



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



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**Trinity 14**

*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**

Ombra Mai Fu, from Xerxes,  
*George Frideric Handel 1685-1759*

**Processional Hymn**

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.**

**We do not live by bread alone but by every word  
That comes forth from the mouth of God.**

**Allelu, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.**

**Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in your midst,  
And whatsoever you ask I will do.**

**Allelu, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.**

*Words, Vs 1 and Music: Karen Lafferty b. 1948 Vs 2-4, Anon*

## **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 your 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!

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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,  
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

*Ezekiel 33.7-11*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*Romans 13.8-14*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and turn to face the Gospel*

Chorale Improvisation on 'O God, thou faithful God, Op 65 No 50,

*Sigfrid Karg-Elert 1877-1933*

## **The Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 18.15-20*

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.*

## **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*

**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, your 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 thy 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*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

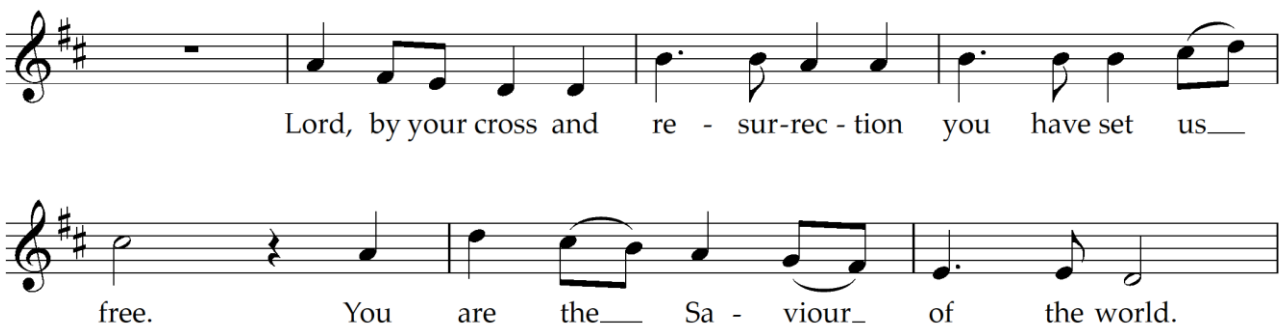
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*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 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.**



## ***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.

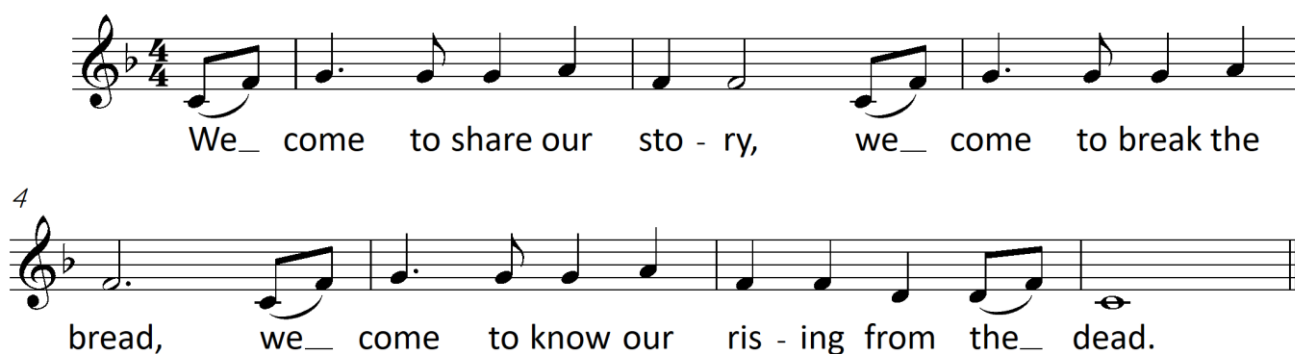
*Please sit and wait to be directed for Communion.*

## **During the distribution of Communion**

Premier Couplet du Sanctus No XVI from Messe pour les Convents

*François Couperin 1668-1733*

## **Reflection**



We\_ come to share our sto - ry, we\_ come to break the  
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bread, we\_ come to know our ris - ing from the\_ dead.

We come as your people, we come as your own,  
United with each other love finds a home.

We are called to heal the broken, to be hope for the poor,  
We are called to feed the hungry at our door.

Bread of life and cup of promise, in this meal we all are one.  
In our dying and our rising, may your kingdom come.

You will lead and we shall follow, you will be the breath of life,  
Living water, we are thirsting for your light.

We will live and sing your praises, 'Alleluia' is our song.  
May we live in love and peace our whole life long.

*Words: David Haas Music: Hawaiian melody arr: David Haas b. 1957*

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

## Final Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance,  
By the blood I may enter your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

*Words and Music: Graham Kendrick b. 1950*

## Postlude

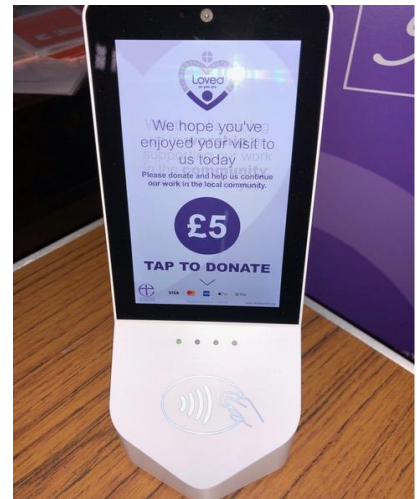
Sonata No 2, Op 87a, Introduction,  
*Edward Elgar 1857-1934*

*Edward Elgar was brought up in the Catholic faith and played the organ at St Georges Roman Catholic Church in Worcester, he attended services in the (Anglican) Worcester Cathedral as regularly as those at his own church. Perhaps his most well-known work is The Dream of Gerontius, a setting of a poem by Cardinal St John Henry Newman which explores various tenets of the Catholic faith. Originally composed as a test piece for the National Brass Band Championship, this postlude is from No 1 'The Severn Suite' a late work composed in 1930. It is named after the river Severn which runs through the city of Worcester, where he had been brought up and lived much of his life. This arrangement is by Ivor Atkins, 1869-1953, who was himself a friend of Elgar and organist and choirmaster at Worcester Cathedral.*

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#### **Notices**

**Service next Sunday:**  
*Trinity 15*

**Family Service (9.30 am)**  
**Sung Eucharist (11.00 am)**  
**and on Facebook and the parish website [www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org)**