

St Matthew's – All Age Communion

10.45am Sunday 30th 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



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.**

Amen.

Introduction

Sung Worship

- Blessed be the name of the Lord
- Let all creation sing



Prayers

[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)



[at the end]

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

Song

- We seek your kingdom



Sermon



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**



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.)*

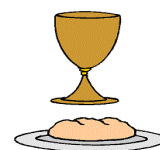
The Lord is here.

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
- Jesus, be the centre
- From heaven You came



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



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.