



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



Sunday 18th September 2022

**A service of Holy Communion
during the period of mourning for
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

*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 please notify let us know and they will come to you.*

Gathering: Improvisation

Stephen C Horsman b.1961

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 furnished
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 Scottish Psalter, 165

Music: Jessie Irvine 1836-1887

THE GREETING

Celebrant We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
 who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.
 Grace and mercy be with you.

Celebrant will introduce the service, ending with this prayer:

Almighty God,
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice and love
everything you have made.
In your mercy
turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life,
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven,
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

Silence is kept

Celebrant You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May God our Father forgive us our sins
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where
dust and ashes have no dominion.
Amen.

Celebrant O God, the maker and redeemer of all mankind, grant
us, with your servant Queen Elizabeth and all the
faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving
passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day,
when all things are gathered up in Christ, we may with
them enjoy the fullness of thy promises; through Jesus
Christ thy Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without
end.
Amen.

READINGS

Please sit for the readings

First Reading

2 Samuel 12:16-23

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 21.1-7

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each
petition join in the response*

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 Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you
and also with you.

*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.*

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

**O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee,
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths
Its flow may richer, fuller be.**

**O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee,
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee,
I trace the rainbow though the rain,
And feel the promise is not in vain
That morn shall tearless be.**

**O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee,
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.**

Words: George Matheson 1842-1906

Music: Albert Lister Peace 1844-1912

Celebrant Be present, be present,
 Lord Jesus Christ,
 our risen high Priest;
 make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen**

We sit or stand

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant 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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
 at all times and in all places to give you thanks and
 praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal
 God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
 because through him you have given us the hope of a
 glorious resurrection; so that,
 although death comes to us all,
 yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;
 for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken
 away; and when our mortal flesh is laid aside
 an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in
 heaven.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the
 company of heaven, we proclaim your great and
 glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san na in the high - est.

Celebrant

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we, receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

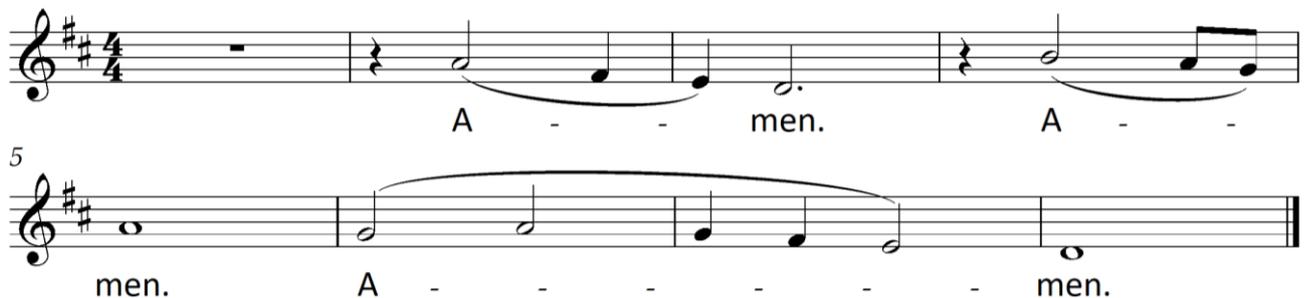
Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son

Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his Blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.



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

Celebrant Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Musical score for the hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/2 time signature. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a double bar line and a '2' above it. The melody then begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics 'Lamb of God you take away the sins of the' are written below. The second staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 2/2 time signature. It begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics 'world: have mer-cy on us.' are written below. The third staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 2/2 time signature. It begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics 'Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' are written below.

Celebrant 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.**

Please wait to be directed for 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

Méditation No 7 from 24 Pièces en Style Libre, *Louis Vierne, 1870-1937*

Reflection

**This is my Body, broken for you,
Bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
Do it in love for me.**

**This is my Blood, poured out for you,
Bringing forgiveness, making you free,
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
Do it in love for me.**

**Back to my Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
You're very close to me.**

**Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow,
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
You are alive in me.**

**Love one another; I have loved you,
And I have shown you how to be free;
Serve one another, and when you do,
Do it in love for me.**

Words: Jimmy Owens b.1930 and Damian Lundy fsc 1944-1977

Music: Peter Jacobs

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant God our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ
conquered death and returned to you in glory.
Confident of his victory and claiming his promises, we

entrust your servant Elizabeth into your keeping in the name of Jesus our Lord, who, though he died, is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

NOTICES

THE BLESSING

Celebrant God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

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.

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

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Words: Jan Struther 1901-1953

Music: Irish Melody, Harmony: Erik Routley 1917-1982

Praeludium in G Minor BWV558

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

The authorship of the Eight Little Preludes and Fugues is debated, some argue they were composed by a pupil of Bach. He composed during the years 1708-1717. The G minor prelude here is similar to an Italian courante, a court dance for couples prominent in the late 16th Century. The fugue is very symmetrical in structure with a subject and one strong rhythmic or melodic motive. The pedal has a purely harmonic function. reflecting the influences of other composers of the period including Bach. This short work, I suggest, reflects the prevailing mood as we move forward from one era, the second Elizabethan era, to a new era, that of Charles III, but with a constant, the Monarchy, that bridges the two. God save the king.

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