



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



Sunday 23rd July 2023
Trinity 7

*Everyone is 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.*

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

Processional Hymn

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished,
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.**

Words and Music: Stuart Townend b. 1963

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!

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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,
 And with the Spi - rit of love e - ver - las - ting,

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 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 deacon 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

Wisdom 12.13, 16-19

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8.12-25

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

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:

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

We stand to share the peace.

The Sign of Peace

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.

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, you 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 they Eucharist, take and redeem.**

Words and Music: Mgr. Kevin Nichols 1929-2006

At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts we respond

Blessed be God forever

We sit or stand for

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 say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 resurrection, you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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

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 away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away 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.

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

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

Final Hymn

**O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! how great thou art!
Then sings my soul my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! how great thou art!***

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! how great thou art!***

***Then sings my soul my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! how great thou art!***

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in:**

**That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! how great thou art!***

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How great thou art! how great thou art!***

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!**

**Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!**

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! how great thou art!***

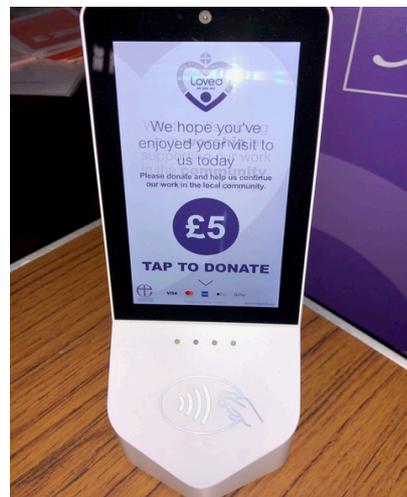
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Words and Music: Stuart K Hine 1899-1989

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