

**St Matthew's – Morning Praise  
10.45am Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Theme: Jesus appears to his disciples 2:  
The Road to Emmaus – Who are you walking with?**

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**Preacher: Isabel Butterfield**

**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.

If you would like a translation or captions to help follow today's service in real-time, please scan this QR code and select English for live subtitles or choose your preferred language.



**Prayer ministry** will be available following Communion in the prayer chapel. If you are unable to get to the prayer chapel, please speak to a warden who will arrange for prayer ministers to come to you.

## **Welcome & Notices**

### **Opening Words**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you. Amen.**



### **Song**

**Come, now is the time to worship,**  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are, to worship,  
Come, just as you are, before your God.



One day every tongue will confess You are God,  
One day every knee will bow;  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now.

## **Saying Sorry (Confession)**

Brothers and sisters,  
as we prepare to celebrate,  
let us call to mind our sins.

*[Short silence]*



**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 wrong doing, 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)**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who in his great mercy  
has promised forgiveness of sins  
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith  
turn to him:  
have mercy on you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and bring you to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## **All Together Talk (Rev Jim)**

## All Together Song

**Father, you are king of heaven**

And greater than us all

Everything is in your hands

From huge right down to small

Sometimes I forget that I can't do things on my own

Please now help me pray to you

And trust in you alone



### *Chorus*

It's like an earthworm trying to do press-ups

Like a potato trying to swim

Like a mountain trying to brush its teeth

When we don't rely on him

When we pray we trust our Father

That's what Jesus said

So I'll stop trusting in myself

And pray to God instead

Father help me now to pray

And spend some time with you

Father you are always good

In all you say and do

Sometimes I forget that I can

Share what's on my mind

Please now help me pray to you

Knowing you are kind

*[Children leave for their groups]*

## **Intercessions** (Barbara Parker)

*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,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**



## Song

### **A thousand times I've failed**

Still Your mercy remains  
And should I stumble again  
Still I'm caught in Your grace  
Everlasting - Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending - Your glory goes beyond all fame

Your will above all else  
My purpose remains  
The art of losing myself  
In bringing You praise  
Everlasting - Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending - Your glory goes beyond all fame

In my heart in my soul  
Lord I give You control  
Consume me from the inside out Lord  
Let justice and praise  
Become my embrace  
To love You from the inside out

Everlasting  
Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending  
Your glory goes beyond all fame  
And the cry of my heart  
Is to bring You praise  
From the inside out  
Lord my soul cries out



**1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41** (Graham Hird)

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

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<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

*[at the end]*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35** (Emmanuel Kemakolam)



*[Please stand - The Gospel is announced]*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke chapter 24, verses 13 to 35.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

<sup>19</sup> “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they

recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

*[At the end]*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** (Isabel Butterfield)



## **The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Peace

Jesus said, "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."



The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## 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

## Offertory Prayer

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**



## 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.**



You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth,  
for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word,  
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image  
and placed us in the garden of your delight.  
Though we chose the path of rebellion  
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.  
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets  
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,  
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
evermore praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own,  
he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **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**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*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



**Amazing Grace**, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear  
And Grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love, Amazing Grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love, Amazing Grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

## **Prayer after Communion**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**



## **Song**

### **Before the throne of God above**

I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart



When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my God  
With Christ my Saviour and my God

## **Closing Words**

May God, who works miracles in our lives,  
fill you with his Spirit,  
and change you day by day to reflect his glory,  
until that day when you see him face to face.



**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**