



# Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield

## *Loved as you are*

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**  
**Easter 7**



*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.***

Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père  
from L'Ascension du Christ

*The Majesty of Christ, ask the Father to glorify his Son.*  
Olivier Messiaen 1908-1993

***We stand and sing at the entrance of the clergy***

### **Processional Hymn**

**Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!  
To his throne above the skies, alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heaven, alleluia!**

**There for him high triumph waits, alleluia!  
Lift your heads, eternal gates! alleluia!  
He hath conquered death and sin, alleluia!  
Take the King of Glory in! alleluia!**

**Circled round with angel-powers, alleluia!  
Their triumphant Lord and ours, alleluia!  
Wide unfold the radiant scene, alleluia!  
Take the King of Glory in! alleluia!**

**Lo, the heaven its Lord receives, alleluia!  
Yet he loves the earth he leaves, alleluia!  
Though returning to his throne, alleluia!  
He calls humankind his own, alleluia!**

*Words: Charles Wesley 1707-1788 Thomas Cotterill 1779-1823 and others  
Music: Robert Williams 1781-1821*

## **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 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 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

**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 for the readings*

### **First Reading**

*Acts 1: 6-14*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*1 Peter 4:12-14;5.6-11*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and turn to face the Gospel*

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

*John 17:1-11*

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:*

Risen and Ascended Lord, come among us.  
**Fill us with your glory.**

*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 sign of peace.*

### **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.*

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne.  
Alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark, the songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood,  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now,  
Alleluia, he is near us, faith believes nor questions how,  
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore.'**

Alleluia, Bread of Angels, thou on earth our food, our stay,  
Alleluia, here the sinful flee to thee from day to day,  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer plead for me,  
When the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal thee the Lord of lords we own,  
Alleluia, born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne,  
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh the great High Priest,  
Thou on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.

*Words: William Chatterton Dix 1837-1898 Music: Rowland Huw Pritchard 1811-1887*

*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 sing*

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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'*



*The prayer continues and concludes with the doxology where 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.**



Lamb of God you take a - way the sins\_\_\_\_\_

6  
of the world, have mer - cy on us.

12  
Lamb of God you take a - way the

16  
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**

Jesu, meine Freude BWV610

Jesus my Friend

*Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

### **Reflection**

**He is Lord, he is Lord. He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

**He is Love, he is Love. He is risen from the dead and he is Love.  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Love.**

**He is King, he is King. He's ascended into heaven and he is King.  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is King.**

*Words and Music: Anon*

## **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**

### **BANNS READING**

### **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

**See! He lifts his hands above. alleluia!  
See! He shows the prints of love, alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, alleluia!  
Blessings on his Church below. alleluia!**

**Still for us he intercedes, alleluia!  
His prevailing death he pleads, alleluia!  
Near himself prepares our place, alleluia!  
He the first-fruits of our race. alleluia!**

**Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia!  
Far above the starry height, alleluia!  
Grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia!  
Seeking thee above the skies. alleluia!**

**Ever upward let us move, alleluia!  
Wafted on the winds of love, alleluia!  
Looking when our Lord shall come, alleluia!  
Longing, sighing after home. alleluia!**

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## Postlude

### No 1 from Two Short Fanfares

*Eric Thiman 1900-1975*

*Eric Thiman was an English composer, who was considered one of the leading non-conformist organisers in England. He was largely self-taught and was a keen advocate of amateur music-making and conducted several amateur choir groups. In addition, Thiman composed educational music for the piano and other instruments. He composed much choral and organ sacred music.*

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

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## **Notices**

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**Service next Sunday:**

*Pentecost*

**Sung Eucharistic Service (11.00 am)**

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

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I would like to invite everyone in the diocese to keep 2023 as a year of the Old Testament. Next year is the first of two special years [2024 will be the Year of the New Testament] leading up to the 2025 which we will keep as a special Year of Faith.

2025 celebrates 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea which gave us what became the Nicene Creed. It also marks 950 years of Christian mission in a diocese based in Chichester. Hence why the three-year programme is known as Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith.

The Year of the Old Testament will reflect on the Hebrew Scriptures. We will seek to understand the Law, the Prophets and the Writings in their original context, and see more clearly how they point us towards Jesus Christ and the gospel, and to our own knowledge of him in the history of his body, the Church.

The Old Testament speaks repeatedly of God as One and as Holy. So we hope that this Year will help us to understand how the Old Testament guides the Church to be 'one' and 'holy': the first two of the 'marks of the Church' and part of our diocesan strategy.

+ Martin

