

**St Matthew's – Morning Praise  
10.45am Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

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

**Theme: Jesus appears to his disciples 1: Thomas**

**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.

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## **Welcome & Notices**

### **Opening Words**

Hallelujah, Christ is risen  
**He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!**

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.  
**Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.**

## Song



**O Lord my God!** when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made.  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder.  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul,  
My saviour God to thee,  
How great thou art. How great thou art.  
*[Repeat chorus]*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
To take me home - what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.

## **Saying Sorry (Confession)**

Almighty God,  
long-suffering and of great goodness:  
I confess to you,  
I confess with my whole heart  
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,  
my wrongdoing, thinking, and speaking;  
the hurts I have done to others,  
and the good I have left undone.  
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;  
and raise me to newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## **Forgiveness (Absolution)**

God, the Father of mercies,  
has reconciled the world to himself  
through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
not counting our trespasses against us,  
but sending his Holy Spirit  
to shed abroad his love among us.  
By the ministry of reconciliation  
entrusted by Christ to his Church,  
receive his pardon and peace  
to stand before him in his strength alone,  
this day and evermore.  
Amen.



## **All Together Talk**

## All Together Song



Noah built the most enormous boat  
That kept the birds and animals afloat  
The Lord was good the Lord was strong  
And Noah lived his life for Him

Moses led his people through the sea  
Taking them away from slavery  
The Lord was good the Lord was strong  
And Moses lived his life for Him

Oh thank You oh thank You  
That all through history You were faithful  
Thank You oh thank You  
That You are just the same, when it comes to me,  
When it comes to me

David fought Goliath and he won  
A humble shepherd boy became a king  
The Lord was good the Lord was strong  
And David lived his life for Him

Daniel was inside a lion's den  
But God brought him to safety once again  
The Lord was good the Lord was strong  
And Daniel lived his life for Him

Oh thank You oh thank You  
That all through history You were faithful  
Thank You oh thank You  
That You are just the same, when it comes to me,  
When it comes to me

Jesus died to take away our sin  
So we could get to know our God again  
The Lord is good the Lord is strong  
And we will live our lives for Him

Oh thank You oh thank You  
That all through history You were faithful  
Thank You oh thank You  
That You are just the same, when it comes to me,  
When it comes to me

*[Children leave for their groups]*

## Song

**My hope is built on nothing less**  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.



Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord,  
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide his face  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in him be found.  
Dressed in his righteousness alone  
Faultless, I stand before the throne.

## Intercessions (Ben Butterfield)

*[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

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.  
**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.**



## **Song**

**All who are thirsty  
All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be wash'd away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep**

**Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Come, Lord Jesus, come**



**1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading: Acts 2.14a, 22–32 p.1093** (Diane Edlin)



<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

<sup>22</sup> ‘Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup> David said about him:

“I saw the Lord always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest in hope,

<sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
you will not let your holy one see decay.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.”

<sup>29</sup> ‘Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

*[At the end]*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading: John 20.19-end p.1090 (Alyson Green)



<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

*[At the end]*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Sermon** (Rev Jim Trood)

## **Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*[Prayer ministry is available in the side chapel]*

## Sung Offertory

I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
A sinner, condemned, unclean.



How marvellous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvellous! How wonderful!  
Is my Saviour's love for me!



He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden of Calvary,  
And suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me.

## Offering Prayer



## **Blessing**

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.  
**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.  
**Amen.**

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.**