



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



Sunday 13th March 2022
Lent 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.*

Due to the Coronavirus please make your responses in a quiet voice in order to minimise the risk of infection

THE GATHERING

As we gather together

Schmücke Dich, O Liebe Seele
Adorn thyself, O my soul

Carl Piutti 1846-1902

We stand at the entrance of the clergy

Lamentation

John E West 1863-1929

Opening Hymn

**All my hope on God is founded,
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
Calls my heart to be his own.**

Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray God's trust,
What with lavish care man buildeth,
Tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom passing thought,
Splendour, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of nought.
Evermore, from his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
Sacrifice and praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gifts of Christ his Son,
Christ doth call, one and all,
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert S Bridges 1844-1930

THE GREETING

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

All Amen.

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

All And also with you.

WORDS OF WELCOME

MEDITATION

On Sunday morning, for a brief space of time, we leave behind the world of home and work and school—the world where we have our lists of things to do, activities to participate in, tasks to complete. We come here this morning seeking something else. We come here seeking a shift—from the ordinary to the sacred, from doing to being. I invite you to close your eyes. Let go of your list. Recall that it is the season of Lent. Remember the Parable of the Sower. The sower throws the seed . . . and where it lands determines if it will grow or not grow. Think of it this way: think of the season of Lent as the sower, the time when seeds of faith are thrown with special intensity, as a time a time when God calls to us in a low, urgent voice. Listen. Jesus is being drawn to Jerusalem. Where is God calling you to? What is God calling you to do?

(Silent time.)

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of injury done to the Earth and its ecosystems.

(A purple candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray.

All Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, may we be open to your presence. Give us the strength to make the changes that are needed in our lives and the courage to take on the work of transforming the world. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

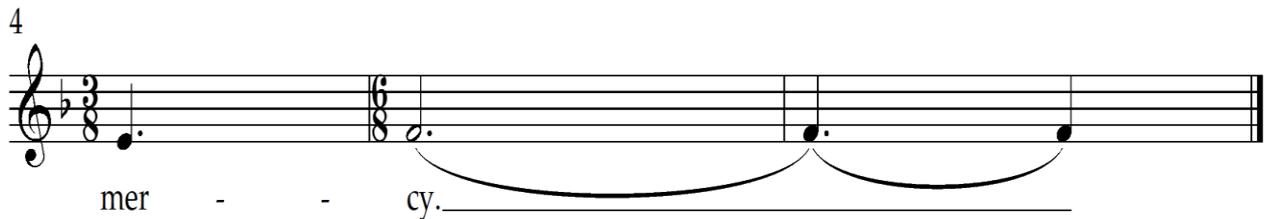
All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength'. The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

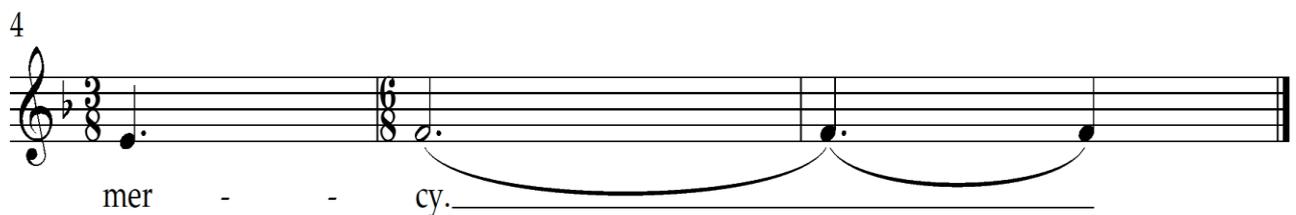
Cantor

Show mercy to us, loving Father, we have sinned against you, please make us anew. In your love and your grace you forgive us. Lord have mercy.



