

# St Matthew's – Morning Praise

**10.45am Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Service Leader: Rev Jim Trood

Preacher: Mrs Isabel Butterfield

Theme: 8. James – Patience in Prayer

**Welcome back to St. Matthew's 10.45am service.** Sadly, we are still under some restrictions so please:

- Wear a mask
- Social distance
- Sanitise your hands on the way in to church
- Do not sing

Children's Church leave for their groups at the relevant point in the service, returning at about 11.45am.

As we are unable to take an offering, please place any financial gifts in the collection box at the back, use the contactless machine or donate via the church website.

## **Welcome and Notices, and Banns**

Lord, speak to us

**that we may hear your word.**

Move among us

**that we may behold your glory.**

Receive our prayers

**that we may learn to trust you.**

**Amen.**

## **Song: What kind of man is this?**



What kind of man is this? Born in Bethlehem  
worshipped as a baby, by shepherds and wise men  
What kind of man is this? Raised in Nazareth,  
the son of a carpenter, yet born of virgin birth.

He's the One,  
He's the Christ, the Messiah, Chosen One,  
King of all the Earth!  
He's the One,  
He's the Christ, the Messiah,  
Son of the Living God!

What kind of man is this? Who taught in Galilee,  
stilled the raging storm and calmed the angry sea,  
What kind of man is this?  
Who healed the blind and lame,  
gave hope to the poor, the girl her life again!

What kind of man is this? Who gave His life for me,  
was whipped and beaten, then hung upon a tree,  
What kind of man is this? Death could not defeat,  
risen to the Father's side, nations at His feet.

*'Who do men say I am?'*  
*Jesus asked one day*  
*Peter spoke, words of faith,*  
*with him now we say...*

You're the One,  
You're the Christ, the Messiah, Chosen One,  
King of all the Earth!  
You're the One, You're the Christ, the Messiah,  
Son of the Living God!

## **Saying Sorry**

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**



We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

The almighty and merciful Lord  
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Keep fit with Rev Jim      Our God is a great big God**

Our God is a great big God  
Our God is a great big God  
Our God is a great big God  
And He holds us in His hands



He is higher than a skyscraper  
He's deeper than a submarine  
He is wider than the universe  
And beyond my wildest dreams

And He's known me  
and He's loved me  
Since before the world began  
How wonderful to be a part  
of God's amazing plan

***Children's Church leave for their groups.***

### **Intercessions**

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*At the end*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**



### **Collect (Trinity 7)**

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Hymn: Rock of Ages**



Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
hide me now, my refuge be;  
let the water and the blood  
from your wounded side which flowed,  
be for sin the double cure,  
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to your cross I cling;  
naked, come to you for dress,  
helpless, look to you for grace;  
stained by sin, to you I cry:  
'Wash me, Saviour, or I die!'

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when my eyelids close in death,  
when I soar through realms unknown,  
bow before the judgement throne:  
hide me then, my refuge be,  
Rock of ages, cleft for me.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading

- Luke 2:22-38 pg. 1028 (Priscilla Trood)

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord'), <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'.

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.'

<sup>33</sup> The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

*[At the end]*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading

- James 5:7-20 pg. 1216 (Rita Chilton)



<sup>7</sup> Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup> You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. <sup>9</sup> Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

<sup>10</sup> Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

<sup>12</sup> Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear – not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple 'Yes' or 'No'. Otherwise you will be condemned.

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

*[At the end]*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Sermon Mrs Isabel Butterfield



### Short Reflection

#### Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

#### Holy Communion

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.**

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

You give us friends and families  
busy streets for young and old,  
the life of an earthly city  
fulfilled in your city to come.



You made us all,  
each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels  
and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten,  
he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood,  
poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate  
his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation  
is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## **Spiritual Communion**

I invite you to open your hands as a sign of openness to receiving  
God's grace,  
as we pray together

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
For all the benefits you have given me,  
For all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
May I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

*(Communion is received)*

*At this time of pandemic, communion will be received in one kind only. Latest guidance suggests,  
"Each communicant should extend their hands to receive Holy Communion, with face covering in place. They should then lower or unloop the face covering, consume the consecrated bread, and then replace the face covering before moving back to their place in the congregation."*

***Hand sanitising stations are available. Please maintain social distancing.***

***Prayer ministry is available in the side chapel.***

## **Hymn    When the music fades**

When the music fades  
All is stripped away  
And I simply come  
Longing just to bring  
Something that's of worth  
That will bless your heart



*I'll bring You more than a song  
For a song in itself  
Is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart*

I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You  
It's all about You, Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You  
It's all about You, Jesus

King of endless worth  
No one could express  
How much you deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor  
All I have is yours  
Every single breath

**Response Hymn      God in my living**

God in my living  
There in my breathing  
God in my waking  
God in my sleeping  
God in my resting  
There in my working  
God in my thinking  
God in my speaking

Be my ev'rything  
Be my ev'rything  
Be my ev'rything  
Be my ev'rything

God in my hoping  
There in my dreaming  
God in my watching  
God in my waiting  
God in my laughing  
There in my weeping  
God in my hurting  
God in my healing

*Christ in me Christ in me  
Christ in me the Hope of Glory  
You are ev'rything*



## **Collection Prayer**

### **Blessing**

All our problems  
**we send to the cross of Jesus.**

All our difficulties  
**we send to the cross of Jesus.**

All the devil's works  
**we send to the cross of Jesus.**

All our hopes  
**we set on the risen Christ;**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

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