

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



**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
**Second Sunday before**



*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.*

***We stand and sing at the entrance of the clergy***

**Processional Hymn**

**All Creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden gleam,  
Though silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,**

**Ye lights of evening, find a voice:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest us both warmth and light:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them his glory also show.  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**All you with mercy in your heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**And thou, most kind and gentle death,  
Waiting to hush our latest breath,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou leadest home the child of God,  
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,**

**And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And Praise the Spirit, Three in One.  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Words: William H Draper 1855-1933 based on Cantico di Frate Sole' St Francis of Assisi 1182-1226  
Music: 'Geistliche Kirchengesang' 1623 arr: Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958*

## **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 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.  
**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**

*Genesis 1:1-2:3*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*Romans 8:18-25*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand and turn to face the Gospel*

## ***The Gospel Reading***

*Matthew 6:25-end*

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**

*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 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.**

**All that I am, all that I do,  
all that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.  
*Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour, Lord,  
Knowing that I love and serve you is enough reward.  
All that I am all that I do,  
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.***

**All that I dream, all that I pray,  
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.  
*Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour, Lord,  
Knowing that I love and serve you is enough reward.  
All that I am all that I do,  
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.***

*Words and Music: Sebastian Temple 1928-1997*

***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 say*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest**

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

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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

## 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 away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin 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**

**Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.  
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

**Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.  
Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

**Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.  
Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

**Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.  
Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

**Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.  
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.  
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

*Words and Music: Kevin Mayhew 1942-2006*

## 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

**Thou whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight, hear us we humbly pray,  
And where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray  
Let there be light.**

**Thou, who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing,  
Healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind, O now to humankind  
Let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove,  
Speed forth thy flight, move on the water's face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place,  
Let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might, Boundless as ocean's tide,  
Rolling in fullest pride, through the earth far and wide,  
Let there be light.**

*Words: John Marriott 1780-1825*

*Music from 'Collection' Martin Madan 1726-1790 adapt: Felice de Giardini 1716-1796*

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### Notices

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**Service next Sunday:**  
*Sunday next before Lent*

**Family Service (9.30am)**  
**Sung Eucharistic Service (11.00 am)**  
**and on Facebook and the parish website [www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org)**

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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.

+ Martin

