



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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Easter 5**



*Everyone is 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**

**We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at 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 at 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.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

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## **THE GREETING**

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**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

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: 'The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*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.*

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please sit for the readings*

**First Reading**

*Acts 11:1-18*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**

*Revelation 21:1-6*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

***The Gospel Reading***

*John 13:31-35*

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:*

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

*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.*

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

***Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.***

**I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John —  
they came with me and the Dance went on.**

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
the holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
and they left me there on a cross to die.**

***Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he***

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black —  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
but I am the Dance, and I still go on.**

***Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he***

**They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me —  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.**

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***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, 'Praise to you Lord Jesus'*

**dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life;  
Lord Jesus, 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 sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin 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

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

### **Recessional Hymn**

**I will enter His gates  
With thanksgiving in my heart,  
I will enter His courts with praise.  
I will say, "This is the day  
that the Lord has made."  
I will rejoice,  
for He has made me glad.**

**He has made me glad,  
He has made me glad.  
I will rejoice, for  
he has made me glad.  
He has made me glad,  
He has made me glad.  
I will rejoice, for  
he has made me glad.**

**(sung x2)**

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#### **Notices**

**Service next Sunday:  
Easter 6**

**Family Service (9.30am)  
Parish Communion (11am)  
and on Facebook and the parish website [www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org)**

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