



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



Sunday 25th February 2024
Lent 2

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.

THE GATHERING

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.

Lamentation

John E West 1863-1929

We stand and sing at the entrance of the clergy

Processional Hymn

**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him King of glory now,
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
All the angels faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way.
All the heavenly orders in their great array.**

**Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious when from death he past.**

**Bore it up triumphant with its human light
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.**

**In your hearts enthrone him, there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown him as your captain, in temptation's hour
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.**

**Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With his Father's glory, with his angel train,
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

Words: Caroline Maria Noel 1817-1877 Music: Michael Brierley b. 1932

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

MEDITATION

Let us pray.

**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

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

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

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 our sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIE

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Lord_____ have mer - cy.

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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 17.1-7, 15-16

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 4.13-end

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand

Chorale: 'You who fear the Lord, praise him.' Ps22:23

Stephen C Horsman b. 1961

The Gospel Reading

Mark 8.31-end

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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.

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
From there he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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



The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/4. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The lyrics are: Lord of Lent, re - new us by your Spi - rit.

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

We stand to share the peace.

The Peace

The priest introduces the 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.

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin,
From earth-born passions set me free,
And make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe oppressed,
Let me thy loving servant be
And taste the promised rest.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife,
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray,
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
When flows the tempest high:
When on doth rush the enemy,
O Saviour, be thou nigh.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
That when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
And share thy joy at last.**

Words: 'Mneo Christe' Bishop Syneius 375-430 tr Allen William Chatfield 1808-1896

Music: From 'The Psalmes in English Metre' 1579, adapted: William Damon 1540-1591

At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts please respond

Blessed be God forever

We sit or stand

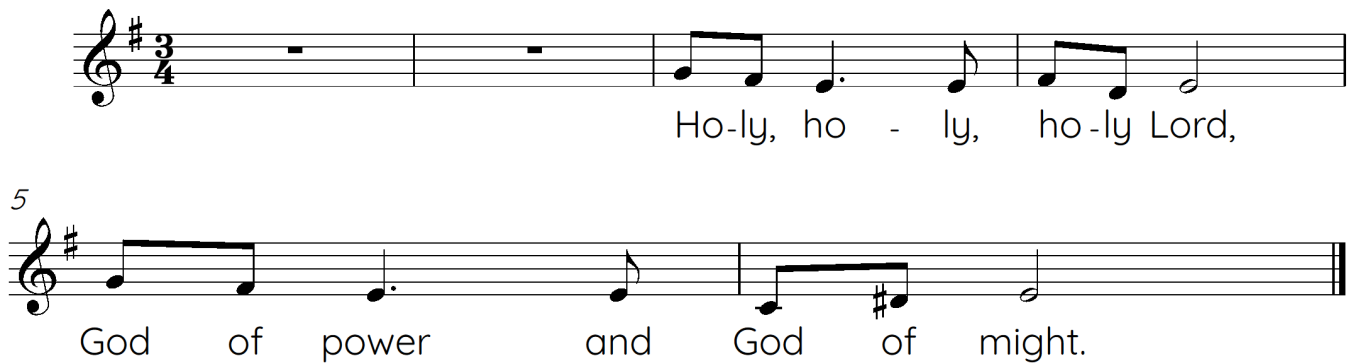
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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,
5
God of power and God of might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

