

# **St Matthew's – Holy Communion**

**10.45am 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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**Preacher: Izzy Butterfield**

**Revelation: Laodicea: Over-confident arrogance**

**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**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Song



**We lift our voices** to the Lord most high  
With joyful singing we will glorify  
The great creator the author of all life  
We are his people and he is our God  
He always guides us in his ways with love  
Let joyful praises come fill this place in song

For the Lord is good  
We shout for joy because  
The Lord is good  
He rules the earth with everlasting love  
How good is our God

Enter His presence with a thankful heart  
Enter his courts and let the praises start  
Give God the glory for he deserves it all  
All of creation lives to worship God  
We were created as an act of love  
Let adoration flow from this place in song

### *Bridge*

Faithful God never ending goodness  
Ever flowing kindness  
You are faithful God you are good

## **Saying Sorry (Confession)**

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.



**My God, for love of you  
I desire to hate and forsake all sins  
by which I have ever displeased you;  
and I resolve by the help of your grace  
to commit them no more;  
and to avoid all opportunities of sin.  
Help me to do this,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Forgiveness (Absolution)**

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

## **All Together Talk**

## **Sung Worship**

**In my wrestling and in my doubts**

In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea



In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
I will trust the promise.  
You will carry me safe to shore  
(oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### *Bridge*

Fire before us. You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms [x4]

***Children leave for their groups.***

## **I love You Lord**

Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God



All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

### *Bridge*

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

## **Intercessions** (Jeremy Sargent)

*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

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13–21 p.1045 (Millie Barkley)



*[Please stand - at the beginning]*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke, Chapter 12 verses 13 to 21.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.'

<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, 'Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?' <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."

<sup>18</sup> 'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

<sup>20</sup> 'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

<sup>21</sup> 'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'

*[at the end]*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading: Revelation 3:14-22 p.1236** (Sue Webster)



<sup>14</sup> 'To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. <sup>15</sup> I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. <sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so that you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so that you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so that you can see.

<sup>19</sup> Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. <sup>20</sup> Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

<sup>21</sup> To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

*[at the end]*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** (Izzy Butterfield)



## **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**

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**





## Response/Offertory Song



How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope



Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Saviour, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope  
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There's salvation in Your name  
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Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!



## 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.**



Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever 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, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through 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**

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.**

## **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**

### **Jesus, be the centre**

Be my source, Be my light,  
Jesus.



Jesus, be the centre  
Be my hope, be my song,  
Jesus.

Be the fire in my heart,  
Be the wind in these sails,  
Be the reason that I live,  
Jesus, Jesus.

Jesus, be my vision  
Be my path, be my guide,  
Jesus.

### **You are here moving in our midst**

I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You



You are, Way Maker  
Miracle Worker  
Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness  
my God that is who You are *(Repeat)*

You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing every heart  
I worship You I worship You

### *Bridge*

That is who You are *(x4)*

Even when I don't see it, You're working  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
You never stop, Jesus You are...

## **Prayer after Communion**

Generous God,  
you have fed us at your heavenly table.  
Set us on fire with your Spirit  
that when Christ comes again  
we may shine like lights before his face,  
who with you and the Spirit lives for ever.  
**Amen.**



## **Song**

**There is a redeemer**  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy one.



Thank you, O my Father,  
For giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory  
I will see his face.  
And there I'll serve my King for ever,  
In that holy place.

## **Closing Words**

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;



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.**

