

**St Matthew's – Morning Praise**  
**10.45am Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Service Leader & Preacher: Rev Jim Trood**

**Theme: Dealing with difficult people**

**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 & Banns**

**Opening Words**

God is spirit.

**Let us worship him in spirit  
and truth.**

The Lord is with us.

**Let us praise his name together.**

**Song**

**- We lift our voices to the Lord**



**Saying Sorry (Confession)**

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Forgiveness (Absolution)**

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son

and strengthen us

to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days.

**Amen.**



**All Together Song**

**- Blessed be the name of the Lord**



*[Children leave for their groups]*

**Song**

**- Listen to the words**



**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

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries  
of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our  
Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## The 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.**



## 1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading:

Matthew 18:15-17 p.985



*[At the end]*

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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading:

Luke 6:27-42 p.1034



*[At the end]*

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

## Sermon



## Sung Affirmation of Faith - We believe in God the Father



*[Prayer ministry is available]*

## Sung Offertory - Bless the Lord, O my soul



## Offering Prayer



## Blessing

Now may the blessing of God  
the Father,  
who made from one every nation that  
occupies the earth;

of God the Son who bought us for God  
from every tribe and language and  
people and nation;

and of God the Spirit who brings us  
together in unity,  
be with us and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**