

St Matthew's 10.45am Sunday 28th July 2024

Service Leader: Jimm Rennie

Preacher: Sam Fawkes

Theme: Songs of Salvation 1: Songs of Adoration

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

We stand before the throne of God
with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Song



Chorus

We really want to thank You Lord

We really want to bless Your name

Hallelujah Jesus is our King

Verse 1

We thank You Lord for Your gift to us

Your life so rich beyond compare

The gift of Your body here on earth

Of which we sing and share

Verse 2

We thank You Lord for our life together

To live and move within Your love

When we're set free with tenderness

To serve You with our lives

Verse 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Saying Sorry (Confession)

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.



**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.**

Forgiveness (Absolution)

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Altogether Talk

All Together Song



This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine (x 3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine (x 3)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Light that shines is the light of love
Hides the darkness from above
Shines on me and it shines on you
Shows what the power of love can do
Shine my light both bright and clear
Shine my light both far and near
In ev'ry dark corner that I find
Gonna let my little light shine.

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine (x 3)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Monday Gave me the gift of love
Tuesday Peace came from above
Wednesday Told me to have more faith
Thursday Gave me the gift of grace
Friday Told me to watch and pray
Sat'day Told what to say
Sunday Gave me the power divine
To let my little light shine.

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine (x 3)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Children leave for their groups.

Song

Father, we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You!



Jesus, we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You!

Spirit, we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You!

Intercessions (Jeremy Sargent)

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

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Lord's Prayer

**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.**



Sung Worship

We bow down and confess
You are Lord in this place.
We bow down and confess
You are Lord in this place.
You are all I need;
It's Your face I seek.
In the presence of Your light
We bow down, we bow down.



1st Bible Reading – Psalm 48 (Alyson Green)



¹ Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise,
in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

² Beautiful in its loftiness,
the joy of the whole earth,
like the heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion,
the city of the Great King.

³ God is in her citadels;
he has shown himself to be her fortress.

⁴ When the kings joined forces,
when they advanced together,

⁵ they saw her and were astounded;
they fled in terror.

⁶ Trembling seized them there,
pain like that of a woman in labour.

⁷ You destroyed them like ships of Tarshish
shattered by an east wind.

⁸As we have heard,
so we have seen
in the city of the Lord Almighty,
in the city of our God:
God makes her secure
forever.

⁹ Within your temple, O God,
we meditate on your unfailing love.

¹⁰ Like your name, O God,
your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with righteousness.

¹¹ Mount Zion rejoices,
the villages of Judah are glad
because of your judgments.

- 12 Walk about Zion, go around her,
count her towers,
13 consider well her ramparts,
view her citadels,
that you may tell of them
to the next generation.
14 For this God is our God for ever and ever;
he will be our guide even to the end.

[at the end]

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon (Sam Fawkes)



Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.
**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Response Worship

(including Offering)



Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by His power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: 'Jesus is Lord!'

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs, for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
in flesh He came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
yet gave His life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death He rose and all His foes shall own His name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends His Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

Offertory Prayer

God of our salvation,
you have restored us to life,
you have brought us back again into your love
by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.
Continue to heal us,
as we go to live and work
in the power of your Spirit,
to your praise and glory.



Blessing

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.