

# St Matthew's – Morning Praise with Holy Communion

10.45am Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Service Leader: Rev Joe Smith

Preacher: Mr Jimm Rennie

Theme: Pastoral Principles1: Acknowledge Prejudice

**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
- Consider taking a lateral flow test

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 & 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 – Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)**

### 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 – My Lighthouse**

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### Prayers Alyson Green

*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

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Song – When the music fades**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading Matthew 5:43-48

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

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading Galatians 3:26-4:7**

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

### **Sermon Mr Jimm Rennie**

#### **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**

- Who You Say I Am
- What A Beautiful Name

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Song – No Longer A Slave**

## **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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