

St Matthew's – All Age Worship

10.45am Sunday 5th December 2021

Theme: Be ready – Jesus is coming

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

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.



Advent wreath prayer

People of God: be glad!

Your God delights in you,
giving you joy for sadness
and turning the dark to light.

Be strong in hope therefore;
for your God comes to save.

You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one in the love of Christ
today and for ever.**

Amen.



Song:

You are here moving in our midst

I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You



(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

Introductory Activity (Izzy Butterfield)

Saying Sorry

Father God, we are sorry for the times when we have ignored or not helped people who are in danger.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.



Lord Jesus, we are sorry for the times when people have asked for our help or support and we have chosen not to help them.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, we are sorry for the times when we have failed to listen and respond to your promptings or we have not seen others in need.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers (Priscilla Trood)

[These responses are used]

Lord, may we be ready

To help and pray.

[And at the end]

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

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.

Song

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)

Bible Reading (Priscilla Trood)

- Matthew 25:1-13 (*Easy to Read Version*)



¹ “At that time God’s kingdom will be like ten girls who went to wait for the bridegroom. They took their lamps with them.

² Five of the girls were foolish, and five were wise.

³ The foolish girls took their lamps with them, but they did not take extra oil for the lamps.

⁴ The wise girls took their lamps and more oil in jars.

⁵ When the bridegroom was very late, the girls could not keep their eyes open, and they all fell asleep.

⁶ “At midnight someone announced, ‘The bridegroom is coming! Come and meet him!’

⁷ “Then all the girls woke up. They made their lamps ready.

⁸ But the foolish girls said to the wise girls, ‘Give us some of your oil. The oil in our lamps is all gone.’

⁹ “The wise girls answered, ‘No! The oil, we have, might not be enough for all of us. But go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

¹⁰ “So the foolish girls went to buy oil. While they were gone, the bridegroom came. The girls who were ready went in with the bridegroom to the wedding feast. Then the door was closed and locked.

¹¹ “Later, the other girls came. They said, ‘Sir, sir! Open the door to let us in.’

¹² “But the bridegroom answered, ‘Certainly not! I don’t even know you.’

¹³ “So always be ready. You don’t know the day or the time when the Son of Man will come.

[At the end]

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Talk (Jim Trood)



(Prayer ministry is available in the side chapel)

Creedal Song

There is a redeemer

Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy one.

Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.



Jesus my redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory
I will see his face.
And there I'll serve my King for ever,
In that holy place.

Response & Take home explanation (Jim)

Final Song

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

Offering Prayer

Blessing

May God the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son
help you to ready for when he comes again.
May God the Son
give you grace to live as one of his followers always ready.
May God the Holy Spirit
free you from sin, make you holy, and bring you to eternal life.



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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