
tatou katoa e tiaki;
Mana ano e whakau
O tatou ngakau ki te pai.

Ma te Atua Tamaiti ra,
ma te Wairua Tapu hoki,
ratou, Atua kotahi nei.
Tatou katoa e whakapai. ⁴

Words: Traditional Maori Hymn

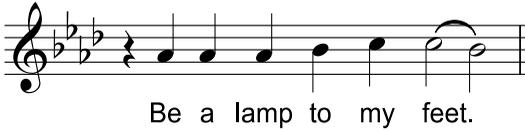
Tune: Old 100th (2), modern form of melody from "Genevan Psalter", 1551. WOV 679

³ *Jim Cotter*

⁴ *The peace of God keep us all. He will confirm our hearts in goodness.
May the Son of God and the Holy Spirit too, one God bless us all.*

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to John, chapter six, beginning at verse twenty-four.



John 6:24-35

This is the Gospel of Christ.



THE SERMON

THE SILENCE

THE ANTHEM

Ego sum panis vivus *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)*

I am the bread which comes from heaven: so that we may live.

Liturgist: We stand to affirm the faith we share
and seek to follow in word and chant
from the cultures of this land.

HE TIKANGA WHAKAPONO THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You, O God, are supreme and holy.



Ko koe, e te Atua ta-pu, **te ti - no Atua,**

You create our world and give us life.



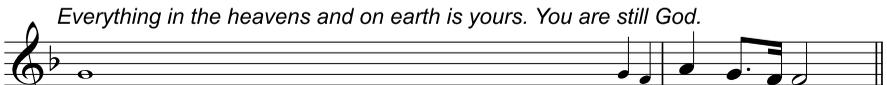
Nou te mana, te i - hi, **te we - hi.**

Yours is the world.



Nou te ao, te mau - ri, **te o - ra.**

Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours. You are still God.



Nau te katoa, i te rangi, i te whenua. Ko koe to - nu **te A - tua.**

You are the light of the world.



Ko koe te maramatan - ga **o te a-o,**

You shine through the darkness

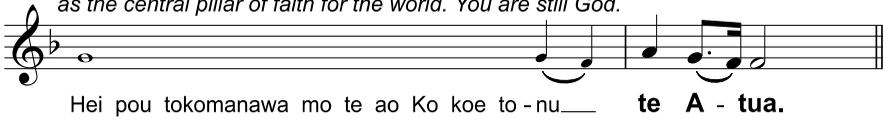


I tiaho ra a koe i roto i **te pou - ri,**

to reveal your son Jesus Christ

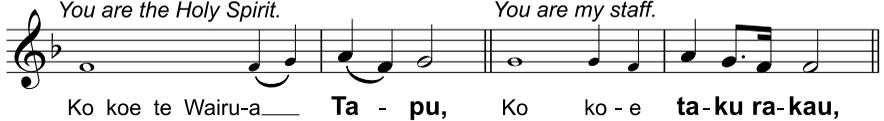


as the central pillar of faith for the world. You are still God.



You are the Holy Spirit.

You are my staff.



You are my walking stick.

You are my life-source.



You are still God.

Glory to you.



Music: Bishop Muru Walters

Please be seated.

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 ⁵



Let us ta - lents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard. Je - sus lives a - gain,



earth can breathe a - gain, pass the word a - round: loaves a - bound!



Christ is ab - le to make us one, at his ta - ble he



sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,



love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,



earth can breathe a - gain, pass the word a - round: loaves a - bound!

⁵ During this hymn there is a collection to support St Matthew's;
for electronic giving option: text **stmatthew** to **818** to make a fast one off or ongoing donation by credit card to St Matthew-in-the-City.
Or you can download the PUSHPAY app from Apple Store or Google Playstore and search for St Matthew-in-the-City.

Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:
 God - Im - ma - nu - el eve - ry - where! Je - sus lives a - gain,
 earth can breathe a - gain, pass the word a - round: loaves a - bound!

