

# **St Matthew's – Holy Communion**

**10.45am 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Service Leader: Rev Jim Trood**

**Preacher: Ben Butterfield**

**Women in the Messianic Line: Tamar**

**Welcome to St Matthew's.** 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 bags which will be passed around during our 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**

Loving God,  
we have come to worship you.  
**Help us to pray to you in faith, to  
sing your praise with gratitude, and  
to listen to your word with  
eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Song**

**- Come let us worship our King**



### **Saying Sorry (Confession)**

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have wandered and strayed  
from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the  
devices and desires  
of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your  
holy laws.  
We have left undone those things  
that we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
that we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.**



**But you, O Lord,  
have mercy upon us sinners.  
Spare those who confess their  
faults.**

**Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises  
declared to mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father,  
for his sake,  
that we may live a disciplined,  
righteous and godly life,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

### **Forgiveness (Absolution)**

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. **Amen.**



### **All Together Talk**

### **All Together Song**

**- Blessed be the name of the Lord**



*Children leave for their groups.*

## Intercessions

*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



Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, **Amen.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading:

*[at the beginning]*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

- Mark 7:25-30 p.100



*[at the end]*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading:

- Genesis 38:11-27 p.42



*[at the end]*

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

## Sermon



## Affirmation of faith

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

**We 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?

**We 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?

**We 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. Amen.**

## Response/Offertory Songs

- You unravel me with a melody  
- My Jesus, my Saviour,



## Offertory Prayer



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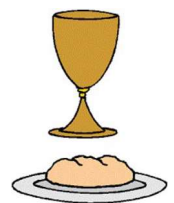
The Lord is here.

**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.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit, and  
made us a people for your own  
possession.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.**

**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.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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.**

### **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.**



### **Breaking of the Bread**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### **Invitation**

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.***

***Please note – dipping the wafer in the wine is not allowed.***

***Prayer ministry is available.***

### **Songs during Communion**



- How deep the Father's love for us
- What a friend we have in Jesus,

### **Prayer after Communion**



Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Song**

- I, the Lord of sea and sky,

### **Closing Words**



Jesus, lord of time,  
**hold us in your eternity.**

Jesus, image of God,  
**travel with us the life of faith.**

Jesus, friend of sinners,  
**heal the brokenness of our world.**

Jesus, lord of tomorrow,  
**draw us into your future. 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.**