

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



Sunday 5th November 2023 All Saints Sunday

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

Recit from Piéces d'Orgue

Processional Hymn

Blest are the Pure in Heart, for they shall see our God, The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, To dwell in lowliness with us their pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart

And for his dwelling and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be: Give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.

Words: Vs1&3 John Keble 1792-1866 Vs 2&4 William J Hall 1793-1861 Music: From 'Harmonischer Liederscharz' 1738 adapt. William H Havergal 1793-1870

THE GREETING

I am the resurrection, and I am the life; those who believe in me though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. The Lord of eternal life be with you and also with you.

CONFESSION

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission, and confess them before God, our Father.

Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord enrich you with his grace and nourish you with his blessing; may the Lord defend us in trouble and keep you from all evil; may the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen

THE VENITE

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; Let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth

and the heights of the mountains are his also.

- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our maker.
- 7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 And to the Holy Spirit.
 As it was in the beginning is now
 And shall be for ever. 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

First Reading

Revelation 7.9-17
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 John 3.1-3

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Voluntary XII in D from Twelve Voluntaries London c. 1780 *Compiled: Pierre Gouin b. 1947*

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5.1-12

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.**

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.

THE LIST OF THOSE DEPARTED WILL BE READ OUT

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.

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

For all the Saints who showed your love In how they lived and where they moved, For mindful women, caring men, Accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name, Whose faith increased the Saviour's fame, Who sang your songs and shared your word, Accept our gratitude, good Lord For all the saints who named your will, And saw your kingdom coming still Through selfless protest, prayer, and praise, Accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love Reflects the grace of heaven above. Though unacclaimed by earthly powers, Your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

Words: John L Bell b. 1949 Graham Maule 1958-2019 Music: English Melody arr. John L Bell

At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts we respond

Blessed be God forever

Please sit or stand

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

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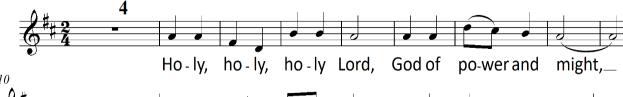
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We lift them to the Lord.

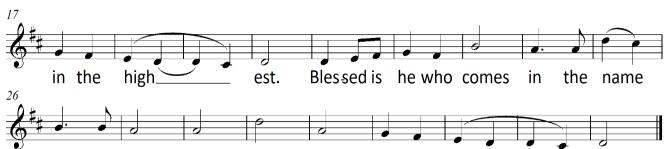
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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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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.

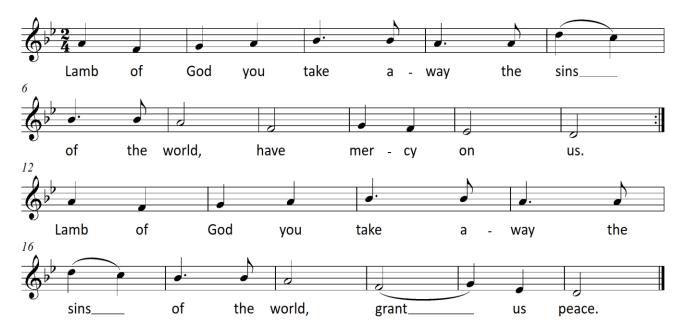
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

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.



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

Creator alme Siderum' Chorale Op38 No1 Marcel Dupré 1886-1971 Creator of the Stars of Night

Reflection

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around, He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him, Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Words and Music: David J. Evans b. 1957

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

Final Hymn

For All the Saints who from their labours rest, Who thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might, Thou, Lord, their Captain, in the well-fought fight, Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, And win with them, the victors crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion! Fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine, Yet all are one with thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west, Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest, Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia! But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day, The saints triumphant rise in bright array, The King of glory passes on His way, Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words: William Walsham How 1823-1897 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

Postlude

Toccata in G Minor Johann Pachelbel 1653-1706

Johann Pachelbel was an important figure from the Baroque period and is seen as central to the development of both keyboard music and Protestant Church music. His very popular, Canon in D major, for three violins and continuo may be his most well-known work but his primary contribution to liturgical music, arguably, is the uniting of Catholic Gregorian chant elements with the Northern German organ style, a style that reflected the influence of the Protestant chorale. A Lutheran, Pachelbel composed a large body of sacred and secular music and was exposed to the music of Froberger and Frescobaldi, which influenced his work with the chorale-prelude. His music in this genre would, in turn, influence the compositions of Johann Sebastian Bach, among others.

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	Scouts Remembrance Service (10.20 am)
Service next Sunday:	Remembrance service (10.50 am – meet by war memorial)
Remembrance Sunday	and on Facebook and the parish website www.ifieldparish.org