

Although your Spirit is upon me,  
still I search for shelter from your light.  
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:  
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,  
gave me life within my mother's womb.  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:  
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

### Final Hymn

#### *"Christ be our light"*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
helping your kingdom come.

## Fr Tom's Leaving Mass

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011  
5.45 pm

### Opening Hymn

#### *"Welcome all ye noble saints of old"*

Welcome all ye noble saints of old,  
as now before your very eyes unfold  
the wonders all so long ago foretold.

*God and man at table are sat down. (2)*

Elders, martyrs, all are falling down,  
prophets, patriarchs are gath'ring round;  
what angels longed to see, now we have found.

Who is this who spreads the vict'ry feast?  
Who is this who makes our warring cease?  
Jesus risen, Saviour, Prince of Peace.

Beggars lame, and harlots also here;  
repentant publicans are drawing near;  
wayward sons come home without a fear.

Worship in the presence of the Lord  
with joyful songs, and hearts in one accord,  
and let our host at table be adored.

When at last this earth shall pass away,  
when Jesus and his bride are one to stay,  
the feast of love is just begun that day.

### Penitential Rite



**Kyrie**

**Gloria**

### Opening Prayer

### First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

### Responsorial Psalm

"O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts."

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

### Homily

### Intercessions

*by the children of St John's*

### Offertory Hymn

*"Here in this place, new light is streaming"*

Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old – who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history,

called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in the proud and the strong;  
give us the heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place, the new light is shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us for ever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

### Communion Hymn

*"O God you search me and you know me"*

O God, you search me and you know me.  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down you are before me:  
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.  
You discern my purpose from afar,  
and with love everlasting you besiege me:  
in ev'ry moment of life and death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
you have known its meaning through and through.  
You are with me, beyond my understanding:  
God of my present, my past and future, too.