



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



Sunday 24th September 2023
Trinity 16

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

Prélude No 5 from 24 Pièces en Style Libre *Louis Vierne 1870-1937*

Processional Hymn

**For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
On our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, creator-God, have written your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service earth its destiny may find.**

Words: Fred Kaan 1929-2009

Music: 'Chansons Populaire' Vol 4, Paris 1860(Picardy424) Harm: Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

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 our sins, confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GLORIA



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Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God!

6
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God!.

Glo - ry to God in the heights of the hea - vens,
Son of the Fa - ther all glo - ry and wor - ship;
You take a - way the sins of the world;
Sea - ted in power at the right of the Fa - ther,
14 And with the Spi - rit of love e - ver - las - ting,
peace to God's peo - ple, all peo - ple on earth.
praise and thanks - gi - ving to you, Lamb of God.
have mer - cy on us, re - ceive our prayer.
Je - sus a - lone is the Lord, the Most High.
reign - ing in glo - ry for e - ver, A - men.

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 for the readings:

First Reading

Jonah 3.10-4:11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 1.21-30

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Voluntary V in A Minor from Twelve Voluntaries

London c. 1780 Compiled: Pierre Gouin b. 1947

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 20.1-16

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

We 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
All **Hear our prayer**

and at the end of the prayers:

Merciful father,
All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

We 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.

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.

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation,
O my soul, praise him for he is our health and salvation,
All you who hear, now to his altar draw near,
Join in profound adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at his altar,
Let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter.
Christ, the High Priest, bids us all join in his feast,
Gathered with him at the altar.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath come now in praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again,
Now as we worship before him.**

*Words: Vs 1,3 Joachim Neander 1650-1680 Tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-1878 Vs 2: Anon
Music: 'Praxis Pietatis Melica' 17th Century*

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

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

Lord, by your cross and re - sur-rec - tion you have set us_
free. You are the_ Sa - viour_ of the world.

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

Recit de Tierce, No XIII from Messe Pour les Convents *François Couperin 1668-1733*

Reflection

**Bread of Heaven, on thee we feed, for thy flesh is meat indeed;
Ever may our souls be fed with this true and living bread;
Day by day with strength supplied through the life of him who died.**

**Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give, to thy cross we look and live:
Jesus, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in thee.**

Words: Josiah Conder 1789-1855 Music: William Dalrymple Maclagan 1826-1910

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

Please stand

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

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue,
Thee, only thee, resolved to know,
In all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil,
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Thee, may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labour on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.**

**Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day.**

**For thee delightfully employ
Whatever thy bounteous grace hath given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.**

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-1788 Music: Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625

Postlude

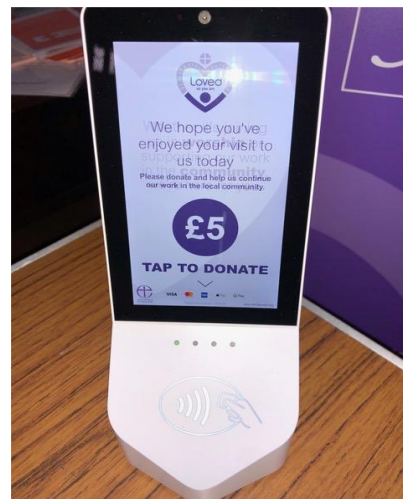
Grand Plein Jeu, from Suite Du Premier Ton *Louis Nicholas Clérambault 1676-1749*

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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Service next Sunday:
Harvest Festival

Said Eucharist Service (8 am)
Harvest Sung Eucharist (11.00 am)
Harvest Songs of Praise (4.00pm)
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