

# St Matthew's – Holy Communion

10.45am 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Service Leader & Preacher: Rev Jim Trood

Basic Discipleship 2: Reading the Bible

**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

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

- **Bless the Lord, O my soul**



## Saying Sorry (Confession)



The word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we give account. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

May your loving mercy come to me,  
O Lord, and your salvation according  
to your word:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet and  
a light to my path:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

O let your mercy come to me that  
I may live, for your law is my delight:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## Forgiveness (Absolution)



May the God of all healing and  
forgiveness draw us to himself and  
cleanse us from all our sins, that we  
may behold the glory of his Son, the  
Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

## All Together Talk

## Sung Worship



- **Give thanks, and bless the Lord**

- **Lord You have my heart**

## Intercessions



## Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, **Amen.**

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

- Psalm 119:9-16 p.617



*[at the end]*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading:

*At the beginning*

Please stand for our gospel reading.



Hear the Gospel  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew 5:17-19.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

- Matthew 5:17-19 p.969

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon



## Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the  
third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to  
his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

## Peace



Christ came and proclaimed the gospel, peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

## Response/Offertory Song

- Who breaks the power



## Offertory Prayer



## Holy Communion

The Lord is here.

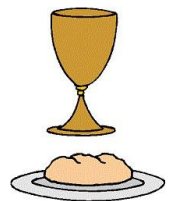
**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**



Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son to  
rescue us from sin and death. Your  
Word goes out to call us home to the  
city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:  
**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.  
**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story.  
**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. This is our story.  
**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on

which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is our story.  
**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**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 for health reasons.***

***Prayer ministry is available.***

## **Songs during Communion**

- Purify my heart,
- I cast my mind to Calvary



## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God,  
you feed us with the living bread from heaven; renew our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love. Teach us to hunger for Christ who is the true and living bread, and to live by every word that comes from your mouth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## **Song**

- **O Lord my God**



## **Closing Words**

Hear the teaching of Jesus:  
'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.'  
Go now to do God's will;



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.**