



26th June 2022

Second 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 President and our Preacher is
Revd Simon Foster.*

¶ The Gathering

♪ Hymn ♪

Angel-voices, ever singing,
round Thy throne of light,
angel harps, for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless Thee,
and confess Thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that Thou regardest
songs of sinful man?

Can we know that Thou art near us
and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

Yea, we know that Thou rejoicest
o'er each work of Thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
for Thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for Thy pleasure all combine.

In Thy house, great God, we offer
of Thine own to thee;
and for Thine acceptance proffer,
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices,
in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity!

Of the best that Thou hast given
earth and heaven render Thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

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.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart.
We have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly
with you, our God.
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

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.

⁶Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot

of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing

♪ **Song** ♪

All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have, I offer now to You.
Take and sanctify these gifts
for Your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve You
is enough reward.

All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now to You.

All that I dream, all that I pray,
all that I'll ever make, I give to You today.
Take and sanctify these gifts
for Your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve You
is enough reward.

All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now to You.

Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)

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Please be seated

The children leave for Young Church

Second Reading

Galatians 5.1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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 9.51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and

proclaim the kingdom of God.’
61Another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord;
but let me first say farewell to those at
my home.’ 62Jesus said to him, ‘No one
who puts a hand to the plough and
looks back is fit for the kingdom of
God.’

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

Holy God, we thank you for giving us
your Son to bring us into a relationship
with you. Thank you for giving us the
Scriptures so that we can know you
better, and thank you for giving us your
Spirit to guide us into the truth of what
we need to know about you and your
great love.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we pray for our clergy, Simon and Linda, and Barbara as she prepares to support us during the upcoming interregnum. And we pray for Alison, our Reader. Support them as they lead, teach & guide us.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Creator God, as we pray for our World we pray for our Queen in her Jubilee year and all the Royal Family. We pray for everyone in Government, nationally and locally. Grant them wisdom so that their judgements may always selflessly benefit those that they represent. We continue to pray for peace in your world.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Father God, thank You for welcoming us into Your circle of love. May we share Your love with someone in our community today and every day. Thank you for those who include us in their circle, and thank you for their friendship, which brings so much joy to our lives. We pray this week for the residents of Green Acres, Guinness Court and Hanover Buildings

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for all who are in need of our prayers. We pray for all those affected by the terrible earthquake in Afghanistan. We pray that the international community will respond to this tragedy and that in the long term, good will come out of so much suffering.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We lift before you all who need your healing hand...

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Merciful God, when someone we love dies, help us to remember that your Son has prepared a place for us to live with you. We remember the faithful departed... and we pray for all who mourn their loss...

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, thank you for your Word and its powerful influence in our lives. Help us to learn to put its truth into practice as we go from this church and out into the world to live the week ahead.

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

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

cf Ephesians 2.15,16

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 ♪

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by His blood.
Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received
Him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! bread of angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to Thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

**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 (F)

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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and
praise, Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of
your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your
covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law and
taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy
and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your
kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in
heaven, evermore praising you
and singing:

**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.

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus
Christ you reveal the power of your
love made perfect in our human
weakness.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him
in glory.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us
all he 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.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

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.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that
he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection,
his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your
right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of
our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts
of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our
Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in
your sight.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry
of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power
from on high.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of
the earth to feast with St Matthew and
all your saints at the table in your
kingdom, where the new creation is
brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;

**by whom, and with whom, and
in whom, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, all honour and glory
be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Please be seated

*As the children return from Young Church
we sing*

♪ Chant ♪

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to Him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in Him and you will not thirst.

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The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our
Saviour has taught us:

**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

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.**

**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.

♪ **Anthem** ♪

♪ **Hymn** ♪

Amazing grace (How sweet the sound)

that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares

I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,

His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun.
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet with 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** ♪

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

He speaks; and, listening to His voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;

ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of Thy name.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

¶ **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.



For you were called to freedom,
brothers and sisters; only do not use
your freedom as an opportunity for
self-indulgence, but through love
become slaves to one another.

Galatians 5.13

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