



**17<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **♪ Hymn ♪**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is  
thy health and salvation:

all ye who hear,

now to His temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things  
so wondrously reigneth,

shieldeth thee gently from harm,  
or when fainting sustaineth:

hast thou not seen

how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper  
thy work and defend thee;  
surely His goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend thee.

Ponder anew

what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that  
is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen

sound from His people again:  
gladly for aye we adore Him!

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680) trans. Catherine  
Winkworth (1827-1878)*

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*

*Putting up the flag of Gambia*

## **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. <sup>2</sup>He 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. <sup>3</sup>He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let 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.' <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then 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. <sup>9</sup>They said to Abraham, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' <sup>10</sup>Then 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.**

*We stand to sing*

### ♪ Song ♪

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you;

Allelu, alleluia:

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
allelu, alleluia.*

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;

Allelu, alleluia:

We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;

Allelu, alleluia:

*v1 Karen Lafferty (b.1948), vv. 2,3 unknown,  
based on Matthew 6.33, 7.7*

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*Please be seated*

*The children leave for Young Church*

### Second Reading

*Colossians 1.15-28*

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for 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. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He 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. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness

of God was pleased to dwell,<sup>20</sup>and 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.

<sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – <sup>23</sup>provided 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.

<sup>24</sup>I 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. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To 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. <sup>28</sup>It 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. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But 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.'

<sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there 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

♪ **Hymn** ♪

God is here! As we His people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of His Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel,  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive:  
we who cannot live without You,  
we adore You! We believe!

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**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 singing:

**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.**

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.**

*As the children return from Young Church  
we sing*

♪ **Chant** ♪

O, adoramus te, Domine

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**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.*

♪ **Anthem** ♪

♪ **Hymn** ♪

I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us  
share,

each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound,  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

*Brian Wren (b.1936) © 1971, 1995,  
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## 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

### ♪ Hymn ♪

My God, how wonderful Thou art,  
Thy majesty, how bright;  
how beautiful Thy mercy seat  
in depths of burning light!

How dread are Thine eternal years,  
O everlasting Lord,  
by prostrate spirits day and night  
incessantly adored!

How wonderful, how beautiful,  
the sight of Thee must be;  
Thine endless wisdom, boundless  
power,  
And awesome purity!

O how I fear Thee, living God,  
with deepest, tenderest fears;  
and worship Thee with trembling hope,  
and penitential tears!

Yet I may love Thee, too, O Lord,  
Almighty as Thou art;  
for Thou hast stooped to ask of me  
the love of my poor heart.

No earthly father loves like Thee,  
no mother, e'er so mild,  
bears and forbears as Thou hast done,  
with me, Thy sinful child.

Father of Jesus, love's Reward!  
What rapture will it be  
prostrate before Thy throne to lie,  
and gaze, and gaze on Thee!

*Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)*

## ¶ 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.

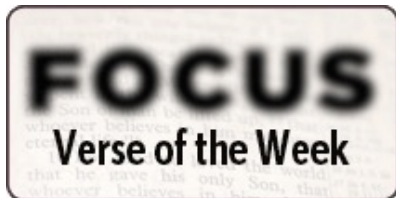
**Amen.**

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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