



**10<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

## **Fourth 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 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.

**Father eternal, giver of light  
and grace, we have sinned  
against you and against our  
neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance,  
through weakness,  
through our own deliberate  
fault.**

**We have wounded your love  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
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 lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
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*

Gracious Father, by the obedience of  
Jesus you brought salvation to our

wayward world: draw us into harmony  
with your will, that we may find all  
things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus  
Christ. **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**

*Deuteronomy 30.9-14*

Moses spoke to the people, saying, <sup>9</sup>The  
LORD your God will make you  
abundantly prosperous in all your  
undertakings, in the fruit of your body,  
in the fruit of your livestock, and in the  
fruit of your soil. For the LORD will  
again take delight in prospering you, just  
as he delighted in prospering your  
ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD  
your God by observing his  
commandments and decrees that are  
written in this book of the law, because  
you turn to the LORD your God with  
all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am  
commanding you today is not too hard  
for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not  
in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will  
go up to heaven for us, and get it for us  
so that we may hear it and observe it?'

<sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you  
should say, 'Who will cross to the other  
side of the sea for us, and get it for us  
so that we may hear it and observe it?'

<sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is  
in your mouth and in your heart for  
you to observe.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*Colossians 1.1-14*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, <sup>6</sup>the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the

inheritance of the saints in the light.

<sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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 10.25-37*

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus.

'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>26</sup>He said to him,

'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' <sup>27</sup>He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all

your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.'

<sup>28</sup>And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half

dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

<sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' <sup>37</sup>He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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**

*To the words*

Lord, in your mercy,

*We respond*

**Hear our prayer.**

*After the final prayer we say:*

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.

*cf 1 Corinthians 12.13; Romans 14.19*

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 (B)**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things;

who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;

as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us;

he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;

he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;

so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**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, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

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.

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.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St Matthew and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through 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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, 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**

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

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

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
give us your 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.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of  
the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of  
life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and  
peace, that all the world may  
acknowledge the kingdom of your Son,  
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

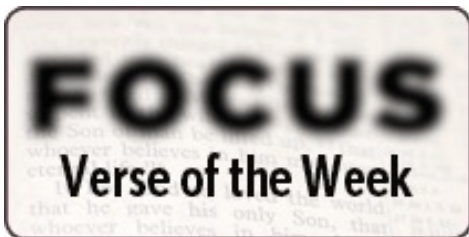
The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you and  
all those whom you love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

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please take this service sheet with you.*



The word is very near to you; it is in  
your mouth and in your heart for you  
to observe.

*Deuteronomy 30.14*

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