

# St Matthew's – Morning Praise

**10.45am Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Service Leader: Rev Joe Smith

Preacher: Mr Gary Killeen

Theme: 7. James – Have a right perspective

**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.

## Opening words

## Welcome and Notices

### **Song: Everlasting God (Strength will rise)**



Strength will rise  
as we wait upon the Lord.  
We will wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever;  
Our hope, our strong deliverer.

You are the everlasting God,  
The everlasting God.  
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak,  
You comfort those in need.  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

## Saying Sorry



Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people:  
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others  
and have not gone to their aid;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty  
and failed to strive for justice;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ,  
but have failed to share it with others;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart,  
nor our neighbours as ourselves;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

The Lord enrich *you* with his grace,  
and nourish *you* with his blessing;  
the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil;  
the Lord accept *your* prayers,  
and absolve *you* from *your* offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

## **Keep fit with Rev Jim Shine**

Shine from the inside out  
That the world will see  
You live in me (repeat)



You know me and You love me  
You fill me So send me (to)

*Know me, love me, fill me, send me*  
*Know me, love me, fill me, send me*  
*Know me, love me, fill me, send me (to)*

## **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 6)**

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Hymn: How Great is our God**



The splendour of the King  
clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice,  
all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light  
and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at his voice,  
and trembles at his voice.

How great is our God  
how great is our God and all will see  
how great, how great is our God!

And age to age he stands,  
and time is in his hands;  
beginning and the end,  
beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, Three in One,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb,  
the Lion and the Lamb.

*Name above all names, worthy of all praise;  
my heart will sing: How great is our God!*

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

- Luke 12: 13-21 (Sue Webster)



<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

<sup>18</sup> “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

<sup>21</sup> “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

*[At the end]*

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

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

- James 4: 13 - 5:6 (Wayne Smith)



### Boasting About Tomorrow

<sup>13</sup> Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” <sup>14</sup> Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup> Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup> If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.

### Warning to Rich Oppressors

**5** Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. <sup>2</sup> Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. <sup>4</sup> Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. <sup>5</sup> You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>6</sup> You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

*[At the end]*

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### Sermon Mr Gary Killeen



### Short Reflection

*(Prayer ministry is available in the side chapel)*

## **Affirmation of faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**



## **Hymn O Praise the Name (Anastasis)**

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree



His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

## **Collection Prayer**

### **Blessing**

**God of power,  
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and  
worship you  
now and always.**

The love of the Lord Jesus  
draw you to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus  
strengthen you in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
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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