



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



Sunday 13th February 2022
3rd Sunday Before Lent

*All are welcome to St Margaret's and we encourage all to take part fully in this service. If you have **mobility issues** that make it difficult for you to come and receive communion, should you want to, then do please notify our sides-people, and we will come to you.*

Due to the Coronavirus please make your responses in a quiet voice in order to minimise the risk of infection

THE GATHERING

We gather together

We stand at the entrance of the clergy

Opening 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,
Our pattern and our 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.**

John Keble 1792-1866 (Vs1&3)

William John Hall 1793-1861 (Vs2&4)

THE GREETING

Celebrant In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Celebrant Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All 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

Celebrant God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

All **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.**

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.

All **Amen.**

THE GLORIA IS SAID

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. 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. 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.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the readings:

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel:

The Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17-26

All The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing until the preacher has introduced the Sermon:

THE SERMON

We stand for

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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

Celebrant Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace by looking at those around you and greeting them with a warm smile.

As the Body of Christ receives its life from God, and offers its life to God, so we, as members of that Body, greet each other in love.

The Preparation of the Table

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

During the Preparation of the Table

**Father, hear the prayer we offer:
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures
Do we ask our way to be,
But the steep and rugged pathway
May we tread rejoicingly.**

**Not for ever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay,
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.**

**Be our strength in hours of weakness,
In our wanderings be our guide,
Though endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.**

Maria Willis 1824-1908

Celebrant Heavenly Father accept these prayers, left this past week, on the fishing net. We pray that you will meet these people at their point of need.

All Amen.

Celebrant Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We sit or stand for:

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

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

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the Body and Blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again, he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life

and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free, you are the Saviour of the world.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes, and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St Margaret and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All 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.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of Communion

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, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All **Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you
take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.**

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople who will guide you to receive your Communion.

*The sacrament will be administered to the congregation in both kinds but by intinction. As the priest offers you the host with the words ‘**The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ**’ please respond: **Amen.***

During the distribution of Communion:

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
You are one with us, Mary’s Son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus, our love for you, we sing,
Living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of you.
Into our lives your power breaks through,
Living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
Born as one of us, Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
Live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through,
Living Lord.**

Revd. Patrick Appleford 1925-2018

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger, draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the**

Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

BANNS

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THE BLESSING

Celebrant Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Final Hymn

**All my hope on God is Founded,
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
Calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust,
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought,
Splendour, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore, from his store,
New-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Still from earth to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all,
Ye who follow shall not fall.**

Paraphrased Robert Bridges 1844-1930

based on 'Meine Hoffnung Stehet Feste' Joachim Neander 1650-1680

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Clergy will recess to the postlude.

Thank you for joining in our worship today.

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Service next Sunday:
2nd Sunday Before Lent

All Age Worship Service (9.30 am)
Sung Eucharist Service (11.00 am)
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