

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

**10.45am Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Service Leader: Rev Joe Smith**

**Preacher: Mr Jimm Rennie**

**Theme: Joseph 4 – “Joseph meets his brothers”**

**Welcome to St Matthews.** Please join us for tea or coffee after this service. Children leave for Children's Church after the All Together song, returning at midday. 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**

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
and also with you.

**and also with you.**



Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Song**

**Lord I lift your name on high**  
Lord I love to sing your praises  
I'm so glad you're in my life  
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift your name on high.



## Confession and Absolution

St Paul says

'Be imitators of God;  
love as Christ loved;  
do not grieve the Holy Spirit;  
put away all anger and bitterness,  
all slander and malice.'

So let us confess our sins to God  
who forgives us in Christ.



Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

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**

**All Together Talk**

## All Together Song

What kind of man is this? Born in Bethlehem  
worshipped as a baby, by shepherds and wise men  
What kind of man is this? Raised in Nazareth,  
the son of a carpenter, yet born of virgin birth.



He's the One,  
He's the Christ, the Messiah,  
Chosen One,  
King of all the Earth!  
He's the One,  
He's the Christ, the Messiah,  
Son of the Living God!

What kind of man is this? Who taught in Galilee,  
stilled the raging storm and calmed the angry sea,  
What kind of man is this?  
Who healed the blind and lame,  
gave hope to the poor, the girl her life again!

What kind of man is this? Who gave His life for me,  
was whipped and beaten, then hung upon a tree,  
What kind of man is this? Death could not defeat,  
risen to the Father's side, nations at His feet.

### Bridge

'Who do men say I am?'  
Jesus asked one day  
Peter spoke, words of faith,  
with him now we say...

You're the One,  
You're the Christ, the Messiah,  
Chosen One,  
King of all the Earth!  
You're the One,  
You're the Christ, the Messiah,  
Son of the Living God!

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## **Intercessions (Alyson Green)**

*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**

O God,  
The strength of those who put their trust in you  
Mercifully accept our prayers  
And, because through our weakness  
We can do nothing without you,  
Grant us the help of your grace  
That we may please you in both will and deed  
Through Jesus Christ your son, our Lord  
Who is alive and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit  
One God, now and forever. **Amen**

## **Song**

**This is my desire**  
To honour You  
Lord with all my heart  
I worship You  
All I have within me  
I give You praise  
All that I adore is in You

Lord I give You my heart  
I give You my soul  
I live for You alone  
Ev'ry breath that I take  
Ev'ry moment I'm awake  
Lord have Your way in me



## **1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading: Romans 13:1-5 p.1140 (Rita Chilton)**



**13** Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. **2** Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. **3** For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. **4** For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. **5** Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

*[at the end]*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading: Genesis 42:6-25, 29-30, 35-36 p.47 (Sue Webster)**

**6** Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the person who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. **7** As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognised them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. 'Where do you come from?' he asked.

'From the land of Canaan,' they replied, 'to buy food.'

**8** Although Joseph recognised his brothers, they did not recognise him. **9** Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, 'You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected.'

**10** 'No, my lord,' they answered. 'Your servants have come to buy food. **11** We are all the sons of one man. Your servants are honest men, not spies.'

<sup>12</sup> ‘No!’ he said to them. ‘You have come to see where our land is unprotected.’

<sup>13</sup> But they replied, ‘Your servants were twelve brothers, the sons of one man, who lives in the land of Canaan. The youngest is now with our father, and one is no more.’

<sup>14</sup> Joseph said to them, ‘It is just as I told you: you are spies! <sup>15</sup> And this is how you will be tested: as surely as Pharaoh lives, you will not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here. <sup>16</sup> Send one of your number to get your brother; the rest of you will be kept in prison, so that your words may be tested to see if you are telling the truth. If you are not, then as surely as Pharaoh lives, you are spies!’ <sup>17</sup> And he put them all in custody for three days.

<sup>18</sup> On the third day, Joseph said to them, ‘Do this and you will live, for I fear God: <sup>19</sup> if you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here in prison, while the rest of you go and take grain back for your starving households. <sup>20</sup> But you must bring your youngest brother to me, so that your words may be verified and that you may not die.’ This they proceeded to do.

<sup>21</sup> They said to one another, ‘Surely we are being punished because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that’s why this distress has come on us.’

<sup>22</sup> Reuben replied, ‘Didn’t I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you wouldn’t listen! Now we must give an accounting for his blood.’ <sup>23</sup> They did not realise that Joseph could understand them, since he was using an interpreter.

<sup>24</sup> He turned away from them and began to weep, but then came back and spoke to them again. He had Simeon taken from them and bound before their eyes.

<sup>25</sup> Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to put each man’s silver back in his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey.

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<sup>29</sup> When they came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them. They said, <sup>30</sup> ‘The man who

is lord over the land spoke harshly to us and treated us as though we were spying on the land.

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<sup>35</sup> As they were emptying their sacks, there in each man's sack was his pouch of silver! When they and their father saw the money pouches, they were frightened. <sup>36</sup> Their father Jacob said to them, 'You have deprived me of my children. Joseph is no more and Simeon is no more, and now you want to take Benjamin. Everything is against me!'

*[at the end]*

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon (Mr Jimm Rennie)**



**Affirmation of Faith**

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.**

## **Response Song**

### **I've heard a thousand stories**

Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone



You're a Good Good Father

It's who You are

It's who You are

It's who You are

And I'm loved by You

It's who I am

It's who I am

It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

### *Bridge*

You are perfect in all of Your ways

You are perfect in all of Your ways

You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love, love, love

## **Offertory Prayer**



## **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.**



Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to 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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

*Communion is received*

*Now that the common cup has been reintroduced, just as people participate in worship in different ways, some people may choose to receive communion in one or the other or both kinds. The reception of the sacrament is not diminished or different for worshippers who participate in different ways. Please follow the instructions as you feel is best for you.*

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

## Communion Songs

**Broken for me**, broken for you,  
the body of Jesus broken for you.



He offered His body, He poured out His soul,  
Jesus was broken that we might be whole:

Come to My table and with Me dine,  
eat of My bread and drink of My wine:

This is My body given for you,  
eat it remembering I died for you:

This is My blood I shed for you,  
for your forgiveness, making you new:

### **Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice:**

You became nothing, poured out to death.  
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,  
And I'm in that place once again,  
I'm in that place once again.



And once again I look upon the cross where You died:  
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside,  
Once again I thank You,  
Once again I pour out my life.

Now You are exalted to the highest place -  
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow,  
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace,  
And I'm full of praise once again,  
I'm full of praise once again.

Thank you for the cross.  
Thank you for the cross.  
Thank you for the cross, my friend. (repeat)

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Eternal Father,  
We thank you for nourishing us  
With these heavenly gifts:  
May our communion strengthen us in faith,  
Build us in hope,  
And make us grow in love;  
For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



## **Song**

**Strength will rise**  
as we wait upon the Lord.  
We will wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord.



Our God, You reign forever;  
Our hope, our strong deliverer.

You are the everlasting God,  
The everlasting God.  
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak,  
You comfort those in need.  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

## **Closing Words**

Almighty God,  
we thank you for the gift of your holy word.  
May it be a lantern to our feet,  
a light upon our paths,  
and a strength to our lives.  
Take us and use us  
to love and serve all people  
in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

We go into the world  
to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love  
and to reflect God's glory.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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