

12th June 2022

**Celebration of our Golden
Anniversary**

We welcome you to St Matthew's Church
this morning on this special occasion and
pray you are blessed as we worship the
Triune God together.

If you are with us for the first time please
fill in one of our Welcome Cards.

Thank you.

Please join in the words in **bold print**.

Don't forget to silence your mobile!

Our Celebrant and our Preacher is
The Rt Revd Nick Baines.

¶ The Gathering

♪ Hymn ♪

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the Head and Cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring,
in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call Thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with Thy wonted loving-kindness
hear Thy servants as they pray;
and Thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants,
what they ask of Thee to gain;
what they gain from Thee for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in Thy glory
evermore with Thee to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

*'Urbs beata Jerusalem' (c. 7th century)
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

We remain standing to pray together

**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.**

Please be seated

The Confession and Absolution

Invitation to confession

We are a temple of God's indwelling
Holy Spirit, yet we have grieved him.
The temple of our bodies does not
belong to us, but was bought at the
price of Christ's precious blood.

So we come, in sorrow yet with confidence, to ask forgiveness of our Father in heaven.

Zeal for your house has eaten me up and the taunts of those who taunt you have fallen upon me.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of ungodliness. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The Lord will defend your coming out and your coming in from this time forward for evermore.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Please stand

Gloria in Excelsis

**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 sin away,
now with God 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!**

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The Collect

A period of silent prayer

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the
dedication of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship
you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in
this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable
to you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Please be seated

First Reading

1 Chronicles 19.6-19

Then the leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill-offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. ⁷They gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

⁸Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord, into the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord; King David also rejoiced greatly.

¹⁰Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: 'Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever.

¹¹Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹²Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. ¹⁵For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our

ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope.

¹⁶O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you.

¹⁸O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep for ever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts towards you. ¹⁹Grant to my son Solomon that with single mind he may keep your commandments, your decrees, and your statutes, performing all of them, and that he may build the temple for which I have made provision.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2.19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

♪ Song ♪

Let us build a house where love can
dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end
divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets
speak,
and words are strong and true.
Where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus;
Let us build a house where love is
found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that
frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will
reach
beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bears the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
Let us build a house where all are
named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and
claimed

as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace.
Let this house proclaim from floor to
rafter:

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The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, we love the house of your
habitation and the place where your
glory abides.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

John 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years,

and will you raise it up in three days?’
²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand

Let us stand to declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

Please be seated

Prayers of Intercession

The risen Christ is here in the midst of us. We bring our prayers to him as Lord of the Church.

For the Church universal, of which this building is a visible symbol,
**Lord, receive our thanks and
prayer.**

For this congregation,
as we remember your promise
that when two or three are gathered in
your name you are there in the midst of
them,

**Lord, receive our thanks and
prayer.**

For this place, that we may be still and
know that you are God,

**Lord, receive our thanks and
prayer.**

For the fulfilling of our desires and
petitions as you see best for us,

**Lord, receive our thanks and
prayer.**

For your blessings in the past and for a
vision for the future,

**Lord, receive our thanks and
prayer.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new
life in baptism,

**Lord, receive our thanks and
prayer.**

For the pardon of our sins when we fall
short of your glory,

**Lord, receive our thanks and
prayer.**

For a foretaste of your eternal kingdom
in the sacrament of the eucharist,

**Lord, receive our thanks and
prayer.**

For the blessing of our vows
and the crowning of our years with
your goodness,

**Lord, receive our thanks and
prayer.**

For the faith of those who have gone
before us and for grace to persevere
like them,

**Lord, receive our thanks and
prayer.**

For the benefactors of this place who
have died in the peace of Christ and are
at rest,

**Lord, receive our thanks and
prayer.**

For a sense of our fellowship with St
Matthew and all your saints,

**Lord, receive our thanks and
prayer.**

O God, from living stones
you prepare an everlasting dwelling—a
place for your majesty.