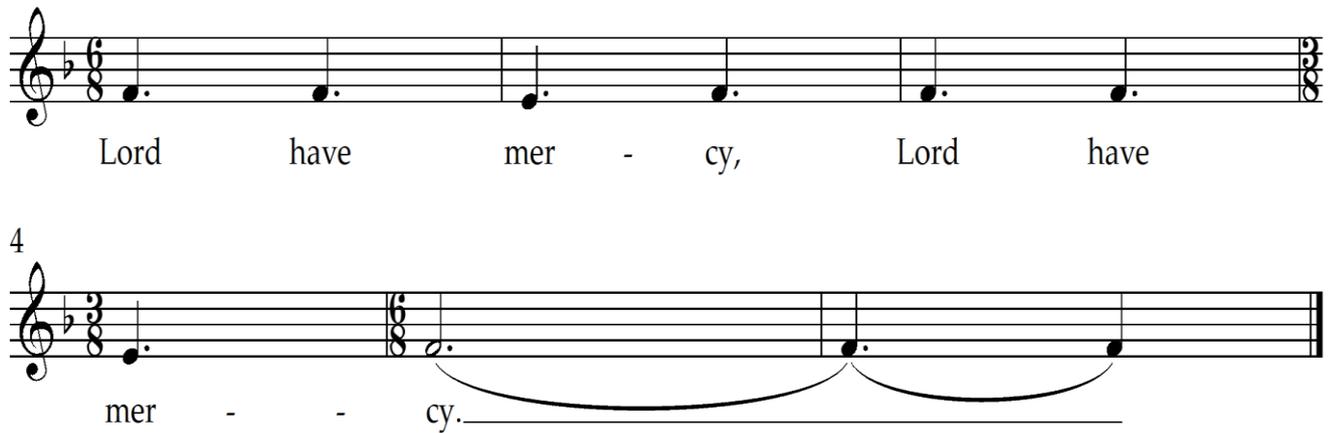
Cantor:

Look not on our failings, Lord Jesus. We have sinned against you, please make us anew. By your life and your death you redeem us. Christ have mercy.



Cantor

Come, fill our hearts, Holy Spirit. We have sinned against you, please make us anew. Forgive us, and heal us and save us. Lord have mercy.



Celebrant The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

Celebrant Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the readings:

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4.1

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel:

The Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-end

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing until the preacher has introduced the Sermon:

THE SERMON

We stand for:

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

All **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:

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

and at the end of the prayers:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Celebrant Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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

Celebrant 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

**O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home.**

**Beneath the shadow of thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure,
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight,
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away,
They fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the opening day.**

**O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

Celebrant Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We sit or stand

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord is here
All His Spirit is with us.

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

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

Celebrant It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word, you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and singing:

15 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

19 God of power and God of might. Ho - ly, ho - ly,

22 ho - ly Lord, God of power and God of might.

25

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:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
5 claim your Death Lord Je - - sus
7 un - - til you come in glo - - ry.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a 4/4 time signature, which changes to 3/4 for the remainder of the piece. The lyrics are: 'When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro - claim your Death Lord Je - - sus un - - til you come in glo - - ry.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some notes tied across bar lines.

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.

All

A - - men, A - - men. A - - men.
6 A - - men. A - - - - - men.

The musical score for 'All' is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of two staves. The lyrics are: 'A - - men, A - - men. A - - men. A - - men. A - - - - - men.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some notes tied across bar lines.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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.
All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of Communion

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, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All **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.

All

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

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople who will guide you to receive your 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:

Kyrie from Messe pro Organo

Franz Liszt 1811-1886

Reflection

**My God accept my heart this day,
And make it wholly thine,
That I from thee no more may stray,
No more from thee decline.**

**Before the Cross of him who died,
Behold, I prostrate fall,
Let every sin be crucified,
And Christ be all in all.**

**Anoint me with thy heavenly grace,
And seal me for thine own,
That I may see thy glorious face,
And worship at thy throne.**

**Let every thought, and work and word
To thee be ever given,
Then life shall be thy service, lord,
And Death the gate of heaven.**

**All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run.**

Matthew Bridges 1800-1894

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may

happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

NOTICES

THE BLESSING

Celebrant **Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing and give us, we pray
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Jan Struther 1901-1953

THE DISMISSAL

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

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Clergy will recess to the postlude

Choral: Herr Christ, der Ein'ge Gottes Sohn

Christ, God's only Son

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

One of many of Bach's Choral settings. He composed this as a cantata in 1724 and focusses upon Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who has come from God. This is part of our Creed: God from God, Light from light, True God from True God.

Thank you for joining in our worship today.

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Service next Sunday:

Lent 3

Family Eucharist Service (9.30 am)

Sung Eucharist Service (11.00 am)

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