



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



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**Easter 2**  
**Low Sunday**

*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**

Cantilene, *Gabriel Pierné 1863-1937*

**Processional Hymn**

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, first begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone, our strong defender, Lifest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus, true and living bread!**

**Prince of life, for us thou livest, by thy Body souls are healed,  
Prince of Peace, thy peace thou givest, by thy Blood is pardoned sealed,  
Alleluia, alleluia, Word of God in flesh revealed.**

**Though the lowliest form doth veil thee as of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there thine angels hail thee, branch and flower of Jesse's stem,  
Alleluia, alleluia, we in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb! Thine offering, finished once for all when thou wast slain,  
In its fulness undiminished shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluia, alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly manna, stricken rock, with streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluia, alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified.**

*Words: George Hugh Bourne 1940-1925, Music: Henry Smart 1813-1879*

## **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.**

Alleluia – Christ is risen  
**He is risen indeed – Alleluia!**

## **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**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing  
our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**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**

*Acts 4:32-35*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm response**



*How good and how pleasant it is  
When kindred live together in unity!*

*It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
Upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.*

*It is like the dew of Hermon flowing upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.*

## **Second Reading**

*1 John 1.1-2.2*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

Chorale: 'Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia!' *Stephen C Horsman b. 1961*

## **The Gospel Reading**

*John 20.19-31*

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:*

**All**                    Lord, in your mercy  
                              **Hear our prayer**

*and at the end of the prayers:*

Merciful father,  
**All** accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please stand*

### **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.*

### **During the Preparation of the Table:**

**In Christ alone my hope is found  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!**

**My comforter, my all in all—  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save.  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for every sin on Him was laid—  
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am His and He is mine—  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till He returns or calls me home—  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

*Stuart Townend b.1963 Keith Getty b.1974*

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

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'*

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.**

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff (measures 1-5) begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 2/4 time signature. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a half note G4. The lyrics are "Lamb of God you take a - way the sins\_\_\_\_\_". The second staff (measures 6-7) starts at measure 6. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a half note G4. The lyrics are "of the world, have mer - cy on us.". The third staff (measures 8-11) starts at measure 12. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a half note G4. The lyrics are "Lamb of God you take a - way the". The fourth staff (measures 12-15) starts at measure 16. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a half note G4. The lyrics are "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:**

Liebster Jesu, Wir sind hier BWV 730 *Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

Dear Jesus, we are here

### **Reflection**

### **Surrexit Christus, alleluia! Cantate Domino, alleluia!**

*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 BLESSING**

*Please stand*

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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### Final Hymn

**This Joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow,  
My love the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow:  
Had Christ that once was slain ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain, but now is Christ arisen.**

**My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,  
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number:  
Had Christ that once was slain ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain, but now is Christ arisen.**

**Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river,  
Lover of souls from ill my passing soul deliver:  
Had Christ that once was slain ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain, but now is Christ arisen.**

*Words: George Radcliffe Woodward 1848-1934:*

*Music: from 'Psalmen Davids' Heinrich Schütz 1585-1672 Harm: Charles Wood 1849-1934*

### Postlude

**Nun Danket Alle Gott, Op 65 No 9**      *Sigfried Karg-Elert 1877-1933*  
*Now thank we, all, our God*

*Sigfrid Karg-Elert was a prominent and prolific composer at a time when German composers were overshadowed by their more popular French contemporaries. Karg-Elert's music is vast in quantity and diverse in style. Nun danket alle Gott ("Now Thank We All Our God") is perhaps Karg-Elert's most famous work for organ. Its grandeur and magnificence his musical*

style can be characterised as being late-romantic with impressionistic and expressionistic tendencies. His profound knowledge of music theory allowed him to stretch the limits of traditional harmony without losing tonal coherence. Nun Danket is part of the 66 Chorale Improvisations for organ composed between 1906 and 1908

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### Notices

**Service next Sunday:**  
*Easter 3*

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