



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



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**Trinity 18**

*Everyone is welcome at 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**

Prière à Notre Dame from 'Suite Gothique' Op25 *Léon Boëlmann 1862-1897*

**Processional hymn**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us, you are one with us, Mary's Son,  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin, pouring your love and goodness in,  
Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do this in remembrance, Lord, of you,  
Into our lives your power breaks through, living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us, born as one of us, Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary, risen from death to set us free,  
Living Lord Jesus, help us see you are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you, live my life for you, Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true, your many gifts will make me new,  
Into my life your power breaks through, living Lord.**

*Words and Music: Patrick Appleford 1925-2018*

## **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**

**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

Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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*Cantor* 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. *R*

*Cantor* 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. *R*

*Cantor* 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. *R*

## 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**

*Isaiah 5.1-7*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*Philippians 3.4b-14*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

Voluntary IX in C from Twelve Voluntaries

*London c. 1780 Compiled: Pierre Gouin b. 1947*

***The Gospel Reading***

*Matthew 21.33-end*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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  
**All            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

### The Peace

*We stand*

*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.*

**Gather round, for the table is spread, welcome the food and rest!  
Wide is our circle, with Christ at the head, he is the honoured guest.  
Learn of his love, grow in his grace, pray for the peace he gives;  
Here at this meal, here in this place, know that his Spirit lives!  
Once he was known in the breaking of bread, shared with a chosen few;  
Multitudes gathered and by him were fed, so will he feed us too.**

*Words: Jean Holloway b.1939*

*Music: Based on Trad Scottish Melody, Annie MacLeod 1855-1921 arr: Colin Hand 1929-2015*

*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*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might.  
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Hea - ven and earth are full of your  
7  
glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might.  
14  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
19  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might.

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

Dy - ing you des - troyed our death, ri - sing you re - stored our life, Lord  
5  
Je - sus come in glo - ry, Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry.

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



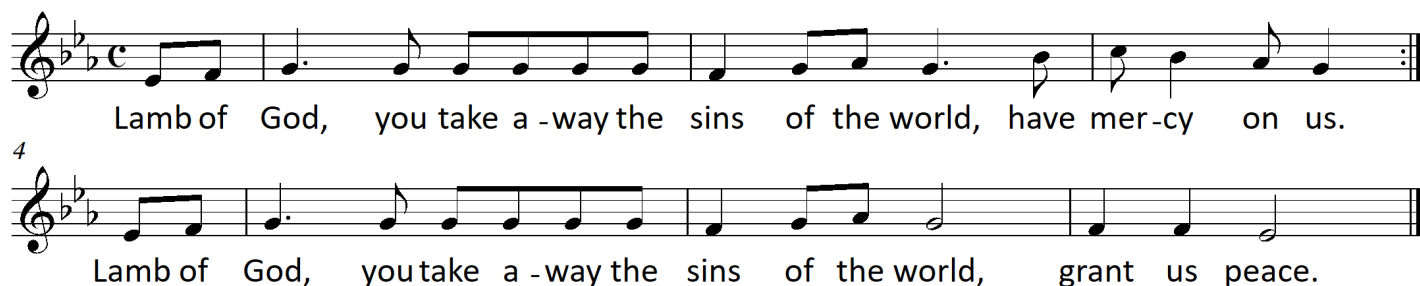
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 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.*

Fantasia on 'Adoro Te Devote'

*Alexandre Pierre François Boëly 1785-1858*

## **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 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 the peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Final Hymn

**We have a Gospel to proclaim, good news for all through the earth,  
The Gospel of the Saviour's name, we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth in Bethlehem, not in a royal house or hall,  
But in a stable dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death on Calvary, hated by those he came to save,  
In lonely suffering on the cross, for all he loved his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn, empty the tomb, for he was free,  
He broke the power of death and hell that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified,  
He sends his Spirit on his Church to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King, Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
The gospel-message we proclaim, we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

*Words: Edward J Burns b. 1938*

*Music: From 'Sacred Melodies' pub 1815 William Gardiner 1770-1863*

## Postlude

Rondo da Chiesa Ps 100:1 O be joyful in the Lord

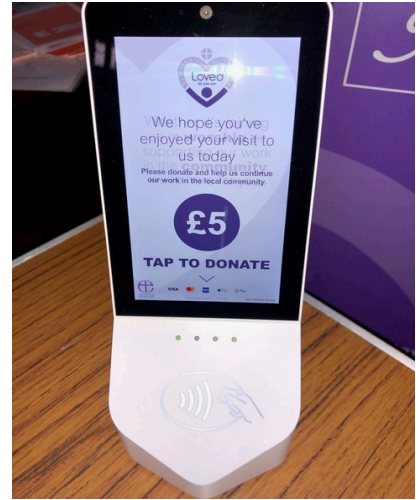
*Peter Hurford 1930-2019*

*Peter Hurford was, among other appointments, organist and choirmaster of St Alban's Cathedral, a position he held for twenty years. He published many pieces for organ and choral music for the Anglican Liturgy. The suite 'Laudate Dominum' 'Praise the Lord' consists of six short pieces each based on a Psalm. This one is based on Ps 100:1 'O be joyful in the Lord.'*

***Thank you for joining in our worship today.***

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### **Notices**

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**Service next Sunday:**  
*Trinity 19*

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

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