



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



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**Epiphany 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.*

*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.*

#### **THE GATHERING**

**As we gather together**

Trio BWV583 *Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

Processional Hymn

**Songs of thankfulness and Praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to thee addressed: God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest and King supreme;  
And at Cana, wedding guest, in thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to thee addressed: God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole, palsied limbs and fainting soul,  
Manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might,  
Manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to thee addressed: God in man made manifest.**

**Sun and moon shall darkened be, stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee:  
Christ will then like lightening shine, all will see his glorious sign.  
All will then the trumpet hear; all will see the judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed: God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, mirrored in thy holy word;  
May we imitate thee now, and be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we like to thee may be at thy great Epiphany,  
And may praise thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.**

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth 1807-1885 Music: Charles Steggall 1826-1905*

#### **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 prayer is introduced*

**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.**

*The priest offers absolution at the end please respond*

**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*

#### First Reading

*1 Samuel 3.1-10*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Second Reading

*Revelation 5.1-10*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

Chorale: 'Lord, you have searched me; you know me through and through'  
Ps 139

*Stephen C Horsman b. 1961*

#### **The Gospel Reading**

*John 1.43-51*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**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

*Please 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

*Please stand*  
**The Peace**

*The priest introduces the sign of 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.*

#### 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*

*During the Preparation of the Table*

Just as I am without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down,  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Words: Charlotte Elliott 1789-1871 Music: Henry Smart 1813-1879*

At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts we respond

**Blessed be God forever**

*Please 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*

4  
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.

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

7  
Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

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

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 —  
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.

### ***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.**

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.

*Please sit and wait to be directed for Communion.*

### **During the distribution of Communion**

Rêverie No 10 from 24 Pièces en Style Libre

*Louis Vierne 1870-1937*

Reflection:

***O Lord, I know you are near, standing always at my side.  
You guard me from the foe and you lead me in ways everlasting.***

**Lord, you have searched my heart,  
and you know when I sit and when I stand.  
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,  
Keeping me from harm.  
*O Lord, I know you are near, standing always at my side.  
You guard me from the foe and you lead me in ways everlasting.***

**When can I run from your love?  
If I climb to the heavens, you are there,  
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,  
Still I'd find you there.  
*O Lord, I know you are near, standing always at my side.  
You guard me from the foe and you lead me in ways everlasting.***

**You know my heart and its ways,  
You who formed me before I was born,  
In secret of darkness, before I saw the sun,  
In my mother's womb.  
*O Lord, I know you are near, standing always at my side.  
You guard me from the foe and you lead me in ways everlasting.***

**Marvellous to me are your works;  
How profound are your thoughts, my Lord!  
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,  
You would still be there.  
*O Lord, I know you are near, standing always at my side.  
You guard me from the foe and you lead me in ways everlasting.***

Words: based on Ps139, Dan Schutte Music: Dan Schutte b. 1947

### **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.**

### **NOTICES**

*Please stand*

### **THE BLESSING**

*The priest gives the blessing  
Amen.*

### **THE DISMISSAL**

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.**

## Final Hymn

Forth in the peace of Christ, we go,  
Christ to the world with joy we bring,  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings,  
Kingship with him his servants gain,  
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
The world of time to consecrate,  
The world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to recreate.

Prophets of Christ, we hear His word,  
He claims our minds, to search His ways,  
He claims our lips, to speak His truth,  
He claims our hearts, to sing His praise.

We are the Church, He makes us one,  
Here is one hearth for all to find,  
Here is one flock, one Shepherd-King,  
Here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

*Words: James Quinn SJ 1919-2010 Music: Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625*

## Postlude

**Plein Jeu from 5e Livre** *Louis Marchand 1669-1732*

*Louis Marchand was a French organist, harpsichordist and composer. Born into an organist's family, Marchand was a child prodigy and quickly established himself as one of the best known French virtuosos of his time. A colourful character, he worked as organist of numerous churches and, for a few years, as one of the four organistes du roy. Very little of his music still survives.*

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## Notices

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**Service next Sunday:**  
*Epiphany 3*

**Parish Communion (9.30 am)**  
**All Age Eucharist (11.00 am)**  
**and on Facebook and the parish website [www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org)**

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