

St Matthew's 10.45am Sunday 27th October 2024

Service Leader: Alyson Green

Preacher: Rev Jim Trood

Theme: Revelation: Thyatira and Sardis: Don't rest on your laurels

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

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognize his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:
let us worship him together.

God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.
Amen.



Song

- Amazing grace!



Saying Sorry (Confession)

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.



In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God
to ourselves:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgiveness (Absolution)

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



All Together Talk

Altogether Song

- This li'l light of mine



Children leave for their groups.

Song

- Jesus, be the centre



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

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change
and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy 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.



1st Bible Reading – Revelation 2: 18-28



[at the end]

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

2nd Bible Reading – Revelation 3: 1-6



[at the end]

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

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.

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Response/Sung

Affirmation of Faith

- We believe in God the Father



Offertory Song

- Love divine



Offertory Prayer



Concluding Prayer



Blessing

Now may the blessing of God
the Father,
who made from one every nation that
occupies the earth;
of God the Son who bought us for God
from every tribe and language and
people and nation;
and of God the Spirit who brings us
together in unity,
be with us and remain with us always.
Amen.

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