



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



Sunday 10th March 2024

Lent 4

Mothering Sunday

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.

Prière a Notre Dame

Prayer to Our Lady

Leon Boëllmann 1862-1897

We stand and sing at the entrance of the clergy

Processional Hymn

**The King of Love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff me comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight, thy unction grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.**

**And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.**

Words: based on Ps 23 Henry W Baker 1821-1877 Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-1876

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

Let us pray:

**Loving God, we thank you that you are with us, and that we may call upon
you no matter where we are, or what we are feeling. Keep us mindful of your
presence and trusting in your promise—that you are working with us in the
moment-by-moment unfolding of our lives. 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 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 KYRIE

Cantor
Lord_____ have mer - cy.

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

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

12 *Congregation* mer - cy. Lord_____ have mer - cy.

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

1 Samuel 16.1-13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand

Chorale: 'Come, children and listen, and I will teach you reverence for the Lord'

Ps34:11

Stephen C Horsman b. 1961

The Gospel Reading

John 19.25b-27

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.

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.

**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:



The musical notation is a single line of music on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 2/4. The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The lyrics are written below the staff: "Lord of _____ Lent, re - new us by your Spi - rit." A bracket above the staff spans from the first note to the end of the phrase "Lent, re - new us by your Spi - rit." and is labeled "Cantor".

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.

**When love is found and hope comes home,
Sing and be glad that two are one.
When love explodes and fills the sky,
Praise God and share our Maker's joy.**

**When love has flowered in trust and care,
Build both each day that love may dare
To reach beyond home's warmth and light,
To serve and strive for truth and right.**

**When love is tried as loved ones change,
Hold still to hope though all seems strange,**

Till ease returns and love grows wise
Through listening ears and opened eyes.

When love is torn and trust betrayed,
Pray strength to love till torments fade,
Till lovers keep no score of wrong
But hear through pain love's Easter song.

Praise God for love, praise God for life,
In age or youth, in calm or strife.
Lift up your hearts, let love be fed
Through death and life in broken bread.

Words: Brian Wren, b. 1936

Music: English Folk Melody arr: Faith Alive Christian Resources

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



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'

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ri - sing you re -
 5 stored our life: Lord Je - sus 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.

Musical score for the hymn 'The Breaking of the Bread'. The score is written in treble clef, 3/4 time, and G major. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the_ sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the_ sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. 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.

During the distribution of Communion

Benedictus from Messe pro Organo

Franz Liszt 1811-1886

Reflection

Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum

Words: Taizé Music: arr. Stephen C Horsman b. 1961

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Priest prays the post-communion prayer followed by

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.

BLESSING OF FLOWERS

BANNS

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

**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

Postlude: Ora Pro Nobis: Litany R383

Franz Liszt 1811-1886

Pray for us.

Franz Liszt was born in Hungary and became one of the great virtuosi of his time. Towards the latter part of his life much of his composition work was of a religious nature and he took minor orders in the Catholic Church. The melody of the litany: Ora Pro Nobis, 'Pray for us' was brought to Rome from Jerusalem by Princess Caterina Hohenzollern, Liszt arranged it for organ in 1864 and dedicated it to Monsignor Gustav von Hohenlohe, who would later become a Cardinal. It was from Mgr. Gustav that Liszt was to receive the tonsure in the Vatican in 1865.

Thank you for joining in our worship today.

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Notices

Service next Sunday:
Lent 5

Parish Communion (9.30 am)

All Age Eucharist (11.00 am)

Choral Evensong (3.30 pm)

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