

St Matthew's – All Together Worship

10.45am Sunday 2nd February 2025

Friends again! – Esau and Jacob are reconciled

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.



Song

God so loved, that He gave His son

To lay down His life for the sake of us
He bore the weight of our sin and shame
With a cry He said, It is finished



Christ the Lord overcame the darkness
He's alive, death has been defeated
For He made us a way
By which we have been saved
He's the Savior of the world
So we lift up a shout for his fame and renown
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Jesus, Savior of the world

We must spread the word of His soon return
To reclaim the world for His glory
Let the church now sing of this coming King
Crowned with majesty, our Redeemer

And He reigns, ruler of the heavens
And His name is Jesus, the Messiah
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Introduction

Saying Sorry

You made us to be one family,
yet we have divided humanity.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.



You were born a Jew to reconcile all people,
yet we have brought disharmony amongst races.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You rejoice in our differences,
yet we make them a cause of enmity.

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

Here we are people of faith

Some with smiles others with fears at their face
Here we come ready to bring who we are



God is good
God is good to us
All through time
Every hour every minute
God is good
God is good

Here we are children of God
Family joining together as one
Here we come ready to sing who You are

Bridge

O praise Him for He is good
O praise Him for He is good
O praise Him for He is good
O praise Him for He is good
He is good

Bible Retelling

An edited account of the story of Genesis 25 to 33.



[At the end]

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



Talk & Table Activities (Jim Trood)

Offertory and Credal Song

We believe in God the Father,
a mighty God who never sleeps,
He delights to hear our laughter,
He consoles the child that weeps,
And He loves us like a mother,
And He sent us Christ our brother,
Above Him there is no other!



We believe in God our Father,
And in Christ who sets us free.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity.

We believe in Christ our Saviour,
God with us to show us love,
Died a shameful death to save us,
Now He sits enthroned above.
You can come to Him whenever,
His forgiveness failing never,
Our Great Shepherd, King forever!

We believe the Holy Spirit
Is our comforter and guide.
Though we walk in fearful darkness,
Still we have this light inside,
Joy, Love, Gentleness and Kindness,
Self-Control, Peace, Patience, Goodness,
Adding Faithfulness to all this!

Bridge

Our Father God who made us,
His Son who came down to save us,
The Spirit who sustains us,
The Holy Three in One.

Offertory Prayer



Prayers

[Response]

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.



Collect

Almighty God,

Who offers us reconciliation through Jesus,

May we be agents of peace so others may also be reconciled to each other and with 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.



Take Home & Song

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
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When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

Bible Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:17-21



¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

[At the end]

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Thanks be to God.

Peace

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Sung Blessing

The Lord bless you, and keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you
And give you peace



Chorus

Amen, Amen, Amen (*Repeat*)

Bridge 1 (repeat)

May his favour be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family, and your children
And their children, and their children

Bridge 2

May his presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you
All around you, and within you
He is with you, he is with you

Bridge 3

In the morning, in the evening
In your coming, and your going
In your weeping, and rejoicing
He is for you, he is for you

Blessing

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.

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Growing his kingdom; Serving Walsall***
