



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



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving**

*Everyone is welcome to St Margaret's. In this service of the Eucharist we remember with thanksgiving the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and his self-giving for the sins of the whole world. As the bread and wine are offered, symbols of that self-giving, so we offer ourselves to God and receive at communion the life of Christ. So nourished, we are enabled to go out into the world to live in the service of God.*

*As we gather before the service, we speak to God. During the service, we let God speak to us. After the service, we speak to each other.*

## **THE GATHERING**

**As we gather together**

Pastorale BWV 590 Second Movement Allemande  
*Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

**Processional hymn**

**Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home!  
All be safely gathered in, 'ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied,  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song our harvest-home!**

**We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto his praises yield.  
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.  
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home,  
From his field shall purge away all that doth offend, that day,  
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.**

*Words: Henry Alford 1810-1871 Music: George Elvey 1816-1893*

## **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**

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's  
creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts  
carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer and in your mercy:  
**Forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have  
given them to us. Father, in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us.**

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

**Amen.**

## THE GLORIA

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Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.  
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The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Gloria, with lyrics 'Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.' below it. The second staff, starting with a '5' above it, contains the melody for the second line of the Gloria, with lyrics 'Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.' below it. The notation includes quarter notes, eighth notes, and half notes.

*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

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words, 'Let us pray.'*  
*The Collect is said, and all respond, Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please sit for the readings:*

### **First Reading**

*Deuteronomy 8.7-18*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*2 Corinthians 9.6-15*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

Voluntary VII in C from Twelve Voluntaries

*London c. 1780 Compiled: Pierre Gouin b. 1947*

### ***The Gospel Reading***

*Luke 12.16-30*

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.**

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, of all  
life/creation/wisdom/justice/compassion/peace/faithfulness  
**All Hear our prayer**

*and at the end of the prayers:*

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace

*We stand*

*The priest introduces the sign of Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.  
*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.*

### The Presentation of the Gifts

*During the Offertory hymn the bread and wine and the collection are brought to the altar and the altar is prepared.*

**For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God,  
For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God,  
For ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,**

Future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.  
In the just reward of labour, God's will be done,  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will be done,  
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God,  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God,  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
Most all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

*Words: Fred Pratt Green 1903-2000 Music: Welsh Melody*

*At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts we respond*

**Blessed be God forever**

*We sit or stand for*

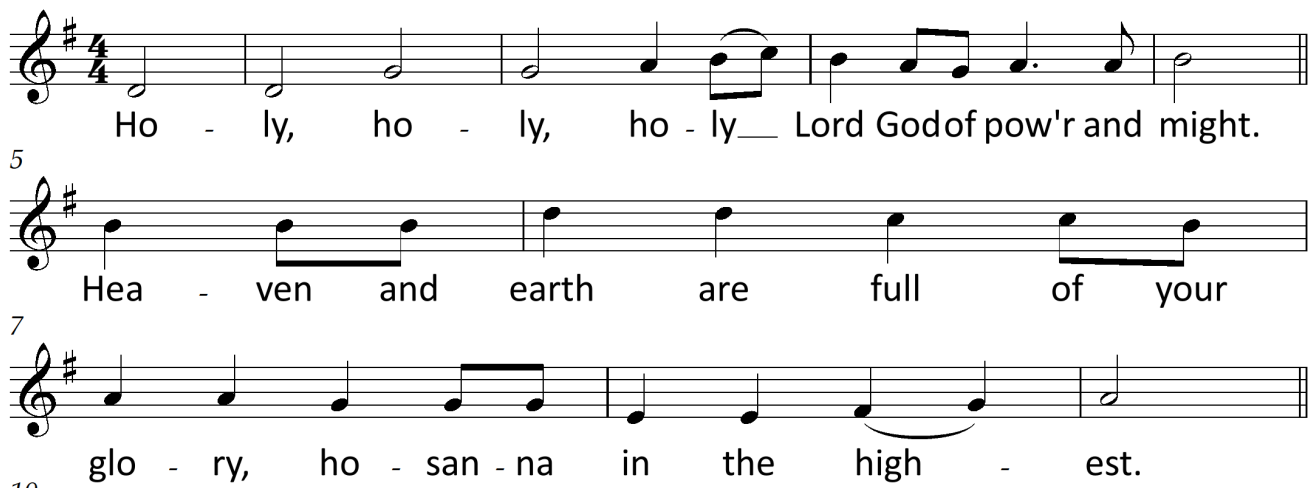
## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

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.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts and at the end we sing*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might.

