



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



**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
**Lent 3**

*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**

**As we gather together**

Lamento

*Félix-Alexandre Guilmant 1837-1911*

*We stand at the entrance of the clergy:*

Verset de Procession,

*Théodore Dubois 1837-1924*

**Opening Hymn**

**Just as I am without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
Has broken ever barrier down,  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliott 1789-1871*

## 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**

### **MEDITATION**

Reader:    There is so much during the day that clamours for our attention. Friends, family, work, classes, household tasks. And the noise! We are bombarded with sound, from the clock that awakens us to the telephone, the radio, the television, the conversation that we have or overhear. Where is the time and place to listen for the still, small voice of God? Sometimes it seems that God would have to speak in a whirlwind to be heard above the clamour! Listen now. There is a place of quiet rest, and it is the place where God dwells within you. Close your eyes. Be aware of the place. In Lent we journey to the parts of ourselves known only to God, beneath the clamour. Let the story of Jesus reach us there. Let it teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

***(Silent time.)***

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of violence to the Earth.

***(A purple candle is extinguished.)***

Let us pray:

**All                    Draw us together in your love, O God. May our restless hearts not resist you but continue to search until they**

**find their rest in you. This we pray in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

### **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 The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.**

**All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

**Celebrant Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's**

will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**

**Amen.**

### THE KYRIE ELEISON

*Cantor*

Show mercy to us, loving Father, we have sinned against you, please make us anew. In your love and your grace, you forgive us. Lord have mercy.

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have

The first line of musical notation is on a treble clef staff in 6/8 time. It contains six quarter notes with lyrics underneath: "Lord", "have", "mer - cy,", "Lord", "have".

mer - - cy.

The second line of musical notation starts with a measure rest for 4 measures, then continues on a treble clef staff in 6/8 time. It contains three quarter notes with lyrics underneath: "mer - - cy.". A slur covers the last two notes.

*Cantor:*

Look not on our failings, Lord Jesus. We have sinned against you, please make us anew. By your life and your death, you redeem us. Christ have mercy.

Christ have mer - cy, Christ have

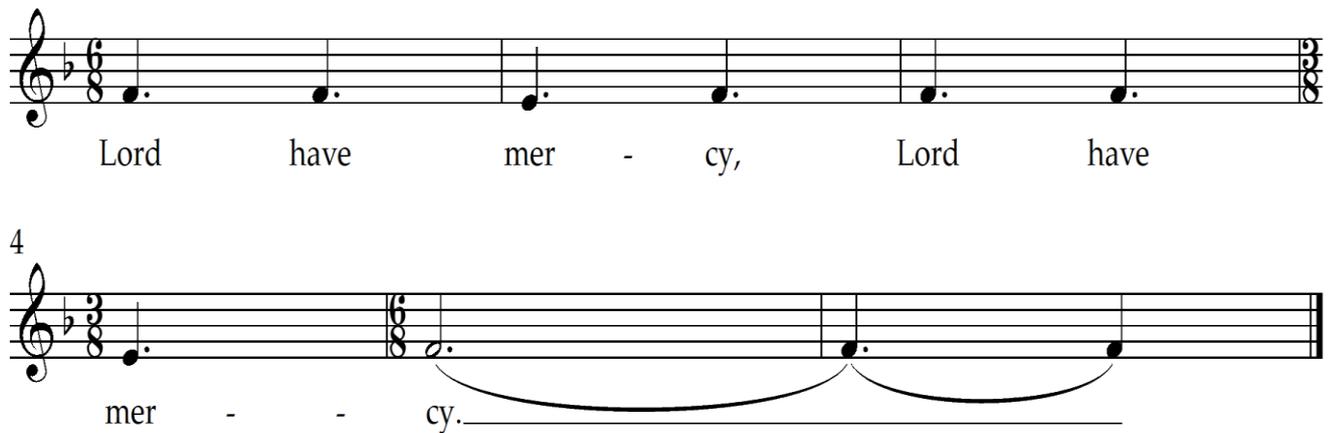
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*Cantor*

Come, fill our hearts, Holy Spirit. We have sinned against you, please make us anew. Forgive us, and heal us and save us. Lord have mercy.



## THE COLLECT

Celebrant Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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**

*Isaiah 55:1-9*

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

## **The Gospel Reading**

*Luke 13:1-9*

The Lord be with you.

**All 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**

*Please stand*

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All** 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 Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

**All** The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**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**

**In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour.  
In wine we offer you our spirits' grief.  
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour,  
But stand united now, one in belief.  
O we have gladly heard your word, your holy word,  
And now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.  
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,  
Our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.**

**The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,  
And it becomes for us our spirits' food.  
Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken,  
Make it your gift to us, your healing blood.  
Take all that daily toil plants in our hearts' poor soil,  
Take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,  
The chances we have missed, the graces we resist,  
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.**

*Mgr. Kevin Nichols 1929-2006*

**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.**

*Please sit or stand*

## 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 It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and singing:

**All**

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

19 God of power and God of might. Congregation Ho - ly, ho - ly,

22 ho - ly Lord, God of power and God of might.

25

*Cantor*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. R*

*Cantor*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest. R*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus  
Christ;

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:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
claim your Death Lord Je - - sus  
un - - til you come in glo - ry.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a 4/4 time signature, then changes to 3/4. The lyrics are: "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -". The second staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It begins with a 4/4 time signature, then changes to 3/4. The lyrics are: "claim your Death Lord Je - - sus". The third staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It begins with a 4/4 time signature, then changes to 3/4. The lyrics are: "un - - til you come in glo - ry." The score ends with a double bar line.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St Margaret and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, 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

**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

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in 3/4 time, key of D major. The score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "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 score includes a repeat sign at the beginning, first and second endings, and a final double bar line. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words underlined. The first ending is marked with a "1." and the second ending with a "2.".

*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:**

Offertorium from Messe pro Organo

*Franz Liszt 1811-1886*

**Reflection**

**O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord,  
Without money, without price, why should you pay the price,  
Except for the Lord?**

**And let all who seek, let them come to the water,  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord,  
Without money, without strife, why should you spend your life,  
Except for the Lord?**

**And let all who toil, let them come to the water.  
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord,  
All who labour, without rest, how can your soul find rest,  
Except for the Lord?**

**And let all the poor, let them come to the water.  
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord,  
Bring the children without might, easy the load and light,  
Come to the Lord!**

*John Foley SJ b. 1939 based on Is 55:1-12*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Celebrant** Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

## **NOTICES**

### **THE BLESSING**

**Celebrant**    **Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him: and the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you, and all those you love and pray for, living and departed, now and forever**

**All**            **Amen.**

### **Final Hymn**

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim though this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand,  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.**

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow,  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield,

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside,  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side,  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever sing to thee,  
I will ever sing to thee,

### 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*

Improvisation on 'Southwell'

*Stephen C Horsman b.1962*

*The tune 'Southwell' is used during Lent for the hymns 'Lord Jesus, think on me.' and 'Out of direst depths' the words of which remind us of our own sinfulness and need of God's forgiveness. Despite our failings we know that God will always forgive those who truly repent and turn back to God.*

**Thank you for joining in our worship today.**

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### Notices

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**Service next Sunday:**  
*Mothering Sunday*

**Sung Eucharist Service (11.00 am)**  
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