



17th July 2022

Fifth 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 Revd Simon Foster and our Preacher is Alison Radford.

¶ 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

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church the
riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the
gospel your countless gifts of grace;
through 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

Genesis 18.1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by
the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the
entrance of his tent in the heat of the
day. ²He looked up and saw three men
standing near him. When he saw them,
he ran from the tent entrance to meet
them, and bowed down to the ground.
³He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with
you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a
little water be brought, and wash your
feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.
⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you
may refresh yourselves, and after that
you may pass on – since you have come
to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as
you have said.' ⁶And Abraham hastened
into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make
ready quickly three measures of choice
flour, knead it, and make cakes.'

⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a
calf, tender and good, and gave it to the

servant, who hastened to prepare it.
8Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9They said to Abraham, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' 10Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 1.15-28

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. 17He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

21And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – 23provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under

heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

24I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. 25I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. 27To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. I know them, and they follow me.

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 10.38-42

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha

welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'

⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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 all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the
Spirit of peace.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and
resurrection you have set us
free.**

**You are the Saviour of the
world.**

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

Rejoicing in the presence of God here
among us,
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.**

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.

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.**

**Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.**

**So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,**

may sit and eat in your kingdom. 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.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all Godly quietness; through 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.



Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

Colossians 1.15

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