

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday 23 May 2021



INTROIT

A sound came from heaven

Douglas Mews (1918-1993)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Spirit divine, attend our prayers
and make this house your home,
descend with all your gracious powers:
O come, great Spirit, come.

Come as the light: to us reveal
our emptiness and woe,
and lead us in those paths of life
where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire: and purge our hearts
like sacrificial flame;
let our whole life an offering be
to our Redeemer's name.

Come as the dove: and spread your wings,
the wings of peaceful love,
and let your Church on earth become
blest as the Church above.

Come as the wind, with rushing sound
and pentecostal grace,
that all of woman born may see
the glory of your face.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
make this lost world your home;
descend with all your gracious powers:
O come, great Spirit, come.

Words: Andrew Reed (1787-1862) alt.

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

WELCOME

Priest:

Holy, holy, holy God,
wonder, mystery and all-goodness,
in the power of the Spirit we are carried into your presence.

You are our God and we are your people. ¹

Liturgist:

On this day of Pentecost
we celebrate the Spirit of transformative love –
that power which disturbs the comfortable
and comforts the disturbed.

Holy Spirit come.

Let us breathe in peace.

Holy Spirit heal.

Let us breathe out fear.

Holy Spirit enlighten.

Let us breathe in hope.

Spirit of love, 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.

¹ *Dorothy McRae-McMahon*

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.

FORGIVENESS

Loving God, if our faith has become so mundane to us that we have ceased to expect to be surprised by your holiness, treading each day as if we know all that is possible instead of looking around us for your new word:

**Stride into our lives, Jesus Christ,
and interrupt us with your grace.**

O God, when we look at others and fail to see the godliness which may be present there, assuming we know all there is to know about them and closing our minds and hearts to fresh gifts:

**Stride into our lives, Jesus Christ,
and interrupt us with your grace.**

Forgive us when we expect less than you give. Amen. ²

Priest:

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.
Amen.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words and God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit.

Romans 2:26-27

**Living God,
eternal Holy Spirit,
let your bright intoxicating energy
which fired those first disciples
fall on us to turn the world again.
Amen.** ³

² *Dorothy McRae-McMahon*

³ *NZPB 604*

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:1-21

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Join hands in the Spirit,
the one holy name,
you are love, and we your children,
one and the same.
All glory to the Spirit,
all praise to your name,
for your love unites us
in peace once again.

Join minds in the Spirit,
the one source of life,
all are born in your image,
sparks of your light.
Oh joy that you call us
to love and forgive,
to trust beyond fear,
that in death we may live.

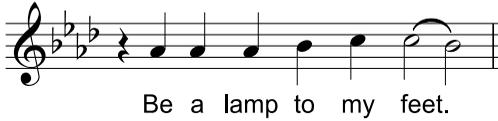
Join hearts in the Spirit,
the one holy peace,
your love is our union,
your touch our release.
Oh great heart! embracing
every creed, every race,
in gratitude we cry
at the gift of your grace.

Words: Radha Wardrop

Tune: Radha Wardrop, arr. Ian Render. AA 82

THE GOSPEL

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



John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

This is the Gospel of Christ.



THE SERMON

ANTHEM

The Spirit of the Lord

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

COMMISSIONING OF VESTRY

At the AGM on 18 April 2021, John Aston, Matthew Chubb, Jo Drayton, Wendy Earles, Richard Le Heron, Susanna Howes, Gavin Rennie, Jane Stevenson, Anne Walsh were elected to the Vestry of this parish; Jon Lamb as Vicar's Warden and Elena Philp as People's Warden, and Amanda Mark and Richard Milne continue as our Synod Representatives.

Vestry members are called to leadership and stewardship. They are our leaders in our life as a community of faith and they are stewards of our resources and our buildings. Members of Vestry do you commit yourselves to this task of leadership and stewardship for the coming year?

With God's help we do.

Members of the parish community, will you uphold these people in your prayers and support them in their tasks?

With God's help we will.

May faith be yours, wisdom, vision and energy,
that you may be equipped to lead.

Love be yours, compassion, gentleness and humility,
that you may be equipped to serve.

Insight be yours, patience, perseverance and dedication,
that you may be equipped to release the gifts of others.

God's grace be upon you, Christ's love work within you,
and the Spirit's power flow through you,
that you may faithfully share in nurturing
and building God's community of faith at St Matthew's.

Amen.

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.

The peace will be shared in different languages ending with

The peace of Christ be always with you
and also with you.

Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN ⁴

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes her dwelling.

