

**St Matthew's – Morning Praise
10.45am Sunday 12th 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!



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



[Children leave for their groups]

Song

- My hope is built on nothing less



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

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



1st Bible Reading:

Acts 2.14a, 22–32 p.1093



[At the end]

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

2nd Bible Reading:

John 20.19-end p.1090



[At the end]

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

Sermon



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]

Sung Offertory
- I stand amazed



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.