



Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield

Loved as you are

Sunday 22nd January 2023
Epiphany 3



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.

No VI Founded on an old Irish Church melody from Six Preludes and Postludes
OP. 101

Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924

We stand and sing at the entrance of the clergy

Processional 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 my 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: Scottish melody, arr: John L Bell b.1949

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

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 us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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!**

Words: Michael Perry b. 1942

Music: Adapted from 9th Symphony, Ludwig van Beethoven 1770-1827

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

Isaiah 9:1-4

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

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

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

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.

**Father, Lord of all Creation, ground of Being, Life and Love,
Height and depth beyond description only life in you can prove:
You are mortal life's dependence: thought, speech, sight are yours by grace;
Yours is every hour's existence, sovereign Lord of time and space.**

**Jesus Christ, the Man for Others, we, your people, make our prayer:
Help us love – as sisters, brothers – those whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together you, Lord Christ, will surely be,
Where no selfishness can sever there your love the world may see.**

**Holy Spirit, rushing, burning wind and flame of Pentecost,
Fire our hearts afresh with yearning to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action, nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction, God, through us, your love make known.**

Words: Stewart Cross 1928-1989 Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor 1907-1991

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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, —

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Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry; ho - san - na

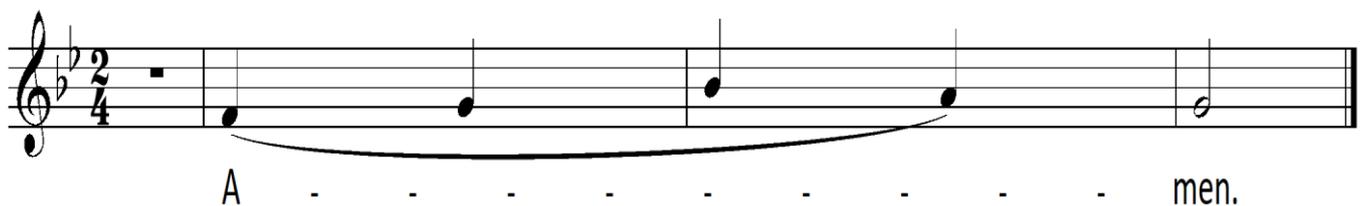
17
in the high est. Blessed is he who comes in the name

26
of the Lord Ho - san - na in the high est.

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



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



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 _____

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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.

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.

*The sacrament will be administered to the congregation in both kinds. As the priest offers you the host with the words 'The Body of Christ' please respond **Amen**.*

As you are offered the chalice, please remember you won't be permitted to handle the sides of the chalice only the base.

*When you are offered the chalice to take a sip with the words 'The Blood of Christ,' please respond **Amen**.*

You will not be permitted to 'dip' the host into the chalice and must consume the host before receiving wine from the chalice. There is no need now to return to your seat with the host in your hands.

During the distribution of Communion

No 7 'Méditation' from 24 Pièces en Style Libre

Louis Vierne 1870-1937

Reflection

**Bread is blessed and broken, wine is blessed and poured:
Take this and remember Christ the Lord.**

**Share the food of heaven earth cannot afford.
Here is grace in essence, Christ the Lord.**

**Now yourself forgiven, find yourself restored,
Meet a friend for ever, Christ the Lord.**

**God has kept his promise sealed by sign and word:
Here, for those who want him, Christ the Lord.**

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

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 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

**Christ is the King! O friends rejoice,
Brothers and sisters with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**O magnify the Lord, and raise
Anthems of joy and holy praise
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**They with a faith for ever new
Followed the King, and round him drew
Thousands of faithful hearts and true.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**O Christian women, Christian men,
All the world over, seek again
The way disciples followed then.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ through the ages is the same:
Place the same hope in his great name,
With the same faith his word proclaim.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Let love's unconquerable might
Your scattered companies unite
In service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**So shall God's will on earth be done,
New lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
And the whole Church at last be one.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Words: George K. A. Bell 1883-1958

Music: from 'Gesangbuch' Melchior Vulpius 1570-1615

Postlude

Hymnus: 'Aeterne Rex Altissime'

John Redford 1486-1547

Hymn: Eternal King in the Highest

John Redford was a major English composer, organist, and dramatist of the Tudor period. From about 1525 he was organist at St Paul's Cathedral. He was choirmaster there from 1531 until his death in 1547. Redford is notable as one of the earliest composers, rather than improvisers, of organ music, having notated a significant quantity of keyboard music, all of it liturgical in function, based on plainchant melodies. This postlude exemplifies John Redford's work in this regard.

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Sung Eucharistic Service (11.00 am)

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Service next Sunday:

Epiphany 4

I would like to invite everyone in the diocese to keep 2023 as a year of the Old Testament. Next year is the first of two special years [2024 will be the Year of the New Testament] leading up to the 2025 which we will keep as a special Year of Faith.

2025 celebrates 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea which gave us what became the Nicene Creed. It also marks 950 years of Christian mission in a diocese based in Chichester. Hence why the three-year programme is known as Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith.

The Year of the Old Testament will reflect on the Hebrew Scriptures. We will seek to understand the Law, the Prophets and the Writings in their original context, and see more clearly how they point us towards Jesus Christ and the gospel, and to our own knowledge of him in the history of his body, the Church.

The Old Testament speaks repeatedly of God as One and as Holy. So we hope that this Year will help us to understand how the Old Testament guides the Church to be 'one' and 'holy': the first two of the 'marks of the Church' and part of our diocesan strategy.

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