*Words: Bianca of Siena (c.1345 - c.1412)
tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)
Tune: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). TIS 398*

⁴ *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.*

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 musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It begins with a treble clef. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. There are two triplet markings over the first two groups of three notes: G4-A4-B4 and G4-F4-E4.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Cantor *All*



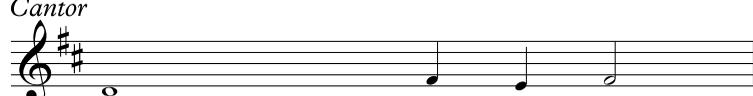
The Spirit is here God's hope is in us

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.

The musical notation for 'THE GREAT THANKSGIVING' consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Cantor and 'All', with lyrics 'The Spirit is here God's hope is in us'. It features a triplet over the notes G4, A4, B4. The second staff is for the Cantor and 'All', with lyrics 'Lift up your hearts We lift them up to God'. The third staff is for the Cantor, with lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the God of peace'. The fourth staff is for 'All', with lyrics 'It is right to offer thanks and praise.'.

O Eternal Wisdom, we praise you and give you thanks,
 for, as you revealed yourself of old
 in fire and storm and precious law,
 so you did not leave your followers comfortless,
 but came upon them at Pentecost in thunder, wind and flame,
 filling them with clarity and power,
 and making them drunk with longing
 to utter your uncontainable word.
 And now, your spirit is poured out upon all flesh,
 sons and daughters are prophesying,
 old and young share visions
 and even the lowest paid are finding their voice.

Therefore, with Elizabeth who prophesied Jesus' birth,
 Mary who sang with the poor,
 Martha who confessed Jesus as the Christ,
 the women who announced the resurrection from the dead,
 and with every nameless and unremembered prophet
 who heard your call and inspired their people,
 we sing in praise:

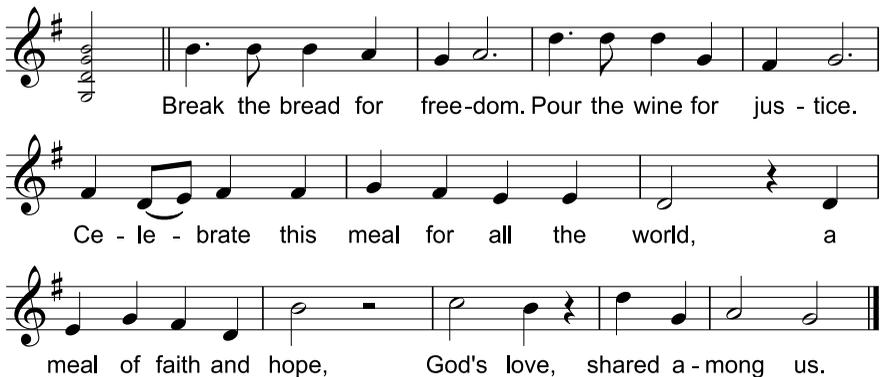
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One, God of po - wer and might
 Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless the One who
 comes in the pow'r of love. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who comes behind the doors we have closed
and breathes on our fear his fearful peace;
who, on the night before he died took bread,
gave thanks, 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;
when he had given thanks he gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood which brings new life;
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.



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 a - mong us.

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Come now, spirit of integrity,
of tenderness, judgement and dance;
touch our speechlessness,
kindle our longing, quell our fears,
and fire our words with your truth;
that each may hear in their own language
the mighty works of God. ⁶

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

⁵ Words Jenny Blood

⁶ Janet Morley

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 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the hope of the Risen Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
 for we all share the one bread.**

We sing three times:

Ve - ni San-cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris i - g - ne - mac - cen - de.

Ve - ni San-cte Spi - ri - tus, ve - ni San-cte Spi - ri - tus.

(Come Holy Spirit and kindle the flame of your love.)

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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

Veni creator Spiritus

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

(Creator Spirit, come with fire to enliven us.)

⁷ Text: Taizé Community. Tune: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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. ⁸

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

⁸ *Jenny Blood*

FINAL HYMN

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
hidden now in mystery,
nature bursts with joyful promise,
ripe with what is yet to be.
In a wealth of rich invention,
still the work of art unfolds:
barely have we seen, and faintly,
what God's great salvation holds.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
making Jesus seen and heard.
Every age of God's creation
grasps new meaning from the Word.
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us
your new work begun today:
eyes and ears and hearts are open,
teach us what to do and say.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
nothing shall be left to chance.
All that lives will be united
in the everlasting dance.
All fulfilled and all perfected,
each uniquely loved and known,
Christ in glory unimagined
once for all receives his own.

Words: Marnie Barrell. Tune: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991). TiS 153

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.

VOLUNTARY

Meditation on "Veni Creator"

J. Stuart Archer (1866-1954)

*We invite you to keep this copy of the Service and take it home with you
to share with another member of your family, or with a friend.*

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