



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

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**  
**Trinity Sunday**



*All are welcome at St Margaret's*

**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**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;**  
**holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,**  
**casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**  
**cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**  
**which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,**  
**though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,**  
**only thou art holy, there is none beside thee**  
**perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;**  
**holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

*REGINALD HEBER (1783–1826)*

## **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 priest introduces the prayer ending with*  
let us call to mind our sins.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you: Lord, have  
mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins: Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace: Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest offers absolution at the end please respond **Amen.***

## **THE GLORIA**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words, 'Let us pray.'  
The Collect is said, and all respond **Amen.***

*Please sit for the readings.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 40:12-17,27-end*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*2 Corinthians 13:11-end*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel:*

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

*Matthew 28:16-end*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Alleluia.**

*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

## **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

We come boldly to the throne of grace,  
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
for mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Father of heaven, whose love profound  
a ransom for our souls has found:  
We pray for the world, created by your love,  
for its nations and governments ...  
Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,  
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord:  
We pray for the Church, created for your glory,  
for its ministry to reflect those works of yours ...  
Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath  
the soul is raised from sin and death:  
We pray for families and individuals, created in your image,  
for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying ...  
Breathe on them the breath of life  
and bring them to your mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son,  
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One:  
We pray for ourselves,  
for your Church, for all whom we remember before you ...  
Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven,

to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity,  
as we worship you, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace**

*The priest introduces the Peace*

The peace of the triune God 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.*

**Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
My name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in Heav'n he stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin.**

**Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free,  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me,  
To look on him and pardon me.**

**Behold him there, the risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace.  
One with himself I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by his blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

*Charitie Lees Smith (1841-1923)*

*Music: Sweet Hour Will-iam B. Brad-bu-ry, Gold-en Chain (New York: 1861)*

**The Preparation of the Table  
The Taking of the Bread and Wine**

**During the Preparation of the Table:**

*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 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.**

*The priest invites everyone to come to Communion or for a blessing*

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

**During the distribution of Communion music will be played**

## **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**

*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.**

### **Hymn**

**King of kings, majesty,  
God of heaven living in me.  
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,  
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End,  
all within me falls at your throne.  
Your majesty, I can but bow;  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve your majesty.**

**Earth and heaven worship you,  
Love eternal, faithful and true,  
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,  
brought this sinner near to your throne;  
all within me cries out in praise.  
Your majesty, I can but bow;  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve your majesty,  
I live to serve your majesty.**

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#### Notices

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**Service next Sunday:**  
*Trinity 1*

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

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