5 Hea - ven and earth are full of your

7 glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might.

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Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might.

*The priest continues with the prayer which recalls the Last Supper, after the elevation the deacon says, 'Great is the mystery of Faith'*

Dy - ing you des - troyed our death, ri - sing you re - stored our life, Lord

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Je - sus come in glo - ry, Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry.

*The prayer continues and concludes with the doxology where we respond,*

A - - - men. 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.**

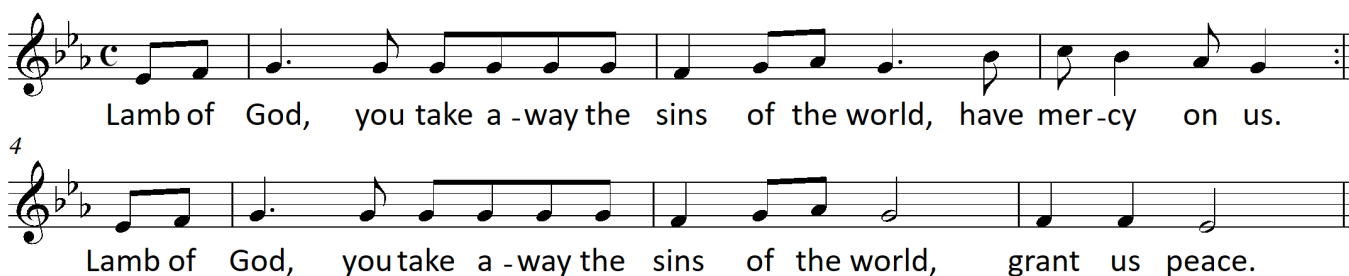


**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### ***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.**



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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and common time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff. A small number '4' is written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

### ***The Giving of Communion***

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his Blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Please sit and wait to be directed for Communion.*

### **During the distribution of Communion**

Pastorale BWV 590 Third Movement Aria *Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

## **Reflection**

**Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum,  
Omnes gentes, Alleluia**

*Praise the Lord all you peoples*

*Words: Based on Scripture, Taizé Community Music: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The Priest prays the post-communion prayer followed by*

**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 priest gives the blessing*  
**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 the peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Final Hymn

**We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand,  
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.  
*All good things around us are sent from heaven above,  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.***

**He only is the maker of all things near and far,  
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star,  
The wind and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed,  
Much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.  
*All good things around us are sent from heaven above,  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.***

**We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good:  
The seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts,  
But that which thou desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.  
*All good things around us are sent from heaven above,  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.***

*Words: Matthias Claudius 1740-1815 tr Jane Montgomery Campbell 1817-1878*

*Music: Johann A P Schulz 1747-1800*

## Postlude

Pastorale BWV 590 First Movement

*Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

*Johann Sebastian Bach was best known during his lifetime as an organist, organ consultant, and composer of organ works in both the traditional German free genres, for example preludes, fantasias, and toccatas and stricter forms for example chorale preludes and fugues. At a young age, he established a reputation for creativity and ability to integrate foreign styles into his organ works. The Pastorale was composed about 1720 in Leipzig. Here the piffero or pipe melody is in canon over a drone reflecting the shepherds playing on their pipes as they shepherd their sheep.*

***Thank you for joining in our worship today.***

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#### **Notices**

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**Service next Sunday:**  
*Trinity 18*

**FIISH Service (9.30 am)**  
**Sung Eucharist (11.00 am)**  
**and on Facebook and the parish website [www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org)**

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