

St Matthew's – All Age Worship with Baptism

10.45am Sunday 5th November 2023

Service Leader: Rev Jim Trood

Preacher: Izzy Butterfield

Theme: God is with you

Welcome to St Matthew's. Please join us for tea or coffee after this service. Today's service is an All Age Worship service which means the children will be in church for the whole service. The service will last about an hour. If those with children would like to sit near the front, there are table activities for during the talk for the younger children.

Please place any financial gifts in the bags which will be passed around during the offertory song. If you prefer you may use the contactless machine at the back of church 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.



Song

- King of love and grace



Introduction

Saying Sorry (Confession)

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 (Absolution)

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.

Baptism

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit you
give to your faithful people new life in
the water of baptism. Guide and
strengthen us by the same Spirit, that
we who are born again may serve you
in faith and love, and grow into the full
stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who
is alive and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

Amen.



Presentation of Candidate

[The minister addresses the congregation]

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome this child and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Parents and Godparents, the Church receives this child with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Parents and Godparents, in baptism this child begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

[Water is poured into the font]

Prayer over the Water

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptized in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love. He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life,

and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

Decision

Parents and Godparents, in baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

[The sign of the cross is made on the candidate's forehead]

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

[The congregation stand]

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

[The congregation sit]

Baptism

[Name], I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

Giving of Candle

Receive this light. This is to show you have passed out of darkness into light. God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith.

We are children of the same heavenly Father.

We welcome you!



Sung Worship *(including offering)*

- **Nothing can separate**
- **In Christ alone**



Offering Prayer

Bible Reading:

- Joshua 1: 1,5,6-9



[at the end]

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

Talk



Song

- In my wrestling and in my doubts



Intercessions



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.**

Response/Take Home

Song

- Be bold, be strong,



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
Amen.

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.