



Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield
Loved as you are



Sunday 1st January 2023
Christmas 2

*All are welcome to St Margaret's and we encourage all to take part fully in this service. If you have **mobility issues** that make it difficult for you to come and receive communion, should you want to, then do please notify our sides-people, and we will come to you.*

THE GATHERING

As we gather together

Chorale Prelude: 'Christus, der ist mein Leben' *Max Reger 1873-1916*
Christ, He is my Life.

We stand and sing at the entrance of the clergy

Processional Hymn

**Unto us is born a Son, King of quires supernal,
See on earth his life begun, of lords the Lord eternal,
Of lords the Lord eternal.**

**Christ from heaven descending low, comes on earth a stranger,
Ox and ass their owner know becradled in a manger,
Becradled in a manger.**

**This did Herod sore affray, and grievously bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay, and slew the little childer,
And slew the little childer.**

**Of his love and mercy mild this the Christmas story,
And O that Mary's little Child might lead us up to glory,
Might lead us up to glory!**

**O and A and A and O cum cantibus in choro,
Let the merry organ go, Benedicamus Domino,
Benedicamus Domino.**

Words: 'Puer Nobis Nascitur' 15th Century tr: George Ratcliffe Woodward 1849-1934 Music: Piae Cantones, 1582

THE GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his
name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins'.
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through

Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis

6
De - o. Glo - - - - -

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- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - - o.

Cantor Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you; we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *R*

Cantor Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *R*

Cantor For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *R*

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the readings

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please remain standing until the preacher has introduced the Sermon

THE SERMON

We stand

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of
the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each petition the following response is used

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

and at the end of the prayers

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his
name shall be called the Prince of Peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace by looking at those around you and greeting them with a warm smile.

As the Body of Christ receives its life from God, and offers its life to God, so we, as members of that Body, greet each other in love.

The Preparation of the Table The Taking of the Bread and Wine

During the Preparation of the Table

**Child in the Manger, infant of Mary,
Outcast and stranger, Lord of all,
Child who inherits all our transgressions,
All our demerits on him fall.**

**Once the most holy Child of salvation
Gently and lowly lived below,
Now as our glorious and mighty Redeemer,
See him victorious over each foe.**

**Prophets foretold him, infant of wonder,
Angels behold him on his throne,
Worthy our Saviour of all their praises,
Happy for ever are his own.**

Words: Mary Macdonald 1789-1872 tr Lachlan MacBean 1853-1931

Music: Trad Gaelic Melody arr. Stephen Dean b. 1948

Heavenly Father accept these prayers, left this past week, on the fishing net. We pray that you will meet these people at their point of need.

Amen.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

We sit or stand

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,—

10
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry; ho-san-na

17
in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name

26
of the Lord Ho-san-na in the high-est.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the Body and Blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:



Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come a - gain.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St Margaret and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**



A - - - - - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Musical score for the hymn. It consists of four staves of music in 2/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts at measure 1 and ends with a long note for 'sins'. The second staff starts at measure 6 and ends with a double bar line. The third staff starts at measure 12 and ends with a long note for 'the'. The fourth staff starts at measure 16 and ends with a double bar line.

Lamb of God you take a - way the sins____
6 of the world, have mer - cy on us.
12 Lamb of God you take a - way the
16 sins____ of the world, grant____ us peace.

The Giving of Communion

Come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you any right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little, and would like to love him more. Come, because he loves you and gave himself for you.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature

is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

Please wait to be directed for Communion.

The sacrament will be administered to the congregation in both kinds but by intinction. As the priest offers you the host with the words 'The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ' please respond: Amen.

During the distribution of Communion

Communion

César Franck 1822-1890

Reflection

What Child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,

While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing,

Come, greet the infant Lord, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be born

For me, for you,

Hail, hail the Word made Flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,

Come peasant, king to own him,

The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby,

Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe the Son of Mary.

Words: William Chatterton Dix 1837-1898

Music: Traditional English Melody arr. John Stainer 1840-1901

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, now and forever.
Amen.

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's Body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds, in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

**Of the Father's love begotten, 'ere the world's began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source and ending he,
Of all things that are and have been and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.**

**By his words was all created, he commanded, it was done,
Heaven and earth and depth of ocean, universe of three in one,
All that grows beneath the shining of the light of moon and sun,
Evermore and evermore.**

**Blessed was the day for ever when the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Saviour of our race,
And the Child, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face.
Evermore and evermore.**

**O, ye heights of heaven, adore him, angels and archangels sing!
Every creature bow before him singing praise to God our King,
Let no earthly tongue be silent, all the earth with homage ring.
Evermore and evermore.**

**He, by prophets sung, is here and now,
Promised since the world began,
Now on earth in flesh descended to atone for sins of man.
All creation praise its Master, see fulfilment of his plan,
Evermore and evermore.**

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, persons three, yet Godhead One.
Glory be from all creation while eternal ages run:
Evermore and evermore.
Amen.**

*Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius 348-413 tr John Mason Neale 1818-1866
Music: Plainsong 13th Century adapt: Theodoricus Petrus c1590-c1650*

Postlude

Ave Maris Stella

Louis Couperin 1626-1661

Louis Couperin c 1626–1661, was the uncle of François Couperin. He rose from relative obscurity to become a prominent musician at church and court in Paris. Though Louis Couperin, long considered one of the greatest and most influential composers for the harpsichord, was known to have written for the organ, his works for the latter instrument were believed to be lost until the 1950s, when a manuscript containing 70 of his organ pieces written in the 1650s came to light. These works were published at the end of the last century, which led to Louis Couperin being recognized as a more important composer than previously realised and the originator of many of the genres that became standard in the great flowering of French organ music in the decades following his death.

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Notices

Service next Sunday:
Epiphany

FIISH Service (9.30 am)
Sung Eucharistic Service (11.00 am)
and on Facebook and the parish website www.ifieldparish.org
