

St Matthew's – Holy Communion

10.45am Sunday 19th 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



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

Children leave for their groups.



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

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.

1st Bible Reading:

- Isaiah 49:1-7 p.737



[at the end]

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

Bible Reading:

- Acts 16:11-15 p.1112



[at the end]

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon



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

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
- There is a redeemer

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**



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.**