

# 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



### 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

*(Children leave for their groups.)*

- I love You Lord



### 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

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:

*[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.**



- **Luke 12:13–21 p.1045**

*[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**

*[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

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**

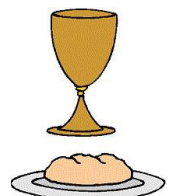


## Offertory Prayer



## 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
- You are here moving in our midst



## **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



## **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.**