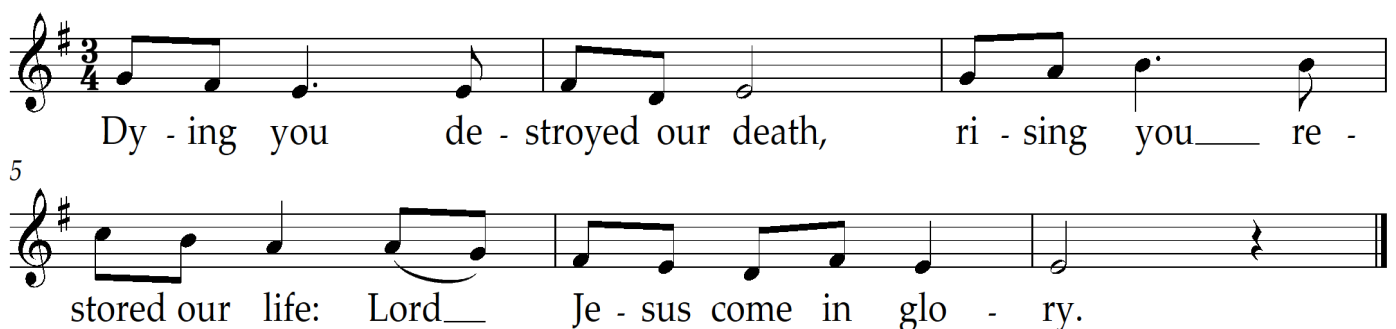
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest.

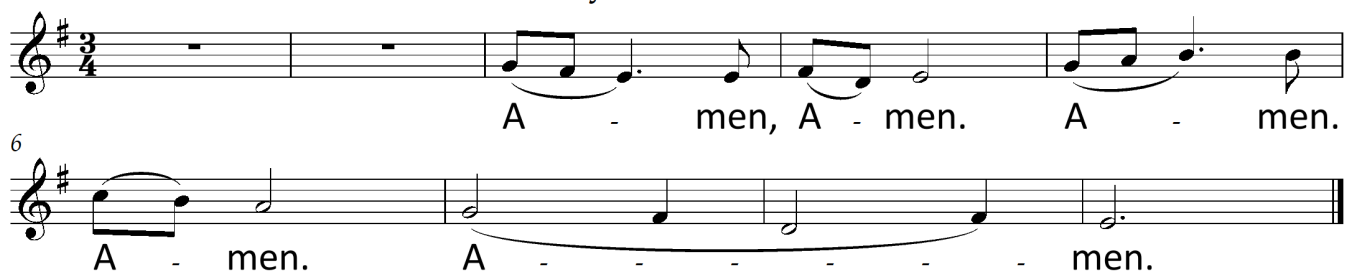
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The priest continues with the prayer which recalls the Last Supper, after the elevation the priest says, 'Great is the mystery of Faith'



Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ri - sing you re -
5
stored our life: Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry.

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



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

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.

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.**

Come not because you are strong but because you are weak. Come not because of 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.

Please sit and wait to be directed for Communion.

During the distribution of Communion

Schmücke Dich, O Liebe Seele

Adorn thyself, O my soul

Carl Piutti 1846-1902

Reflection

**In God Alone my soul can find rest and peace,
In God, my peace and joy. Only in God my soul can find its rest,
Find its rest and peace**

Words: Taizé Community Music: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Priest prays the post-communion prayer followed by

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.

BANNS

NOTICES

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

The priest gives the blessing.

Amen.

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

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let me love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show,
Thus, I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Words: John L Bell b. 1949, Graham Maule b.1958 Music: Trad Scottish arr: John L Bell

Postlude: Vers in G Major

John Blow 1649-1708

John Blow was an English composer and organist of the Baroque period and, as a boy, he was selected as a chorister of the Chapel Royal, distinguishing himself by his proficiency in music. He was appointed organist of Westminster Abbey in late 1668, his pupils including Jeremiah Clarke and Henry Purcell. In 1685 he was named a private musician to King James II. In 1687, he became choirmaster at St Paul's Cathedral, where many of his pieces were performed. In 1699 he was appointed to the newly created post of Composer to the Chapel Royal. Blow composed several anthems at an unusually early age, including 'Lord, Thou hast been our refuge', and 'Lord, rebuke me not' and, for the coronation of James II, two anthems, 'Behold, O God, our Defender' and 'God spake sometime in visions.'

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Service next Sunday:
Lent 3

Parish Communion (9.30 am)
Sunday Celebration (11.00 am)
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