

St Matthew's – Morning Praise

10.45am Sunday 9th January 2022

Service Leader: Rev Jim Trood

Preacher: Mr James Spencer

Theme: Compassion Celebration Service

Welcome to St Matthews. We are following biblical principles to make life better for everybody, so please:

- Wear a mask
- Consider social distancing
- Sanitise your hands on the way into church

Children leave for Children's Church at the end of the All Age Song and will return at the end of the service. 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 Prayer

God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.
Amen.



Song

Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship,
Come, just as you are, before your God.



One day every tongue will confess You are God,
One day every knee will bow;
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

All Age Talk Mr James Spencer

Saying Sorry

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.

Forgiveness

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.

All Age Song

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea



In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise.
You will carry me safe to shore
(oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

*Fire before us. You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms [x4]*

Children leave for their groups and return at the end.

Compassion Update Mr James Spencer

Intercessions (Neale Wright)

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

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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.



Songs

Everyone needs compassion,
love that's never failing;
let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a saviour;
the hope of nations.



Saviour, He can move the mountains,
my God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever, author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me,
all my fears and failures,
fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
everything I believe in,
now I surrender.

*Shine your light
and let the whole world see,
we're singing
for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.*

All the room was hushed and still

And when the bowl was filled
He stooped to wash their feet
And when it was complete
He said...



This is what I'm asking you to do
This is why I'm kneeling here beside you
This is what I want my church to be
This is what I want the world to see
Who it is you follow

Love each other
One another
Love each other
In the way that I have loved you
Walk together and whatever comes
Love each other
In the way that I have loved you

Let the room be hushed and still
Let us go to where He kneels
And join Him as He serves
And learn His ways of love
He said...

1st Bible Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 p.1153 (Diane Edlin)

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

[At the end]

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



2nd Bible Reading John 6:5-13 p.1069 (Graham Hird)

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, 'It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!'

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?'

¹⁰ Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.' ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

[At the end]

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon Mr James Spencer



Affirmation of faith

We say together in faith
Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
for by his will they were created
and have their being.

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

Prayer Ministry is now available in the side chapel.

Song

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
(sing with me)
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!*

Offertory Prayer



Blessing

Draw your Church together, O God,
into one great company of disciples,
together following our Lord Jesus Christ
into every walk of life,
together serving him in his mission to the world,
and together witnessing to his love
on every continent and island.

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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