

St Matthew's – All Age Communion

10.45am Sunday 31st October 2021 (All Saints Day)

Service Leader & Preacher: Rev Jim Trood

Theme: Jesus is the Light

Welcome to St. Matthew's. Please join us for tea or coffee after this service. Today's service is an All Age Communion service so the children will be in church for the whole service. The service will last about an hour.

Welcome & Notices

Opening words

Why are we here?

We are here to worship God.

Why are we here?

We are here to hear from God.

Why are we here?

We are here to pray to God.

Sung Worship

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)

Bridge

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)



Introduction

Saying Sorry

When the Lord comes,

he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,

and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.



In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

God Forgives

May God our Father forgive us our sins
and bring us to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers

[These responses may be used]

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

[And at the end]

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



Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song – Keep fit with Rev Jim



- Every morning when I wake (God suit on)

Every morning when I wake
I get ready I get ready
Got my armour for the day hey
I get ready I get ready

This way this way I know you're with me
Every step I take Whoaeho
This way this way I know you're with me
Every step I take

I got the sword of the Spirit the shield of faith
The belt of truth around my waist
When I feel weak you make me strong
Never back down I got my God suit on

Every battle that I face
I'll be ready I'll be ready
When the arrows fly my way hey
Hold me steady hold me steady

This way this way I know you're with me
Every step I take Whoaeho
This way this way I know you're with me
Every step I take

I got the sword of the Spirit the shield of faith
The belt of truth around my waist
When I feel weak you make me strong
Never back down I got my God suit on

Your saving grace will guard my head
Your righteousness like a bullet proof vest
These good news shoes were made to run
Never back down I got my God suit on
Never back down I got my God suit on

Bridge

10 9 8 7 6 Got my hands in the air and your praise on my lips
5 4 3 2 1 Every battle I face my God has won
10 9 8 7 6 Got my hands in the air and your praise on my lips
5 4 3 2 1 Never back down I got my God suit on

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-11 (CEV)

[The Gospel is announced]



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

9 As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who had been blind since birth. **2** Jesus' disciples asked, "Teacher, why was this man born blind? Was it because he or his parents sinned?"

3 "No, it wasn't!" Jesus answered. "But because of his blindness, you will see God work a miracle for him. **4** As long as it is day, we must do what the one who sent me wants me to do. When night comes, no one can work. **5** While I am in the world, I am the light for the world."

6 After Jesus said this, he spit on the ground. He made some mud and smeared it on the man's eyes. **7** Then he said, "Go and wash off the mud in Siloam Pool." The man went and washed in Siloam, which means "One Who Is Sent." When he had washed off the mud, he could see.

8 The man's neighbours and the people who had seen him begging wondered if he really could be the same man. **9** Some of them said he was the same beggar, while others said he only looked like him. But he told them, "I am that man."

10 "Then how can you see?" they asked.

11 He answered, "Someone named Jesus made some mud and smeared it on my eyes. He told me to go and wash it off in Siloam Pool. When I did, I could see."

[At the end]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk



Sung Creed

Our Father everlasting

The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour



I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

The Peace

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord,
'there am I in the midst of them.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

Offertory Prayer

God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life
may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us
light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

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.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

**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 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.**



Giving of 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.**



If you prefer a blessing than communion, please indicate when you come forward.

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.

Songs during communion

Light of the world

you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with you.

So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God:
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly You came
to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

(Bridge)

And I'll never know how much it cost,
To see my sin upon that cross. *(repeat)*



Be still for the presence of the Lord,

The holy one is here.
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found -
We stand on holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The holy one is here.



Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight -
Our radiant king of light.
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace -
No work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

Prayer after Communion

Father of lights,
from whom comes every good and perfect gift:
keep us in the light of Christ,
to shine in your world,
that all may believe in you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Final Song

Lord the light of your love is shining

In the midst of the darkness shining

Jesus light of the world shine upon us

Set us free by the truth you now bring us

Shine on me, shine on me.



Shine Jesus shine

Fill this land with the Father's glory

Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire

Flow river flow

Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth your Word Lord

And let there be light.

Lord I come to your awesome presence

From the shadow into your radiance

By your blood I may enter your brightness

Search me, try me,

consume all my darkness

Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness

So our faces display your likeness

Ever changing from glory to glory

Mirrored here may our lives tell your story

Shine on me, shine on me.

Closing words and blessing

I place on my head the Helmet of Salvation

[Hold hand either side of the head]

I place on my chest the Breastplate of Righteousness

[Cross the hands over the chest]

I place on my hips the Belt of Truth

[Put hands on the hips]

I place on my feet the sandals of the Gospel of Peace

[Touch the feet]

I hold on my arm the Shield of Faith

[Place hands in a stop gesture]

I hold in my hand the Sword of the Spirit, God's Word

[Raise the right arm in a show of power]

Lord be with me in all I do this day.

Amen.

May God keep you in all your days.

May Christ shield you in all your ways.

May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

