



24th July 2022

Sixth 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.

**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

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love
you such good things as pass our
understanding: pour into our hearts
such love toward you that we, loving
you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,

which exceed all that we can desire;
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 18.20-32

The LORD appeared to Abraham by
the oaks of Mamre ²⁰and said, 'How
great is the outcry against Sodom and
Gomorrah and how very grave their
sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether
they have done altogether according to
the outcry that has come to me; and if
not, I will know.'

²²So the men turned from there, and
went towards Sodom, while Abraham
remained standing before the LORD.
²³Then Abraham came near and said,
'Will you indeed sweep away the
righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose
there are fifty righteous within the city;
will you then sweep away the place and
not forgive it for the fifty righteous who
are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do
such a thing, to slay the righteous with
the wicked, so that the righteous fare as
the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall
not the Judge of all the earth do what is
just?' ²⁶And the LORD said, 'If I find at
Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will
forgive the whole place for their sake.'
²⁷Abraham answered, 'Let me take it
upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who
am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of

the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' ²⁹Again Abraham spoke to the Lord, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' ³⁰Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' ³¹Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' ³²Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

Second Reading

Colossians 2.6-15

Brothers and sisters, ⁶as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;

¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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.

Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

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 11.1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ²He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone

indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

⁵And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask 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, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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.

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 (A)

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.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things
from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

And now we give you thanks
because you are the source of light and

life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in him. 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

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.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

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.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Saviour 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

**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.

**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.

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of 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

¶ The Dismissal

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

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.

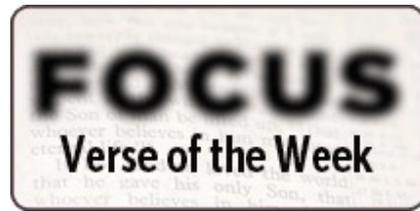
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Please take this service sheet with you.



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Colossians 2.6-7

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