



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



Sunday 26th February 2023
Lent 1

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.

Little Prelude in E Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

We stand and sing at the entrance of the clergy

Processional Hymn

**Led by the Spirit of our God, we go to fast and pray
With Christ into the wilderness, we join his paschal way.
'Rend not your garments, rend your hearts, turn back your lives to me.'
Thus says our kind and gracious God, whose reign is liberty.**

**Led by the Spirit, we confront temptation face to face,
And know full well we must rely on God's redeeming grace,
On bread alone we cannot live, but nourished by the Word
We seek the will of God to do: this is our drink and food.**

**Led by the Spirit, now draw near the waters of rebirth
With hearts that long to worship God in spirit and in truth.
'Whoever drinks the drink I give shall never thirst again.'
Thus says the Lord who died for us, our Saviour, kin and friend.**

**Led by the Spirit, now sing praise to God the Trinity:
The Source of Life, the living Word made flesh to set us free,
The Spirit blowing where it will to make us friends of God:
This mystery far beyond our reach, yet near in healing love.**

Words: Bob Hurd b.1950 Music: English Trad. Melody

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

MEDITATION

On Sunday morning, for a brief space of time, we leave behind the world of home and work and school—the world where we have our lists of things to do, activities to participate in, tasks to complete. We come here this morning seeking something else. We come here seeking a shift—from the ordinary to the sacred, from doing to being. I invite you to close your eyes. Let go of your list. Recall that it is the season of Lent. Remember the Parable of the Sower. The sower throws the seed . . . and where it lands determines if it will grow or not grow. Think of it this way: think of the season of Lent as the sower, the time when seeds of faith are thrown with special intensity, as a time a time when God calls to us in a low, urgent voice. Listen. Jesus is being drawn to Jerusalem. Where is God calling you to? What is God calling you to do?

(Silent time)

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of injury done to the Earth and its ecosystems.

(A purple candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray.

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, may we be open to your presence. Give us the strength to make the changes that are needed in our lives and the courage to take on the work of transforming the world. Amen.

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 us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE KYRIE

Cantor
Lord_____ have mer - cy.

Congregation
Lord_____ have mer - cy. *Cantor*
Christ_____ have mer - cy.

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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

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

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.

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
From there he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each petition the following response is used:



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.

**Again, we keep this solemn fast,
a gift of faith from ages past.
This Lent which binds us lovingly
to faith and hope and charity.**

**The law and prophets from of old
In figured ways this Lent foretold,
Which Christ, all ages' Lord and Guide,
In these last days has sanctified.**

**More sparing, therefore, let us make
The words we speak, the food we take,
Our sleep, our laughter, every sense;
Learn peace through holy penitence.**

**Let us avoid each harmful way
That lures the careless mind astray;
By watchful prayer our spirits free
From scheming of the Enemy.**

**We pray, O blessed Three in One,
Our God while endless ages run,
That this, our Lent of forty days,
May bring us growth and give you praise.**

Words: St Gregory the Great c540-604 tr. Peter J Scagnelli 1949-2017

Music: Thomas Tallis 1505-1585

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

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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God of power and God of might.

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might.*

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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -

5 claim your Death Lord Je - - sus

7 un - - til you come in glo - ry.

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

A - men, A - men. A - men.

6 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. Lamb of
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.

The sacrament will be administered to the congregation in both kinds. As the priest offers you the host with the words 'The Body of Christ' please respond Amen.

As you are offered the chalice, please remember you won't be permitted to handle the sides of the chalice only the base.

When you are offered the chalice to take a sip with the words 'The Blood of Christ,' please respond **Amen**.

You will not be permitted to 'dip' the host into the chalice and must consume the host before receiving wine from the chalice. There is no need now to return to your seat with the host in your hands.

During the distribution of Communion

Audi, benigne Conditor No 4 from Sixteen Chorales

Hearken, merciful Creator

Marcel Dupré 1886-1971

Reflection

Words, based on Mt 4:1-11, and Music: Stephen Dean b. 1948

Not on bread a - lone are we nou - rished,
but on ev - ery word from the mouth of God.

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 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

**Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.**

**Sunbeams scorching all the day;
Chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
Prowling beasts about Thy way;
Stones Thy pillow; earth Thy bed.**

**Let us thy endurance share
And from earthly greed abstain,
With thee watching unto prayer,
With Thee strong to suffer pain?**

**Then if evil on us press,
Flesh or spirit to assail
Victor in the wilderness,
Help us not to swerve or fail!**

**So shall we have peace divine:
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Come to us angelic powers,,
Such as ministered to Thee.**

**Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by Thy side,
That with Thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.**

Words: George Hunt Smyttan 1822-1870, Francis Pott 1832-1900

Music: Att. Martin Herbst 1654-1681 from 'Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch', 1676

Postlude: Choral: Herr Christ, der Eineg Gottes Sohn

Christ, God's only Son

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

One of many of Bach's Choral settings. He composed this as a cantata in 1724 and focusses upon Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who has come from God. This is one part of our Creed: God from God, Light from light, True God from True God.

Thank you for joining in our worship today.

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Service next Sunday:

Lent 2

Said Eucharistic service (8am)

Sung Eucharistic Service (11.00 am)

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