



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



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**Lent 1**

*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**

**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*

## **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.

**Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, may we be open  
to your presence. Give us the strength to make the changes that are needed  
in our lives and the courage to take on the work of transforming the world.  
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 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 KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

### **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 9.8-17*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Second Reading**

*1 Peter 3:18-end*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

#### **The Gospel Reading**

*Mark 1:9-15*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**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:*

Lord of Lent, **renew us by your Spirit**

*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.***

**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 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'*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, Lord Jesus until you come in glory.**

*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 sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

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

**Lamb of God, you take away 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.**

Come not because you are strong but because you are weak. Come not because of any goodness of your own gives you any right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little, and would like to love him more. Come, because he loves you and gave himself for you.

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

## **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.**

**BANNS**



## 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**

**Forty days and forty nights  
Thou wast fasting in the wild;  
Forty days and forty nights  
Tempted, and yet undefiled.**

**Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
Chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
Prowling beasts about Thy way;  
Stones Thy pillow; earth Thy bed.**

**Let us thy endurance share  
And from earthly greed abstain,  
With thee watching unto prayer,  
With Thee strong to suffer pain?**

**Then if evil on us press,  
Flesh or spirit to assail  
Victor in the wilderness,  
Help us not to swerve or fail!**

**So shall we have peace divine:  
Holier gladness ours shall be;  
Come to us angelic powers,,  
Such as ministered to Thee.**

**Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
Ever constant by Thy side,  
That with Thee we may appear  
At the eternal Eastertide.**

*Words: George Hunt Smyttan 1822-1870, Francis Pott 1832-1900*

*Music: Att. Martin Herbst 1654-1681 from 'Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch', 1676*

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## Notices

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**Service next Sunday:**  
*Lent 2*

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

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