

# **St Matthew's – Morning Praise with Holy Communion**

**10.45am Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

**Service Leader: Rev Joe Smith**

**Preacher: Mr Neale Wright**

**Theme: Beatitude 8 - Matt 5:10 - Blessed are the persecuted**

## **Welcome to St. Matthew's**

Children leave at the end of the All Age Song and return at the end of the service. We will be serving refreshments after the service.

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## **Welcome & Notices**

### **Opening Words**

We come from scattered lives to meet with God. Let us recognize his presence with us.

*Silence is kept.*

As God's people we have gathered:  
**let us worship him together.**

### **Song – Great is Our God**

### **Confession and Absolution**

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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 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.**

## **Short Talk**

### **All Age song – One Way**

***Children leave for Children's Church and return at the end of the service.***

### **Prayers Rita Chilton**

*Response* 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**

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

## **Song – This is Our God**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading Acts 7:54-60**

*[at the end]* This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading 1 Peter 4:12-19**

*[at the beginning]* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord**

*[at the end]* This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon Mr Neale Wright**

## **Creed**

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.**

## **Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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.**

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.

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.

Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit, and  
made us a people for your own  
possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious  
name, for ever praising you  
and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your  
glory.  
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. 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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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.

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.**

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.**

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.**

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 he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.  
**Amen.**

*[Communion is distributed in one kind only]*

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

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

### **Communion Songs**

- **The Table of the Lord**
- **When the Tears Fall**

### **Prayer after Communion**

#### **Song - In Christ Alone**

#### **Blessing & Closing words**

**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 upon 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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