



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



Sunday 20th February 2022
Celebration of Marriage

*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

Lucis Creator Optime No 13 from Sixteen Chorales *Marcel Dupré 1886-1971*
Supreme Creator of the Light

We stand at the entrance of the clergy:

Sinfonia from 'Solomon'

George Friderick Handel 1685-1759

Opening Hymn

**Love Divine all Loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art,
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive,
Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and sinless let us be,
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and
praise.**

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

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 God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus
Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in
heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

All **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.**

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

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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

Celebrant God our Father, from the beginning you have blessed creation with abundant life. Pour out your blessings upon all the married couples here today that they may continue to be joined in mutual love and companionship, in holiness and commitment to each other. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your son, 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

Song of Solomon 2:10-13, 8:6-7

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel:

The Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11 – Marriage at Cana

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:

Lord of life and love
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

Celebrant To crown all things there must be love.
 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

 The peace of the Lord be always with you
All 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

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust ever child-like, no care 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

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 In your goodness, Lord, accept the gift of our love, and with a Father's affection watch over all those here today which you have joined in the covenant of marriage, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We sit or stand for

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

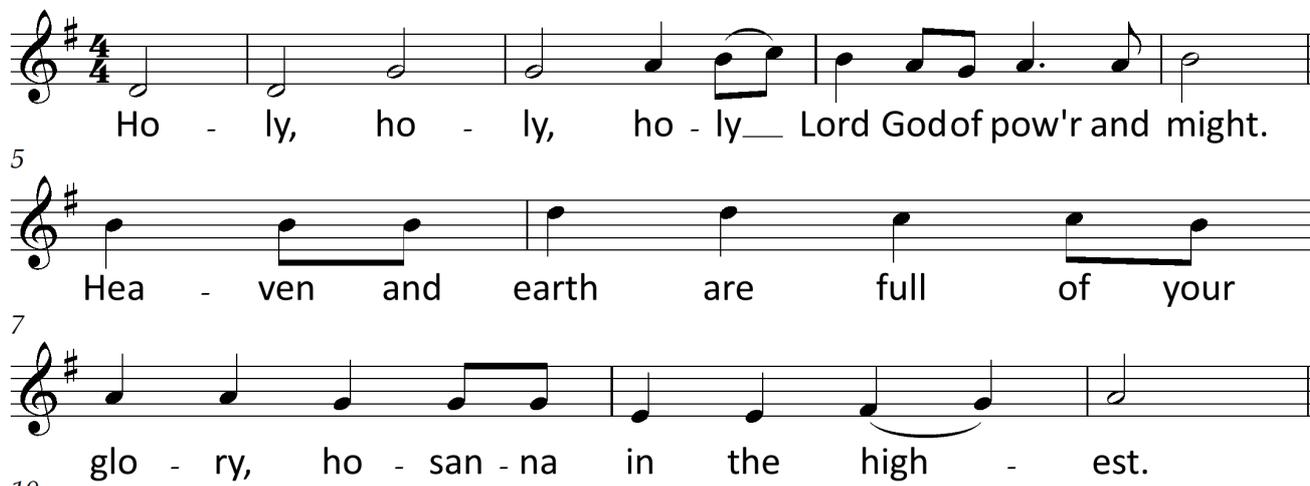
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

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

Celebrant It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord

And now we give you thanks because you have made
the union between Christ and his Church a pattern for
the marriage between husbands and wives. Therefore,
we join with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

All



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.

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

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

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 and as we follow his example and obey his command,
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us his Body and his Blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
 we remember his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross;
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection
 and glorious ascension;
 we look for the coming of your kingdom,
 and with this bread and this cup
 we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

All

Lord, by your cross and re - sur - rec - tion you have set us free.

5
 You are the Sav - iour, you are the Sav - iour of the world.

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

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

A - - - men. A - - - men.

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.

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

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

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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:

'Recit de Tierce, No XIII from Messe Pour les Convents

François Couperin 1668-1733

Reflection

**When Love is Found and hope comes home,
Sing and be glad that two are one.**

**When love explodes and fills the sky,
Praise God and share our Maker's joy.**

**When love has flowered in trust and care,
Build both each day that love may dare
To reach beyond home's warmth and light,
To serve and strive for truth and right.**

**When love is tried as loved one's change,
Hold still to hope though all seems strange,
Till ease returns and love grows wise
Through listening ears and opened eyes.**

**When love is torn and trust betrayed,
pray strength to love till torments fade,
Till lovers keep no score of wrong
But hear through pain love's Easter song.**

**Praise God for love, praise God for life,
In age or youth, in calm or strife.
Lift up your hearts, let love be fed
Through death and life in broken bread.**

Brian Wren b. 1936

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Gracious God, may all those married couples here today, who have been bound together in these holy mysteries, become one in body and soul. May they live in faithfulness and peace and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love you, through your Son 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 Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; 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

**We Pledge to one another, before the Lord above,
Entire and whole and perfect, this union of our love —
A love that will be patient, a love that will be wise,
That will not twist with envy, nor lose itself in lies;
A love that will not falter, a love to hold us fast,
And bind us to each other as long as life shall last.**

**We pray that God will guide us through all the years to be,
Our lives be shaped by courage, hope and serenity.
Through joy and celebration, through loneliness and pain,
May loyalty, compassion and tenderness remain,
That those who share the blessing of love that cannot cease
May walk the paths of gentleness into the place of peace.**

Revd. Jill Jenkins b. 1937

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:

The Wedding March from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

Felix Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" in C major, written in 1842, is one of the best known of the pieces from his suite of incidental music (Op. 61) to Shakespeare's play A Midsummer Night's Dream. It is one of the most frequently played wedding marches most used as a recessional. It is frequently teamed with the "Bridal Chorus" from

Richard Wagner's opera *Löhengrin*, or with Jeremiah Clarke's "Prince of Denmark's March", both of which often are chosen for the entrance of the bride. The first known instance of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" being used at a wedding was when Dorothy Carew married Tom Daniel at St Peter's Church, Tiverton, England, on 2 June 1847 when it was performed by organist Samuel Reay. However, its popularity was assured when Princess Victoria, The Princess Royal and daughter of Queen Victoria chose it for her marriage to Prince Frederick William of Prussia on 25 January 1858.

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Service next Sunday:
Sunday Before Lent

Sung Eucharist Service (11.00 am)
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