



**19<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

## **First Sunday after Trinity**

*We welcome you to St Matthew's Church this morning and pray you are blessed as we worship the Lord 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 Preacher is  
Revd Simon Foster.*

### **¶ The Gathering**

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**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and  
faith, firmly resolved to keep God's  
commandments and to live in love and  
peace with all.

**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.**

*Please stand*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on  
earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the  
world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **The Collect**

*A period of silent prayer*

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love

and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.

**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 Kings 19.9-12*

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah  
came to a cave, and spent the night  
there.

Then the word of the Lord came to  
him, saying, 'What are you doing here,  
Elijah?' <sup>10</sup>He answered, 'I have been very  
zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts;  
for the Israelites have forsaken your  
covenant, thrown down your altars, and  
killed your prophets with the sword. I  
alone am left, and they are seeking my  
life, to take it away.'

<sup>11</sup>He said, 'Go out and stand on the  
mountain before the Lord, for the Lord  
is about to pass by.' Now there was a  
great wind, so strong that it was  
splitting mountains and breaking rocks  
in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord  
was not in the wind; and after the wind  
an earthquake, but the Lord was not in  
the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the  
earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not  
in the fire; and after the fire a sound of  
sheer silence.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Galatians 3.23-29*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

Let us stand to greet the Gospel of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Luke 8.26-39*

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As Jesus stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus

to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

*Please be seated*

## **The Sermon**

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**

Lord, hear us

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the  
sake of your Son, our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

# ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Please stand*

## **The Peace**

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized  
into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for  
peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be  
always with you

**and also with you.**

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

**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 (G)**

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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all  
things and all your works echo the  
silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us

in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with  
angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to give you praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your  
hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her  
children, you embraced a people as  
your own.

When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our  
Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is  
given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of  
wine, he gave you thanks, and said:  
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.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with St Matthew and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust 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**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

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 Jesus died for you, and lives in you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**We do not presume  
to come to this your table,  
merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own**

**righteousness,  
but in your manifold and  
great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the  
crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always  
to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore,  
gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear  
Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be  
made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through  
his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore  
dwell in him and he in us.  
Amen.**

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

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in  
faith, build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**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**

#### **Blessing**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you and  
all those whom you love and all those  
for whom you pray this day  
and for evermore.

**Amen.**

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

*Please take this service sheet with you.*



There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

*Galatians 3.28*

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