



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

♪ Hymn ♪

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye folk of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness;
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

W.H. Draper (1855-1933)

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

**All glory be to God on high!
And peace to His people on the
earth.**

**Lord God, almighty God and
Father,
we give you thanks for your
glory.**

**Lamb of God, only Son of the
Father,
you sit at the right hand of God,
you take away the sins of the
world,
have mercy on us, receive our
prayer.**

**For you alone are the holy one,
for you only are the Lord 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.

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.

We stand to sing

♪ **Song** ♪

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit,
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory,
I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever,
in that holy place.

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The Gospel

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

♪ Hymn ♪

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest
drought and storm.

What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! — who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied —
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine —
bought with the precious blood of
Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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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 (A)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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 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.**

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.

♪ **Anthem** ♪

♪ **Hymn** ♪

O Thou who camest from above,
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for Thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for Thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all Thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death Thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) based on Leviticus 6.13

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

♪ **Hymn** ♪

Be Thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me,
save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought
in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom,
be Thou my true word,
be Thou ever with me,
and I with Thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father
and I Thy true son;
be Thou in me dwelling,
and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight;
be Thou my whole armour,
be Thou my true might;
be Thou my soul's shelter,
be Thou my strong tower:
O raise Thou me heavenward,
great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise,
be Thou mine inheritance
now and always;
be Thou and Thou only
the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven,
my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven,
Thou heaven's bright Sun,

O grant me its joys after
victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be Thou my vision,
O Ruler of all.

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¶ 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.



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.

Colossians 2.6-7

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