

St Matthew's – Holy Communion

10.45am 24th November 2024

Service Leader: Gary Killeen

Preacher: Rev Jim Trood

Revelation: Christ the King

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

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Song

- O God beyond all praising



Saying Sorry (Confession)

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.



Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence
and faith.

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are
all sinners.**

**We turn from the wrong that we
have thought and
said and done,**

**and are mindful of all that we
have failed to do.**

**For the sake of Jesus, who died
for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Forgiveness (Absolution)

The Lord enrich us with his grace,
and nourish us with his blessing;
the Lord defend us in trouble and
keep us from all evil;
the Lord accept our prayers,
and absolve us from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our
Saviour. **Amen.**



Baptism

Heavenly Father, by the power of your
Holy Spirit you give to your faithful
people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same
Spirit, that we who are born again may
serve you in faith and love, and grow
into the full stature of your Son, Jesus
Christ, who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and
for ever. **Amen.**



Presentation of the Candidate

[The minister addresses the congregation]

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome this candidates and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Parents, the Church receives these candidates with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Parents, baptism begins a journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

[Water is poured into the font]

Prayer Over the Water

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptised in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love. He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptised in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

Decision

Parents, in baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

[The sign of the cross is made on the candidate's forehead]

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

[The congregation stand]

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

[The congregation sit]

Baptism

[Name], I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

Giving of a Candle

Receive this light.

This is to show you have passed out of darkness into light.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith. We are children of the same heavenly Father.

We welcome you!

All Together Song

- I am a city on a hill



(Children leave for their groups.)

- The greatest day in history



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

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease

and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sung Lord's Prayer

Father God in heaven,
Lord most high:
hear your children's prayer,
Lord most high:
hallowed be your name,
Lord most high
O Lord, hear our prayer.



May your kingdom come
here on earth;
may your will be done
here on earth,
as it is in heaven
so on earth
O Lord, hear our prayer.

Give us daily bread
day by day,
and forgive our sins
day by day,
as we too forgive
day by day
O Lord, hear our prayer.

Lead us in your way,
make us strong;
when temptations come
make us strong;
save us from all sin,
keep us strong
O Lord, hear our prayer.

All things come from you,
all are yours
kingdom, glory, power,
all are yours;
take our lives and gifts,
all are yours
O Lord, hear our prayer

1st Bible Reading:

- Revelation 4: 1-11

[at the end]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



2nd Bible Reading:

- Revelation 7: 1-17

[at the end]

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Sermon



Response/Offertory Song

- My hope is built on nothing less

Offertory Prayer



Closing Words

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into
all the world to preach the gospel of
his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we
proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May Christ, who out of defeat brings
new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
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.