

# **St Matthew's – All Age Communion**

**10.45am Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Service Leader & Preacher: Rev Jim Trood**

## **Welcome to St Matthew's.**

Please join us for tea or coffee after this service.

Today's service is an All Age Communion service. At the appropriate point in the service, and following the wardens' directions, please come forward to receive a blessing or communion. If it is your normal practice to receive bread and wine, you are welcome to receive it at St Matthew's. Some of our children have also been admitted to communion before confirmation and will receive the bread and the wine. For hygiene reasons we do not "dip" the bread in the wine but if you prefer just to receive the bread, that is perfectly acceptable.

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 & 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.**

## **Sung Worship**

**Great is Your faithfulness O God**  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart



So, remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

## **Saying Sorry**

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.



**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

## God Forgives

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Introduction

### Sung Worship

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High (*repeat*)



The name of the Lord is a strong tower  
The righteous run into it and they are saved  
The name of the Lord is a strong tower  
The righteous run into it and they are saved

Glory to the name of the Lord  
Glory to the name of the Lord  
Glory to the name of the Lord Most High (*repeat*)

Holy is the name of the Lord  
Holy is the name of the Lord  
Holy is the name of the Lord Most High (*repeat*)

**Let all creation sing before the Lord**

and every nation of the earth rejoice,  
let all the trees lift a shout of joy  
for the Lord is King.

Let the deep waters of the sea resound,  
let every mountain, every hill sing out,  
let all the fields make a joyful sound  
for the Lord is King.



Mighty river, barren desert,  
howling wind and stormy weather,  
every canyon every valley,  
sing your praise and give him glory.  
Nature proclaims the glory of our God,  
nature proclaims his name.

Every star and constellation,  
every wonder in the heavens,  
silver moon and supernova,  
sing a shining hallelujah!  
Nature proclaims the glory of our God,  
nature proclaims his name.

Honey bees and weeping willows,  
grizzly bears and armadillos,  
every narwhal and sea otter,  
every son and every daughter.  
Nature proclaims the glory of our God,  
nature proclaims his name.

*Ending*

La la la la la la la

- All the earth, praise the Lord

La la la la la la la

- All the earth, praise the Lord

## **Prayers** *(Rita Chilton)*

*[These responses may be used]*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



*[And at the end]*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **Collect for the Election**

Almighty God,  
to whom each of us must give an account  
for all our powers and privileges:  
Guide the people of the United Kingdom  
in the election of their members of Parliament;  
that by wise laws and just administration,  
peace may be fostered,  
godliness encouraged,  
and the true profession of the gospel enabled,  
for the sake of Jesus our saviour and King,  
to the glory of your holy name,  
**Amen.**



## **Bible Reading: Romans 13:1-7 (ERV)**



**13** All of you must obey the government rulers. Everyone who rules was given the power to rule by God. And all those who rule now were given that power by God. <sup>2</sup> So anyone who is against the government is really against something God has commanded. Those who are against the government bring punishment on themselves. <sup>3</sup> People who do right don't have to fear the rulers. But those who do wrong must fear them. Do you want to be free from fearing them? Then do only what is right, and they will praise you.

<sup>4</sup> Rulers are God's servants to help you. But if you do wrong, you have reason to be afraid. They have the power to punish, and they will use it. They are God's servants to punish those who do wrong. <sup>5</sup> So you must obey the government, not just because you might be punished, but because you know it is the right thing to do.

<sup>6</sup> And this is why you pay taxes too. Those rulers are working for God, and they give all their time to the work of ruling. <sup>7</sup> Give everyone what you owe them. If you owe them any kind of tax, then pay it. Show respect to those you should respect. And show honour to those you should honour.

*[at the end]*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Song**

**We seek your kingdom** throughout every sphere  
We long for heaven's demonstration here  
Jesus your light shine bright for all to see  
Transform, revive, and heal society



Before all things, in him were all things made  
Inspiring culture, media, and trade  
May all our work serve your economy  
Transform, revive, and heal society

Peace, truth, and justice reigning everywhere  
With us be present in our public square  
Fill all who lead with your integrity  
Transform, revive, and heal society

Forgive us Lord, when we have not engaged  
Failing to scribe your heart on history's page  
Make us again what we were made to be  
Transform, revive, and heal society

Faithful to govern ever may we be  
Selfless in service, loving constantly  
In everything may your authority  
Transform, revive, and heal society

## **Sermon** (*Rev Jim*)



## **The Peace**

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Sung Creed** (including offering)

**We believe in God the Father,**  
a mighty God who never sleeps,  
He delights to hear our laughter,  
He consoles the child that weeps,  
And He loves us like a mother,  
And He sent us Christ our brother,  
Above Him there is no other!



We believe in God our Father,  
And in Christ who sets us free.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
Blessed Trinity.

We believe in Christ our Saviour,  
God with us to show us love,  
Died a shameful death to save us,  
Now He sits enthroned above.  
You can come to Him whenever,  
His forgiveness failing never,  
Our Great Shepherd, King forever!

We believe the Holy Spirit  
Is our comforter and guide.  
Though we walk in fearful darkness,  
Still we have this light inside,  
Joy, Love, Gentleness and Kindness,  
Self-Control, Peace, Patience, Goodness,  
Adding Faithfulness to all this!

*Bridge*

Our Father God who made us,  
His Son who came down to save us,  
The Spirit who sustains us,  
The Holy Three in One.



## **Offertory Prayer**

**God of all goodness and grace,  
receive the gifts we offer;  
and grant that our whole life  
may give you glory and praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## **Holy Communion**

*(The children may gather round the table at the front if they wish.)*

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.**



Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

You give us friends and families  
busy streets for young and old,  
the life of an earthly city  
fulfilled in your city to come.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.  
And now with all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for 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.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

***Communion is distributed.***

*(Please follow the wardens' directions.  
The musicians receive first.)*

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

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

## **Songs during Communion**

### **There is no greater love**

Than how you died for us  
So we may walk with you;  
There is no greater love.



There is no greater cost  
Than dying on a cross  
Drawing our hearts to you;  
There is no greater cost

Jesus we give you praise,  
Glorify your name,  
For your love has overcome the darkness.  
Jesus we give you praise,  
Glorify your name,  
For your love has overcome the grave!

### **Jesus, be the centre**

Be my source, Be my light,  
Jesus.



Jesus, be the centre  
Be my hope, be my song,  
Jesus.

Be the fire in my heart,  
Be the wind in these sails,  
Be the reason that I live,  
Jesus, Jesus.

Jesus, be my vision  
Be my path, be my guide,  
Jesus.

**From heaven You came** helpless babe  
Entered our world Your glory veiled  
Not to be served but to serve  
And give Your life that we might live



This is our God the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King

There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load He chose to bear  
His heart with sorrow was torn  
Yet not my will but Yours He said

Come see His hands and His feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered

So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving

### **Prayer after Communion**

Father of lights,  
from whom comes every good and perfect gift:  
keep us in the light of Christ,  
to shine in your world,  
that all may believe in you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## Song

**Tell out my soul** the greatness of the Lord  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice  
Tender to me the promise of His word  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice



Tell out my soul the greatness of His Name  
Make known His might the deeds His arm has done  
His mercy sure from age to age the same  
His holy Name the Lord the Mighty One

Tell out my soul the greatness of His might  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight  
The hungry fed the humble lifted high

Tell out my soul the glories of His word  
Firm is His promise and His mercy sure  
Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore

## Blessing & Closing Words

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honour everyone;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;



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.**