



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



Sunday 19th November 2023
Second Sunday Before Advent

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

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend, Lord Jesus Christ turn to us
Johann Gottfried Walther 1684-1748

Processional Hymn

**Hills of the North, rejoice, river and mountain spring,
Hark to the advent voice, valley and lowland sing:
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
He judgement brings and victory.**

**Isles of the southern seas, deep in your coral caves
Pent be each warring breeze, lulled be your restless waves:
He comes to reign with boundless sway,
And makes your wastes his great highway.**

**Lands of the east, awake, soon shall your sons be free;
The sleep of ages break, and rise in liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and grey,
Has dawned the everlasting day.**

**Shores of the utmost west, ye that have waited long,
Unvisited, unblest, break forth to swelling song;
High raise the note, that Jesus died,
Yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.**

**Shout, while ye journey home, songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the north we come, from east and west and south.
City of God, the bonds are free,
We come to live and reign in thee!**

Words: Charles Edward Oakley 1832-1865 Music: Martin Shaw 1875-1958

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

**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

First Reading

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Chorale: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations *Ps90*

The Gospel Reading
Matthew 25.14-30

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

Please 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

The Peace

Please 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

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee,
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and purposeful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal Music: Wenzel Müller 1747-1835

At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts we 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

4
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'

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

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

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 _____

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

Anima Christi Soul of Christ
Stephen C Horsman b. 1961

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

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

**The Kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the Kingdom shall grow.**

**The Kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
And hope is awakened in place of despair.**

**The Kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the Good News, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to the cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.**

**God's Kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the Kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry, 'Glory!' to God all in all.**

Words: Bryn Rees 1911-1983 Music: William Croft 1678-1827

Postlude

Grand Plein Jeu, from Suite Du Premier Ton

Louis Nicholas Clérambault 1676-1749

Louis Nicholas Clérambault was organist at several Paris churches and at Saint-Cyr and held the post of music superintendent to Mme de Maintenon. He composed a number of cantatas the subjects of which were drawn from classicism. His organ music ranks as some of the best organ music of his era. In 1710 he published a Livre d'Orgue containing two suites (Suite du premier ton et Suite du deuxième ton) in the style of the French organ school, which at that time, identifies the Plein Jeu as the choir of principals (including mixtures), and the Grand Jeu as a combination of labial and lingual stops.

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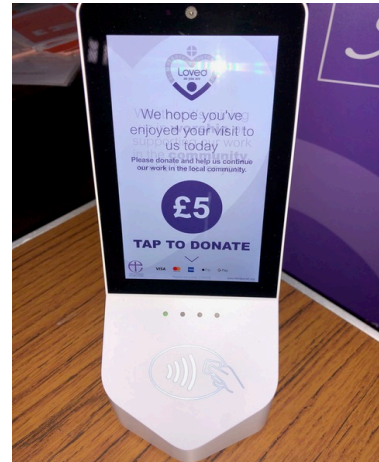
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Service next Sunday:
Christ The King

Parish Communion (11.00 am)
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