

St Matthew's – Morning Praise
10.45am Sunday 19th April 2026

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

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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



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



[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

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



1st Bible Reading:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41



[at the end]

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

[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.

[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



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
- Amazing Grace**

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**

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.