



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



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**Trinity 19**

*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**

Ave Maria by Arcadelt R401 *arr. Franz Liszt 1811-1886*

**Processional hymn**

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me down to lie in pastures green.  
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make within the paths  
Of righteousness e'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear none ill. For thou art with me  
And thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnishéd  
In presence of my foes, my head thou dost  
With oil anoint and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me. And in God's house  
For evermore my dwelling-place shall be.**

*Words: Ps 23 from the Scottish Psalter 1650*

*Music: Melody: Jessie Irvine 1836-1887 Harm: David Grant 1833-1893*

## **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*

### First Reading

*Isaiah 25.1-9*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*Philippians 4.1-9*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

Voluntary X in A from Twelve Voluntaries

*John James d. c1745, London c. 1780 Compiled: Pierre Gouin b. 1947*

## ***The Gospel Reading***

*Matthew 22.1-14*

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.**

*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:*

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace

*We stand to share 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 bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour.  
In wine we offer you our spirits' grief.  
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour,  
But stand united now, one in belief.  
O we have gladly heard your word, your holy word,  
And now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring,  
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,  
Our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.

The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,  
And it becomes for us our spirits' food.  
Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken,  
Make it your gift to us, you healing blood.  
Take all that daily toil plants in our hearts' poor soil,  
Take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,

**The chances we have missed, the graces we resist,  
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.**

*Words and Music: Mgr. Kevin Nichols 1929-2006*

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

**Blessed be God forever**

*We sit or stand for*

### 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  
10 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 where we respond,*

A - - - men. 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.**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take a-way 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.**

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.***

Communion *César Franck 1822-1890*

**Reflection**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.**

**Jesus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hunger,  
Jesus Christ, Risen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.**

*Words: Based on Scripture, Taizé Community Music: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994*

## 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

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

#### Final Hymn

**Rejoice the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore,  
Mortals give thanks and sing and triumph evermore:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.***

**Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.***

**His Kingdom cannot fail, he rules over earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.***

**He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.***

*Words: Charles Wesley 1707-1788 Music: George F Handel 1685-1759*

## **Postlude**

**Trio on: Herr Jesu Christ Ich Weiss Gar Wohl**

**Lord Jesus Christ, I know well**

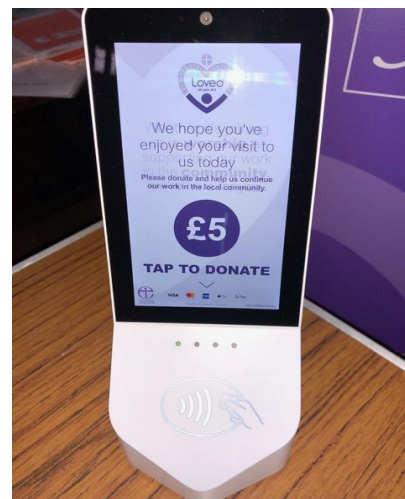
*Johann Gottlob Töpfer 1791-1870*

*Johann Gottlob Töpfer was a German organ theorist, advisor, organist, teacher, and composer. In 1830 he was appointed organist at the city church of Saint Peter and Paul at Weimar a post he held until his death. Töpfer was respected by his contemporaries as a virtuoso and organ expert. He enjoyed a relationship of mutual respect with Franz Liszt amongst others. As a composer he left over 400 works, mostly chorale preludes for the organ.*

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### **Notices**

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**Service next Sunday:**  
*Trinity 20*

**Sung Eucharist (11.00 am)**  
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