

St Matthew's – Holy Communion

10.45am 20th October 2024

Service Leader: Rev Jim Trood

Preacher: Ben Butterfield

Revelation: Ephesus and Pergamum – The Nicolaitan rejectors

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

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:
let us sing to God with thankful hearts.



Open our lips, Lord:
and we shall praise your name.

Song

- We lift our voices



Saying Sorry (Confession)

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

Sung Worship

- Give thanks, and bless the Lord



Children leave for their groups.

Sung Worship

- The splendour of the King



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

Almighty God,
in whose service lies perfect freedom:
teach us to obey you
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Song

- What a friend we have in Jesus



1st Bible Reading:

- Revelation 2:1-7 p.1234



[at the end]

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

2nd Bible Reading:

- Revelation 2:12-17 p.1234



[at the end]

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

Sermon



Affirmation of Faith

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.

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.

Response/Offertory Song

- In Christ alone



Offertory Prayer



Holy Communion

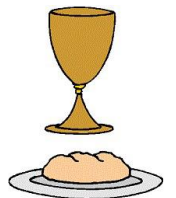
The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks
and praise, Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth



you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.
You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of
your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your
covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law and
taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy
and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your
kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels
in heaven,
evermore 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 God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son
Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus
showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end, he gave himself
to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him
in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for
us all

he 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that
he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his
bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right
hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice
of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these
gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our
Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in
your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of
our hearts.

Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from
on high.

Gather your people from the ends
of the earth
to feast with all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought
to perfection
in 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

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

- Broken for me
- I love You Lord



Prayer after Communion

Father of light, in whom is no change
or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your
word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that
kingdom where your whole creation
will be made perfect
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song

- Be Thou my vision



Closing Words

May God give you
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;



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.

