

# St Matthew's – All Age Communion

## 10.45am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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Preacher: Mrs Izzy Butterfield

### 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

- Praise Him, you heavens



#### Saying Sorry

Almighty God,  
long-suffering and of great  
goodness:  
I confess to you,  
I confess with my whole heart  
my neglect and forgetfulness of  
your commandments,



my wrong doing, thinking, and  
speaking;  
the hurts I have done to others,  
and the good I have left undone.  
**O God, forgive me, for I have sinned  
against you;  
and raise me to newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

#### God Forgives

May God our Father  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to the fellowship of his  
table with his saints for ever.  
**Amen.**



#### Introduction

#### Sung Worship

- Blessed be the name of the Lord  
- Bless the Lord, O my soul



## 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.**

## Special Prayer for Today



### (Collect)

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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

- **Genesis 1:27- 2:3 (ERV)**



*[at the end]*

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

## Gospel Reading:

- **Mark 2:23-28 (ERV)**



*At the beginning*

Please stand for our gospel reading.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 2:23-28.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## 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.

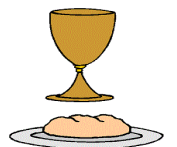
**His Spirit is with us.**

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.

**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 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**
- **Be still for the presence**



### **Prayer after Communion**



Father of all,  
we thank you that you have shared  
this feast of your  
kingdom with all peoples  
and have united all races in your Son  
Jesus Christ:  
may the unity we have known here  
give us a joyful anticipation of the  
fullness of life  
to which you call us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### **Song**

**- Before the throne of God  
above**



### **Blessing & Closing Words**

The Lord bless you  
and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you  
and give you peace;  
**Amen.**



Go in peace  
to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**