



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



Sunday 30th April 2023
Easter 4

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

Pastorale BWV 590

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

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 my 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 that 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: Henry William Baker 1821-1877 Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-1877

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.**

**Alleluia – Christ is risen
He is risen indeed – Alleluia!**

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

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

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

**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

Acts 2.42- 47

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me lie in pastures green,
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.**

***And I will trust in you alone,
And I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.***

**He guides my ways in righteousness,
And he anoints my head with oil,
And my cup – it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.**

***And I will trust in you alone,
And I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.***

**And though I walk the darkest path –
I will not fear the evil one,
For you are with me, and your rod and staff**

**Are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust in you alone,
And I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.**

Words: based on Ps 23 and Music: Stuart Townend b. 1963

Second Reading

1 Peter 2.19- 25

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel:

The Gospel Reading

John 10.1-10

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 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:

**Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
Keep me, Lord, in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand,
None can pluck me from thy hand.**

**Loving Shepherd, thou didst give
Thine own life that I might live;
May I love thee day by day,
Gladly thy sweet will obey.**

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
Teach me still thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray
From the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest may I go,
Walking in thy steps below;
Then, before thy Father's throne,
Jesu, claim me for thine own.

Words: Jane E Leeson 1809-1891 Music: Leighton George Hayne 1836-1883

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 sing

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

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

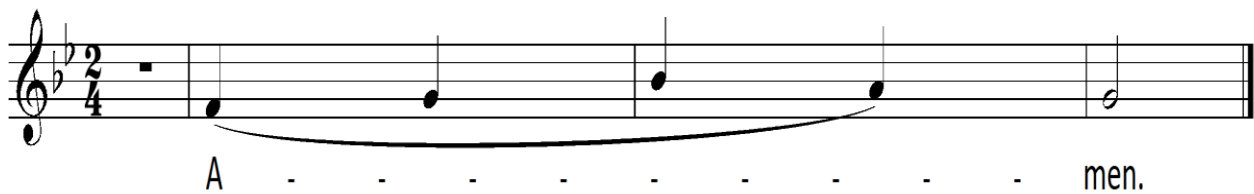
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in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name

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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'



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_____

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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.

*The sacrament will be administered to the congregation in both kinds. As the priest offers you the host with the words 'The Body of Christ' please respond **Amen**.*

*When you are offered the chalice to take a sip with the words 'The Blood of Christ,' please respond **Amen**.*

During the distribution of Communion:

Schmücke Dich, O Liebe Seele

Carl Piutti 1846-1902

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Reflection

Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need.
He lets me rest in the meadow and leads me to the quiet streams.
He restores my soul, and he leads me in the paths that are right:
Lord, you are my shepherd, you are my friend.
I want to follow you always just to follow my friend.

And when the road leads to darkness, I shall walk there unafraid.
Even when death is close, I have courage for your help is there.
You are close beside me with comfort, you are guiding my way.
Lord, you are my shepherd, you are my friend.
I want to follow you always just to follow my friend.

In love you make me a banquet for my enemies to see.
You make me welcome, pouring down honour from your mighty hand;
And this joy fills me with gladness, it is too much to bear:
Lord, you are my shepherd, you are my friend.
I want to follow you always just to follow my friend.

Your goodness always is with me and your mercy I know.
Your loving kindness strengthens me always as I go through life.
I shall dwell in your presence for ever, giving praise to your name.
Lord, you are my shepherd, you are my friend.
I want to follow you always just to follow my friend.

Words: Based on Psalm 23 and Music: Christopher Walker b. 1947

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.

BANNS

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 of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Recessional Hymn

**I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me,
How he left the realms of glory for the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with his saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.**

**I was lost but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray,
Raised me up and gently led me back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me, sorrow's path I oft may tread,
But his presence still is with me, by his guiding hand I'm led.**

**He will keep me till the river rolls its waters at my feet:
Then he'll bear me safely over, made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with his saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.**

Words: Francis Harold Rowley 1854-1952

Music: Rowland Huw Pritchard 1811-1887 arr: Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

Postlude

Prelude: Ps 113 Alleluia! Praise the name of the Lord

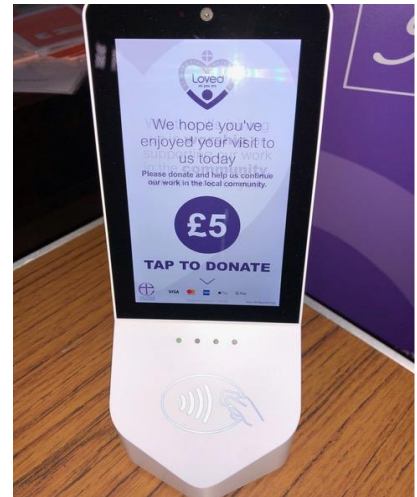
Charles Wood 1866-1926

Charles Wood was an Irish composer and teacher; his students included Ralph Vaughan Williams at Cambridge and Herbert Howells at the Royal College of Music. He is primarily remembered and performed as an Anglican Church music composer, but he also wrote songs and chamber music, particularly for string quartet. As well as his Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode, his settings of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis are still popular with cathedral and parish church choirs, particularly the services in F, D, and G, and the two settings in E flat; during Passiontide his St Mark Passion is sometimes performed, and demonstrates Wood's interest in modal composition, in contrast to the late romantic harmonic style he more usually employs.

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Notices

Service next Sunday:

Easter 5 Coronation

Sung Eucharist (11.00 am)

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I would like to invite everyone in the diocese to keep 2023 as a year of the Old Testament. Next year is the first of two special years [2024 will be the Year of the New Testament] leading up to the 2025 which we will keep as a special Year of Faith.

2025 celebrates 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea which gave us what became the Nicene Creed. It also marks 950 years of Christian mission in a diocese based in Chichester. Hence why the three-year programme is known as Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith.

The Year of the Old Testament will reflect on the Hebrew Scriptures. We will seek to understand the Law, the Prophets and the Writings in their original context, and see more clearly how they point us towards Jesus Christ and the gospel, and to our own knowledge of him in the history of his body, the Church.

The Old Testament speaks repeatedly of God as One and as Holy. So we hope that this Year will help us to understand how the Old Testament guides the Church to be 'one' and 'holy': the first two of the 'marks of the Church' and part of our diocesan strategy.

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