



**14<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

## **Ninth 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 Linda  
Fox.*

### **¶ The Gathering**

#### **♪ Hymn ♪**

To God be the glory,  
great things He has done!  
So loved He the world  
that He gave us His Son;  
who yielded His life  
an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate  
that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father,  
through Jesus the Son,  
and give Him the glory!  
Great things He has done!*

O perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood,  
to every believer  
the promise of God.  
The vilest offender  
who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus  
forgiveness receives.

Great things He has taught us,  
great things He has done,  
and great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher,  
and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture,  
when Jesus we see.

*Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny J. Crosby)  
(1820-1915)*

The Lord 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**

When Christ appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. As he is pure, all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure.

So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, and your justice as the great deep:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in 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

*Jeremiah 23: 23-29*

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 11.29-12.2*

By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered

justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12.1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand to sing*

## ♪ Song ♪

The Spirit lives to set us free,  
walk, walk in the light;  
He binds us all in unity,  
walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,  
walk in the light,  
walk in the light,  
walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all,  
walk, walk in the light;  
the dead were wakened by His call,  
walk, walk in the light.

He died in pain on Calvary,  
walk, walk in the light;  
to save the lost like you and me,  
walk, walk in the light.

We know His death was not the end,  
walk, walk in the light;  
He gave His Spirit to be our friend,  
walk, walk in the light.

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,  
walk, walk in the light;  
the Father's kindness is revealed,  
walk, walk in the light.

The Spirit lives in you and me,  
walk, walk in the light;  
His light will shine for all to see,  
walk, walk in the light.

*Damian Lundy (1944-1996)  
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## The Gospel

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 Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Matthew 19.13-15*

Little children were being brought to Jesus in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; <sup>14</sup>but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' <sup>15</sup>And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## The Sermon

### 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, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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 baptised  
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 peace

### **♪ Hymn ♪**

I danced in the morning  
when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon  
and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth,  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the Scribe  
and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance  
and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen,  
for James and John;

they came with me  
and the dance went on.  
I danced on the Sabbath  
and I cured the lame;  
the holy people  
said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me on high;  
and they left me there on a cross to  
die.

I danced on a Friday  
and the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body,  
and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance, and I still go on.

They cut me down  
and I leapt up high;  
I am the Life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

*Sydney Carter (1915-2004)*  
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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 (E)**

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.**

Father, you made the world and love  
your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be  
our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free  
from sin and death.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels 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.  
Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of  
your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had  
supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and  
said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given  
for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the  
cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them  
and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Matthew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

**Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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**

**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**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

*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 451 ♪

Just as I am, without one plea  
but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
and that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to  
prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come!

*Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table  
of your Son to share this meal with the  
whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal the  
fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and  
language to share in the eternal banquet  
of 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 ♪

One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go;  
from the old things to the new,  
keep me travelling along with You:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with You.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;  
all the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me:

As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me travelling the way I should;  
where I see no way to go  
You'll be telling me the way, I know:



Give me courage when the world is  
rough,  
keep me loving though the world is  
tough;  
leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me travelling along with You:

You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me;  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me travelling along with You:

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## ¶ **The Dismissal**

### **The Blessing**

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in  
Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and  
settle you in the faith;  
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.*



Jesus said, 'Let the little children come  
to me, and do not stop them; for it is to  
such as these that the kingdom of  
heaven belongs.'

*Matthew 19.14*

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