Grant that in the power of the Holy
Spirit those who serve you here
may always be kept within your
presence. This we pray through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

Please stand

The Peace

Peace to this house from God our
heavenly Father.

Peace to this house from his Son who is
our peace.

Peace to this house from the Holy
Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always
with you

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a
sign of God's peace.

♪ **Hymn** ♪

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for His own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which He gives them when they pray.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis His love His people raises
over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, His solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy Name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807)

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the
splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and
on earth is yours.**

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give
you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (A)

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you
thanks, almighty and eternal Father,
enthroned upon the praises of your
people.

We thank you for this house of prayer,
in which you bless your family
as we come to you in pilgrimage.
Here you reveal your presence in
sacramental signs and make us one with
you through the unseen bond of grace.
Here you build your temple of living
stones and bring the Church to its full
stature as the body of Christ
throughout the world,
to reach its perfection at last
in the heavenly city of Jerusalem,
which is the vision of your peace.
Therefore, in union with the heavenly
Jerusalem, with angels in joyful assembly,
with all whose names are written in
heaven and with the spirits of the
righteous made perfect,
we lift up our voices to join in the
triumphal song of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of
your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ, and as we follow his example
and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy
Spirit these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that
he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given
for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**To you be glory and praise for
ever.**

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for
the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

**To you be glory and praise for
ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your
kingdom, and with this bread and this
cup we make the memorial of Christ
your Son our Lord.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and
drink this cup, we proclaim
your death, Lord Jesus, until
you come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high
priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and
praise, and as we eat and drink these
holy gifts in the presence of your
divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**To you be glory and praise for
ever.**

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth
and heaven, we worship you, Father
almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory
and power be yours for ever
and ever.**

Amen.

Please be seated

The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Breaking of the 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.**

Agnus Dei

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

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

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the
world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Communicant members of any Christian
Church are invited to receive Holy
Communion. If you wish to receive a
blessing please bow your head.*

♪ **Anthem** ♪

♪ **Hymn** ♪

O Thou, who at Thy Eucharist didst pray
that all Thy Church
might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul,
'Thy will be done.'
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.

For all Thy Church, O Lord,
we intercede;
make Thou our sad
divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each,
we plead,
by drawing all to Thee,
O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.

We pray Thee too for wanderers
from Thy fold;
O bring them back,
good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith
which saints believed of old,
back to the Church
which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one bread,
one body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length
when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one
with all Thy Church above,
one with Thy saints
in one unbroken peace,
one with Thy saints
in one unbounded love;
more blessed still,

in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

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Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of
your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal
Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of
your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise
and glory.
Amen.**

Notices

♪ Hymn ♪

Christ is our corner-stone,
on Him alone we build;
with His true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled;
on His great love our hopes we place
of present grace and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim in joyful song,
both loud and long, that glorious Name.

Here, gracious God, do Thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
in copious shower on all who pray,
each holy day, Thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven,
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore;
until that day when all the blest
to endless rest are called away.

*Latin (before 9th century) trans. John Chandler
(1806-1876)*

¶ Dismissal

The Blessing

God has given you the citizenship of
heaven, with his blessed and beloved,
and the whole company of the
redeemed.

Amen.

God give you the will to live each day in
life eternal.

Amen.

God bring you to the home
that Christ prepares for all who
love him.

Amen.

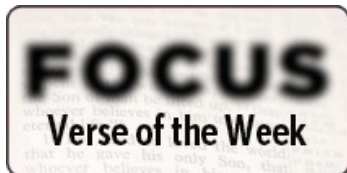
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with
you always.

Amen.

Like living stones, precious in his sight,
go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts
of God.

Thanks be to God.

Please take this service sheet with you.



You are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are citizens with the saints and
also members of the household of God,
²⁰built upon the foundation of the
apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus
himself as the cornerstone.

Ephesians 2.19-20.

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