

# St Matthew's – Holy Communion

10.45am 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

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## Prayer 6: The Ultimate Prayer (Jesus)

**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 & Notices

#### Opening Words

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,  
and also with you.



#### Song

- Men of faith rise up and sing

#### Saying Sorry (Confession)

Brothers and sisters,  
as we prepare to celebrate,  
let us call to mind our sins.



Father eternal,  
giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and  
against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance,  
through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.

We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son  
Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.



#### Forgiveness (Absolution)

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

#### All Together Talk

#### All Together Song

- Our God is a great big God



*Children leave for their groups.*

- I'm giving You my heart



## 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

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake: when  
we prosper save us from pride, when  
we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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

- Isaiah 53:7-12 p. 742



*[at the end]*

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

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

*[Please stand - The Gospel is  
announced]*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew, Chapter 26.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

- Matthew 26:36-46 p.997

*[At the end]*

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

## Sermon



## Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father  
almighty, creator of heaven  
and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only  
Son, our Lord, who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is  
seated at the right hand of the  
Father, and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
catholic Church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the  
life everlasting. Amen.**



## Response/Offertory Song

- Before the throne of God above

## Offertory Prayer

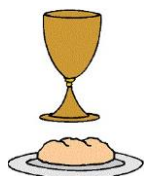


## Holy Communion

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.**



Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

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.

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, 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**

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.**



## **Invitation**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes  
away the sin of the world. Blessed are  
those who are called to his supper.  
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be  
healed. **Amen.**

***Communion is distributed.***

***Dipping the wafer in the wine is not  
allowed for health reasons.***

***Prayer ministry is available.***

## **Songs during Communion**

- Light of the world
- King of kings, majesty



## **Prayer after Communion**



**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought  
us home.  
Dying and living, he declared  
your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate  
of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life  
to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light  
to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have  
set before us,  
so we and all your children shall  
be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise  
your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Song**

- **Blessed be Your name**



## **Closing Words**

You are called and loved by God the  
Father and kept safe by Jesus Christ.  
Mercy, peace and love be yours in  
abundance, from God the Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit. **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.**