



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



Sunday 8th May 2022
Easter 4

*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

Pastorale BWV 590

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

We stand at the entrance of the clergy

Short Fanfare

Eric Thiman 1900-1975

Opening Hymn

**To God be the Glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son.
Who yielded his life in atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus his Son,
And give him the glory great things he has done.***

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God!
And every offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus his Son,
And give him the glory great things he has done.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus his Son,
And give him the glory great things he has done.

Frances Jane van Alstyne 1820-1915

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

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.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

All Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those who love him well; on the earth let all his people speak his grace, his wonders tell. Lord, we praise you for your glory, Mighty Father, heaven's king; hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.	Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sins away, now with him in triumph seated for your mercy, Lord we pray. Jesus Christ, most high and holy, Saviour, you are God alone in the glory of the Father with the Spirit: Three in One!
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Michael Perry 1942-1996

THE COLLECT

Celebrant Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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

Acts 9:36-end

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me lie in pastures green,
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.**

***And I will trust in you alone,
And I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.***

**He guides my ways in righteousness,
And he anoints my head with oil,
And my cup – it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.**

***And I will trust in you alone,
And I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.***

**And though I walk the darkest path –
I will not fear the evil one,
For you are with me, and your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.
*And I will trust in you alone,
And I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.***

Stuart Townend b. 1963

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-end

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel:

The Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John.
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 The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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:

**Faithful Shepherd, Feed Me in the pastures green,
Faithful Shepherd, lead me where thy steps are seen.**

**Hold me fast, and guide me in the narrow way,
So, with thee beside me, I shall never stray.**

**Daily bring me nearer to the heavenly shore,
May my faith grow clearer, may I love thee more.**

**Hallow every pleasure every gift and pain,
Be thyself my treasure, though none else I gain.**

**Day by day prepare me as thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me to thy promised rest.**

Thomas Benson Pollock 1836-1896

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.

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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his Passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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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.

Celebrant Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

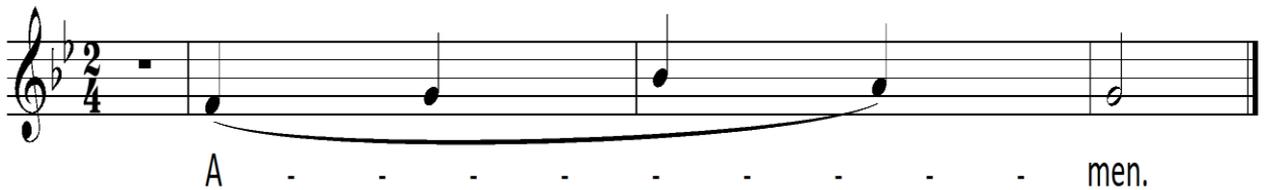
All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free, you are the Saviour of the world.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and

one cup, so that we, in the company of Saint Margaret and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

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



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

All **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.**

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.

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

He whom the universe could not contain is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

All

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.

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

Schmücke Dich, O Liebe Seele
Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Carl Piutti, 1846-1902

Reflection

**Be Still, and know I am with you,
Be still, I am the Lord.
I will not leave you orphans,
I leave with you, my word. Be one.**

**You fear the light may be fading,
You fear to lose your way,
Be still, and know I am near you.
I'll lead you to the day and the sun.**

**Be glad the day you have sorrow,
Be glad for then you live,
The stars shine only in darkness,
And in your need I give my peace.**

Anne Conway b. 1940

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Merciful Father, you gave your Son, Jesus Christ to be the Good Shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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

BANNS READING

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever**

**Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight,
Thy unction grace bestoweth,
And O, what transport of delight
From that pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.**

Henry W Baker 1821-1877

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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Clergy will recess to the postlude

Prelude: Ps 113 Alleluia! Praise the name of the Lord

Charles Wood 1866-1926

Charles Wood was an Irish composer and teacher; his students included Ralph Vaughan Williams at Cambridge and Herbert Howells at the Royal College of Music. He is primarily remembered and performed as an Anglican Church music composer, but he also wrote songs and chamber music, particularly for string quartet. As well as his Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode, his settings of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis are still popular with cathedral and parish church choirs, particularly the services in F, D, and G, and the two settings in E flat; during Passiontide his St Mark Passion is sometimes performed, and demonstrates Wood's interest in modal composition, in contrast to the late romantic harmonic style he more usually employs.

Thank you for joining in our worship today.

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Service next Sunday:
Easter 5

Family Service (9.30 am)
Sung Eucharist Service (11.00 am)
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