



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



Sunday 17th September 2023
Trinity 15

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

No 1 from Six Short Preludes and Postludes Opus 101
Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924

Processional Hymn

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice,
Which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgements given.**

**For the love of God is broader
Than the scope of human mind,
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.**

**But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.**

**If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.**

Words: Frederick W Faber 1814-1863 Music: John Stainer 1840-1901

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

**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 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



4
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God!

6
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God!

14
Glo - ry to God in the heights of the hea - vens,
Son of the Fa - ther all glo - ry and wor - ship;
You take a - way the sins of the world;
Sea - ted in power at the right of the Fa - ther,
And with the Spi - rit of love e - ver - las - ting,
peace to God's peo - ple, all peo - ple on earth.
praise and thanks - gi - ving to you, Lamb of God.
have mer - cy on us, re - ceive our prayer.
Je - sus a - lone is the Lord, the Most High.
reign - ing in glo - ry for e - ver, A - men.

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

Genesis 50.15-21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 14.1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Voluntary *Christoph W Gluck 1714-1787*

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18.21-35

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

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.

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

During the Preparation of the Table

**Almighty Father, Lord most high,
Who madest all, who fillest all,
Thy name we praise and magnify,
For all our needs on thee we call.**

**We offer to thee of thine own,
Ourselves and all that we can bring,
In bread and cup before thee shown,
Our universal offering.**

**All that we have we bring to thee,
Yet all is naught when all is done,
Save that in it thy love can see
The sacrifice of thy dear Son.**

**By this command in bread and cup,
His Body and his Blood we plead,
What on the cross he offered up
Is here our sacrifice indeed.**

**For all the gifts of life and grace,
Here we thy servants humbly pray
That thou would'st look upon the face
Of thine anointed Son today.**

Words: Vincent S S Coles 1845-1929 Music: Thomas Tallis 1505-1585

At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts we respond

Blessed be God forever

We sit or stand

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 po - wer and might,
6 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,
10 ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
15 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san na in the high - est.

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

Lord, by your cross and re - sur-rec - tion you have set us__
free. You are the__ Sa - viour_ of the world.

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

A - - men. 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 away the sins of the
7
world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God you
12
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

Ave Verum *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756-1791 arr: Franz Liszt 1811-1886*
Hail, True Body

Reflection

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart; his wounds have paid my ransom.**

Words and Music: Stuart Townend b. 1963

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

Final Hymn

Great is thy Faithfulness, O God, my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee,
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not,
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see,
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see,
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see,
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Words: Thomas Obadiah Chisholm 1866-1960 Music: William M Runyan 1870-1957

Postlude

No 1 from Two Short Fanfares

Eric H Thiman 1900-197

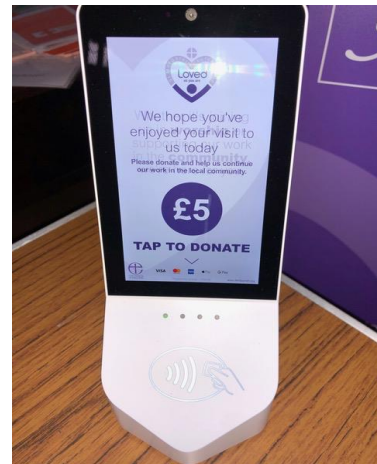
Born in Ashford in Kent, Eric Thiman, pronounced 'tea-man,' was a composer, conductor and organist. He was appointed organist at Park Chapel a Congregational church in Crouch End, in 1931, a post he held until moving to London where he was

appointed organist of the City Temple in London. By 1939 he was considered one of the leading non-conformist organists in England He was a keen advocate of amateur music-making and during the 1960s was the conductor and Musical Director of the Purley Choral Society. He wrote much educational music for piano and other instruments, as well as music for church choirs. He is probably best remembered for his short passion cantata, The Last Supper (1930), which sets texts from the gospels of Matthew and John and hymns by St Thomas Aquinas, Charles Wesley, and Johann Franck. Most of his church music was written for the non-conformist churches, but he also wrote anthems and canticles for Church of England choirs. He was the musical editor of the hymn book Congregational Praise published in 1951.

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Service next Sunday:
Trinity 16

Sung Eucharist (11.00 am)
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