



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



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**  
**Lent 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.*

Lamento

*Félix-Alexandre Guilmant 1837-1911*

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

Processional Hymn

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord,  
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be thou my armour, and be thou my might,  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,  
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor all the world's praise.  
Thou mine inheritance through all my days.  
Thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!**

**High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
Grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun.  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Words: Irish 8th Century trans: Mary Byrne 1880-1931 Eleanor Hull 1860-1935*

*Music: Trad. Irish Harm: Colin Hand 1929-2015*

## **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:

**Draw us together in your love, O God. May our restless hearts not resist you  
but continue to search until they find their rest in you. This we pray in Jesus'  
name. 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 your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## THE KYRIE

*Cantor*  
Lord\_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

5 *Congregation* Lord\_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. *Cantor* Christ\_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

9 *Congregation* Christ\_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. *Cantor* Lord\_\_\_\_\_ have

12 *Congregation* mer - cy. Lord\_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

## 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**

*Exodus 20.1-17*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1.18-25*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

Chorale: 'The Heavens declare the glory of God.' Ps19:1

*Stephen C Horsman b. 1961*

### ***The Gospel Reading***

*John 2.13-22*

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.

**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:*



*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 sign of peace.***

### **The Sign of 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.*

***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, hear the prayer we offer, not for ease that prayer shall be,  
But for strength that we may ever live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures do we ask our way to be,  
But the steep and rugged pathway may we tread rejoicingly.**

**Not for ever by still waters would we idly rest and stay,  
But would smite the living fountains from the rocks along our way.**

**Be our strength in hours of weakness, in our wanderings be our guide,  
Through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be thou at our side.**

*Words: Maria Willis 1824-1908 Music: Trad adapted: Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958*

*At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts we respond*

**Blessed be God forever.**

*Please sit or stand*

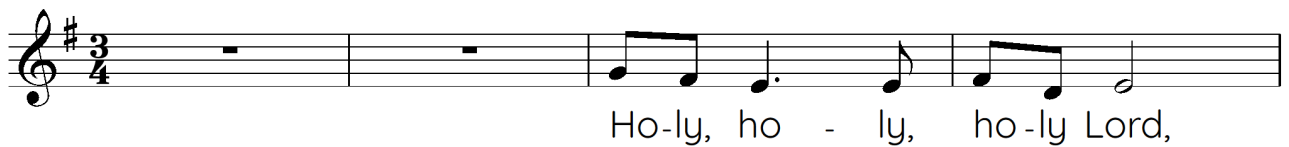
## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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*



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

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

Musical notation in G major, 3/4 time. The melody consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter). The lyrics are: "Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ri - sing you re -". The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The notes are: G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (quarter), C2 (quarter), B1 (quarter), A1 (quarter), G1 (quarter). The lyrics are: "5 stored our life: Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry." The piece ends with a double bar line.

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

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### 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

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

\_\_\_\_ 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.**

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.***

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

Offertorium from Messe pro Organo

Franz Liszt 1811-1886

## Reflection



In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God, my peace and joy.



On - ly 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.**

## 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

**Jesus Christ is Waiting, waiting in the streets,  
No one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too,  
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.**

**Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,  
Where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too,  
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.**

**Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets,  
Curing those who suffer, touching those he greets,  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too,  
Let my care be active, healing just like you.**

**Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,  
Where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too,  
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.**

**Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,  
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'  
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few,  
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.**

*Words: John L Bell b.1949, Graham Maule b.1958 Music: Trad French melody*

## **Postlude: Short Prelude in G Minor BWV 558**

*Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

*The authorship of the Eight Little Preludes and Fugues is debated, some argue they were composed by a pupil of Bach. He composed them during the years 1708-1717. The G minor prelude here is similar to an Italian courante, a court dance for couples prominent in the late 16th Century. The fugue is very symmetrical in structure with a subject and one strong*

rhythmic or melodic motive. The pedal has a purely harmonic function, reflecting the influences of other composers of the period including Bach.

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### Notices

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**Service next Sunday:**  
*Mothering Sunday*

**Parish Communion (9.30 am)**  
**Scouts Mothering Sunday Service (11.00 am)**  
**and on Facebook and the parish website [www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org)**

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