

# St Matthew's – All Age Worship

**10.45am Sunday 1st December 2024 (Advent 1)**

**Down to Earth – the unexpected Rescue**

**Welcome to St Matthew's.** Please join us for tea or coffee after this service. Today's service is an All Age Worship service which means the children will be in church for the whole service. The service will last about an hour. If those with children would like to sit near the front, there are table activities for during the talk for the younger children.

Please place any financial gifts in the bags which will be passed around during the 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.**



### Advent Wreath Prayer

**(Week 1: Patriarchs)**

We light this candle to remember Abraham and Sarah and all the faithful people of long ago. These people listened to God and trusted God. They went on a journey to obey God. We are also on a journey of faith, to know God better.

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the world,  
be with us on our journey  
through Advent, that we may know  
you better. Amen.**



### Song

- Let our praise be Your welcome



### Introduction

### Bible Reading:

**Matthew 1:18-23 (ERV)**



*[At the end]*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### 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.**

### Sung Worship

- All the earth was waiting  
- Who O Lord could save themselves



### Talk & Table Activities

## Saying Sorry

Father God, we are sorry for the times when we have **done** things that hurt you or other people. Save us from our sins.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**



Lord Jesus, we are sorry for the times when we have **said** things that hurt you or other people. Save us from our sins.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, we are sorry for the times when we have **thought** things that hurt you or other people. Save us from our sins.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## Forgiven

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## Song

- What kind of man is this?



## Prayers



## Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **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.**

## Response



## Collection Song

- From heav'n You came helpless babe



## Offertory Prayer

## Take Home

## Blessing

May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son Immanuel, to be God with us. **Amen.**

May God the Son give us grace to live in the light of his coming as the Lord who saves. **Amen.**



May God the Holy Spirit free us from sin, make us holy, and bring us to eternal life. **Amen.**

And 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.**