

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



Sunday 4th February 2024
Second Sunday before Lent



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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.

Suite du Deuxieme Ton
Suite of the Second Tone

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault 1676-1749

We stand and sing at the entrance of the clergy

Processional Hymn

**Immortal, Invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest on might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Words based on 1 Tim 1:17: Walter Chalmers Smith 1824-1908,

Music: Welsh Hymn Melody in 'Caniadu y Cyssegr' 1839 John Roberts 1927-1877

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

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 GLORIA

**Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell.
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
Mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sins away,
now with him in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord we pray.
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three in One!**

Words: Michael Perry b. 1942

Music: Adapted from 9th Symphony, Ludwig van Beethoven 1770-1827

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

Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel

Chorale: 'Creator Spirit, Come, we pray, Come renew the face of the earth.'

Ps104

Stephen C Horsman b. 1961

The Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14

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

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

Hear our prayer

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 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.

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.
*Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour, Lord,
Knowing that I love and serve you is enough reward.
All that I am all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.***

**All that I dream, all that I pray,
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.
*Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour, Lord,
Knowing that I love and serve you is enough reward.
All that I am all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.***

Words and Music: Sebastian Temple 1928-1997

At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts please 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,

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, —

10
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry; ho - san - na

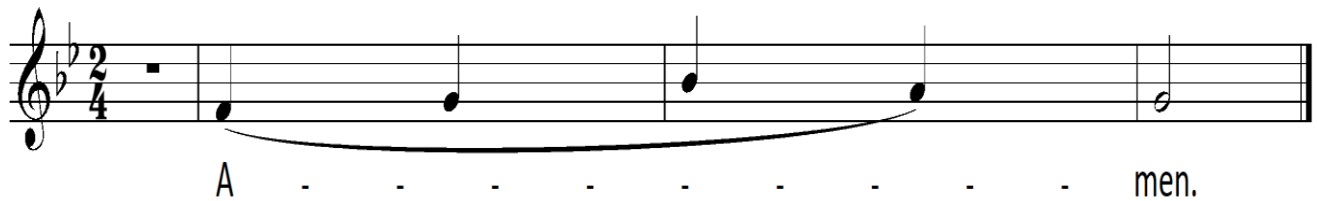
17
in the high — est. Blessed is he who comes in the name

26
of the Lord 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'

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

The prayer continues and concludes with the doxology where we respond,



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.**

Lamb of God you take a - way the sins____
6 of the world, have mer - cy on us.
12 Lamb of God you take a - way the
16 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

Méditation No 7 from 24 Pièces en Style Libre

Louis Vierne 1870-1937

Reflection

Adoramus Te, Domine

Words: Taizé Community, Music: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994

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 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

**Thou whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight, hear us we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light.**

**Thou, who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing,
Healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind, O now to humankind
Let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight, move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place,
Let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might, Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride, through the earth far and wide,
Let there be light.**

Words: John Marriott 1780-1825

Music from 'Collection' Martin Madan 1726-1790 adapt: Felice de Giardini 1716-1796

Postlude: Plein Jeu No I from Messe pour les Convents

Full Chorus *François Couperin 1668-1733*

François Couperin was born in Paris to a prominent musical family. His father was organist of the Church of Saint Gervaise Saint Protais in Paris and on his death, when Francois was eleven years old, Francois inherited the position of organist. At the age of eighteen Couperin became titular organist of the Church a position he held until his death. Today's postlude comes from two organ masses composed by Couperin. The second of these, the Messe Pour les Convents is composed specifically for use in convents and monasteries in France. The first one was composed for parish use.

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Sunday next before Lent

Parish Communion (9.30 am)

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