

St Matthew's – All Age Worship & Baptism

10.45am Sunday 13th October 2024

Theme: Revelation: A revelation from Jesus Christ

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

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into
your presence.



Give us new hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song

- Give thanks to the Lord



Saying Sorry

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now
hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of
the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us
confess our sins.

**O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,**

**and to cleanse our lips to speak
your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Forgiveness

May the Father forgive us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us
to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days. **Amen.**



Baptisms



Presentation of the Candidate

*[The minister addresses the
congregation]*

Do you wish to be baptised or reaffirm
your faith in Jesus Christ?
(Candidates) I do.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our
number those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome these
candidates and uphold them in their
new life in Christ?
(All) With the help of God, we will.

Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
(Candidates) **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
(Candidates) **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
(Candidates) **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
(Candidates) **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
(Candidates) **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
(Candidates) **I come to Christ.**

Signing with the cross

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

[The sign of the cross is made on each of the candidates]

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer over the water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan: we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us. We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land. We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that these candidates are to be washed in, that they may be made one with Christ in his death and, in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon him; bring him to new birth in the household of faith, and raise him with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority, and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together with Candidates, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Baptism (*The candidates & minister enter the pool*)

[Name] is this your faith?
(Candidate) **This is my faith**

[Name] I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Affirmation (*The candidates & minister enter the pool*)

I am [Name] and I am a disciple of Jesus Christ.

As I continue to follow him, I want to dedicate myself to his service and embrace all that was promised at my baptism.

[Name] I affirm your baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All Together Song

- **In my wrestling and in my doubts (My lighthouse)**



Children leave for their groups.

Song

- **Lord I come to you**



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

God, our light and our salvation:

illuminate our lives,

that we may see your goodness in the

land of the living,

and looking on your beauty

may be changed into the likeness of

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
- You were the Word



1st Bible Reading
– Revelation 1: 1-8 (NIVUK)



[At the end]
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

2nd Bible Reading
– Revelation 1: 9-19



[at the end]
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon



Response Worship
(including Offering)
- Bless the Lord, O my soul



Offering Prayer



Blessing
Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and made known to every race
and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,

that every tongue may tell of
your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ our ascended King
pour upon you the abundance of
his gifts
and bring you to reign with him
in glory;
and the blessing
may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

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

Giving of candle

Receive this light. This is to show you
have passed out of darkness into light.
God has delivered us from the
dominion of darkness and has given
us a place with the saints in light.
**Shine as a light in the world to the
glory of God the Father.**

Welcome

*(Cards and Bibles are given to the
candidates)*

There is one Lord, one faith,
one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptised into
one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship
of faith.**
**We are children of the same
heavenly Father.**
We welcome you!