



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

SUNDAY  
JULY  
**25**  
2021



Social Services  
Sunday

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Great God, in Christ you call our name  
and then receive us as your own  
not through some merit, right, or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free,  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.

*Words: Brian Wren. Tune: St Petersburg. TIS 375*

## 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.**<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Church of England

# 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 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]*  
*Silence*

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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. <sup>3</sup>

*Priest:* God forgives us,  
forgive others,  
forgive yourself.

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<sup>2</sup> Ian Render. Tune: Newlands Road. FFS 13

<sup>3</sup> Jenny Blood

# THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Give power eyes to see the needy  
so that it can serve them and their children.

*Psalm 72:4*

God of true abundance,  
in whom nothing is lost and all are fed:  
liberate us from meagre rations  
of scarce and grudging love  
for which we must compete;  
show us another way  
which stills our all-consuming fear  
**and fills us with new hope;**  
through Jesus Christ, the peace of creation.  
Amen. <sup>4</sup>

## PSALM 145:10-18

*Chant: W. Crotch (1775-1847)*

All your creation shall praise you O Lord,  
and your servants will bless your name.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and their talk shall be of your power,  
so that all may know of your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures from age to age.

The Lord upholds those who stumble and raises up those who are down.

The eyes of all look to you O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand and give what they desire to all things living.

You Lord are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your deeds.

You Lord are near to all who call to you,  
who call to you in singleness of heart.

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<sup>4</sup> *Steven Shakespeare, adapt.*

# THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

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

# THE GRADUAL HYMN

E te Atua, kua ruia nei;  
O purapura pai:  
homai e koe he ngakau hou,  
kia tupu ake ai.

E Ihu, kua e tukua  
Kia whakangaromia,  
me whakatupu ake ia,  
kia kitea ai nga hua.

A ma te Wairua Tapu ra  
matou e tiaki,  
kei hoki ki te mahi he  
O matou ngakau hou. Amine. <sup>5</sup>

*Words: Traditional Maori Hymn*

*Tune: For all the mercies, traditional Maori melody,  
harm. Jillian Margaret Bray (1939-2018). WOV 650*

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<sup>5</sup> *O God, sown is your good seed. Give us a new heart to make it grow.  
O Jesus, do not let it go, do not let it be destroyed; let it grow so that the fruits  
may be seen. May the Holy Spirit keep us, lest to evil deeds returns our new heart.*

# THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of Christ according to John chapter six, beginning at verse one.



Be a lamp to my feet.

*John 6:1-21*

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Be a light for my path. 6

# THE SERMON

## SILENCE

## ANTHEM

*Wild Wordless Wisdom*

*Cecily Sheehy*

# 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 <sup>7</sup>

*Let justice roll down like a river,  
let justice roll down like a sea,  
let justice roll down like a river,  
let justice begin through me.*

Justice for all who go hungry,  
crying to God to be fed,  
left in a world of abundance  
to beg for a morsel of bread.

*Let **justice roll down like a river...***

Justice for those who are homeless,  
victims of warfare or need,  
trapped on the borders of nowhere,  
lost in the canyons of greed.

*Let **justice roll down like a river...***

Justice for all who are powerless,  
yearning for freedom in vain,  
plundered, and robbed of their birthright,  
silently bearing their pain.

*Let **justice roll down like a river...***

*Words and Tune: Colin Gibson. AA 85*

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<sup>7</sup> 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.



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.



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: <sup>8</sup>

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 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.

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<sup>8</sup> *The Great Thanksgiving is adapted from a service from St Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco*

# 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 tri-umphs o-verfear, Love tri-umphs o-verfear,  
Love \_\_\_\_\_ tri-umphs o - ver fear.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G minor (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with a long horizontal line under the word 'Love' indicating a breath mark or a long note.

# 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.*

# MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*God be in my head*

*John Rutter*

*Holy is the true light*

*William H. Harris (1883-1973)*

## 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. <sup>9</sup>

## THE BLESSING

## NOTICES

## FINAL HYMN

Praise with joy the world's Creator,  
God of justice, love and peace,  
source and end of human knowledge,  
force of greatness without cease.  
Celebrate the Maker's glory,  
power to rescue and release.

Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,  
frees the captive, finds the lost,  
heals the sick, upsets religion,  
fearless both of fate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ's constant presence —  
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,  
liberating truth from pride,  
forging bonds where race or gender,  
age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure —  
foolishness none dare deride.

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<sup>9</sup> Dorothy McRae-McMahon "Liturgies for High Days", p. 126

Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,  
one God in community,  
calling Christians to embody  
oneness and diversity.  
Thus the world shall yet believe,  
when shown Christ's vibrant unity.

*Words: John L Bell & Graham Maule  
Tune: Praise, my soul. John Goss (1800-1880). TIS 179*

*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

*Hymne d'Action de Grâce "Te Deum" Jean Langlais (1907-1991)*

*Played by Andi Wei, King's College organ scholar*

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