

**St Matthew's – Holy Communion**  
**10.45am Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Service Leader: Rev Jim Trood**

**Preacher: Gary Killeen**

**Theme: Sharing God's Story**

**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**

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

**Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

**O praise the name of the Lord!**

## Song

### Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name



Every blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

### *Bridge*

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

## Saying Sorry (Confession)

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.



**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.**

**Amen.**

### **Forgiveness (Absolution)**

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive us our sins,  
open our eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen us to do God's will  
and give us the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **All Together Talk**

## **Sung Worship**

**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 (x4)

He is good

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

## **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**

Eternal Lord,

our beginning and our end:

bring us with the whole creation

to your glory, hidden through past ages

and made known

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



**1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7 p.737 (Rita Chilton)**



**49** Listen to me, you islands;  
hear this, you distant nations:  
before I was born the LORD called me;  
from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me into a polished arrow  
and concealed me in his quiver.

<sup>3</sup> He said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will display my splendour.'

<sup>4</sup> But I said, 'I have laboured in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing at all.  
Yet what is due to me is in the LORD's hand,  
and my reward is with my God.'

<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says –  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant  
to bring Jacob back to him  
and gather Israel to himself,  
for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD  
and my God has been my strength –

<sup>6</sup> he says:  
'It is too small a thing for you to be my servant  
to restore the tribes of Jacob  
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.  
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

<sup>7</sup> This is what the LORD says –  
the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel –  
to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,  
to the servant of rulers:  
'Kings will see you and stand up,  
princes will see and bow down,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

*[at the end]*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Bible Reading: Acts 16:11-15 p.1112 (Sue Webster)**

<sup>11</sup> From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. <sup>12</sup> From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

<sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. <sup>15</sup> When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. 'If you consider me a believer in the Lord,' she said, 'come and stay at my house.' And she persuaded us.

*[at the end]*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon (Gary Killeen)**



## **Affirmation of Faith**

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

**We 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?

**We 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?

**We 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.**

**Amen.**

## **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.**

## **Offertory Song**

**Listen to the words of the risen Christ**

Peace be with you

Come and see my hands and the wound in my side

Peace be with you

With the eyes of faith are you ready to see

Peace be with you

Come with all your doubts for it's time to believe

Peace be with you

Peace be with you

Let the breath of God now fill me

Wholeness fullness life within me

Full forgiveness given freely

I receive as Jesus sends me



## **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.**



It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **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**

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

## **Invitation**

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
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**



**From the cross You made a table**  
Making room for all of us  
Though the feast is never-ending  
We will never know the cost

From Your hands You made a table  
With the nails that held You down  
By Your scars You built redemption  
We will never know the cost

We give thanks around the table  
The table of the Lord  
Where Your mercy's pouring freely  
And perfect love restores  
Oh, Your grace is overflowing  
It spills out on the floor  
There is so much more  
At the table of the Lord

From the grave You rose in power  
Now forever You will reign  
Highest King and humble servant  
Come and take Your rightful place  
Come and take Your rightful place

### *Bridge*

We're in awe of who You are  
We're in awe of what You've done  
We have to worship  
We have to worship

We're in awe we belong  
We're in awe of it all  
We have to worship  
We have to worship

## **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.

## **Prayer after Communion**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## **Song**

### **Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart**

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.



Be Thou my wisdom, Thou my true word  
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my vict'ry won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, what-ever be-fall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **Closing Words**

Hear the teaching of Jesus:  
'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.'  
Go now to do God's will;



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.**