*Words: Fred Kaan (1929-2009)
 Tune: Linstead Market, Jamaican folk melody, refrain adapted by Doreen Potter
 (1925-1980), arr. Alistair Spence. TIS 537*

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Glory be to God who flows through all creation,
 blessing us with gifts to share.

Bless - ed 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 offer thanks and praise.

Life-giving God, your word speaks in the void,
calling into being things that are not,
inviting us to share your work of creation.

We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth,
of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder.

We thank you for the creatures with whom we share the world,
for their lives so different from our own and the richness they reveal.

We thank you for Jesus the Son,
formed from Mary's flesh and nurtured by her faith;
he walked the growing earth and proclaimed a fearless kingdom
of bird and lily, child and stranger, the beggar and the blind.

On the cross, he joined the labour of all creation's yearning;
in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of God;
he gives the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

Therefore, with all that has life through him
with animals and angels and all who hope for a new creation,
we share the song of love which sounds from all eternity:

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One, God of po - wer and might

Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Bless the One who comes in the pow'r of love.

3

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

We give thanks for our brother, Jesus Christ;
 who, on the night that he was betrayed,
 gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.
 Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
 This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.
 In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
 Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.
 As on that night, so here and now
 he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Break the bread for free - dom. Pour the wine for jus - tice. Ce - le - brate this

meal for all the world, a meal of faith and hope, God's love, shared among us. 6

⁶ Words by Jenny Blood

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts so that these fragile, earthly things will be to us the bread and wine of life. ⁷

United in the power of love with all who stand for justice, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing and hon-our and glo - ry be Yours, here and
ev-'ry -where now and for - ev - er, A - men.

Please be seated.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tatou e to tatou Ariki, ka inoi tatou:

E to matou Matua i te rangi,
kia tapu tou Ingoa.

Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite ano ki to te rangi.

Homai ki a matou aianei he taro ma matou mo tenei ra.

Murua o matou hara,

me matou hoki e muru nei,

i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.

Aua hoki matou e kawea kia whakawaia;

engari whakaorangia matou i te kino:

Nou hoki te rangatiratanga,

te kaha, me te kororia,

Ake, ake, ake. Amine.

⁷ Steven Shakespeare, adapted

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:

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. 8

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;
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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

(from Church Cantata BWV 147)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

⁸ *We adore you, Jesus Christ, and we bless your holy name;
truly your cross and passion bring us life and healing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Filled with a Spirit that calls us and the entire world beyond
what we ever thought was possible,
we leave this table
strengthened with food for the journey
and a vision of life as it can be;
one diverse family, living in justice and peace.
Amen.

**Mystery of God, heartbeat of the universe,
centre of spirited change and rebirth;
we glorify your ways:
the ways of dignity and justice,
the ways of love for all creatures,
the ways of caring for the earth.
Let us be simple in our needs,
showing compassion for our neighbour,
sharing generously what we have,
letting go our hurts and fears.
For in you we find peace, in you we find hope,
and in you we find courage, now and forever. Amen.** ⁹

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

FINAL HYMN

Wisdom far beyond our knowledge,
Word of endless mystery,
God, in whom is comprehended
all that was, is now, will be,
you have set us free to wander,
world on world, through time and space,
haunted by the hope of heaven,
nurtured by your constant grace.

⁹ *Jenny Blood*

Unimaginable lover,
faithful to eternity,
God, fulfilling and indwelling
all that was, is now, will be,
we can never stray beyond you,
loving Presence, you are here:
called to join your great adventure,
forth we go to find you there.

Beating heart of all creation,
first and final unity,
God who draws all things together,
all that was, is now, will be,
we have heard your distant music,
shared your dream of harmony:
now we go as reconcilers,
makers of community.

Focus of our search for meaning,
truth in our perplexity,
God the One by whom we measure
all that was, is now, will be,
centre of our heart's devotion,
magnet of our questing mind,
spirit's birth and soul's companion,
journey's end in you we find.

Words: Colin Gibson. Tune: Blauenwern, W. P. Rowlands (1860-1937). TIS 590

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

Postlude on an old Irish church melody C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

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