

St Matthew's – Morning Praise
10.45am Sunday 26th April 2026

Service Leader: Rev Jim Trood

Preacher: Mr Jeremy Sargent

Theme: Distinctively Christian 1 - The person of Jesus

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

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Song

- Praise Him you heavens



Saying Sorry (Confession)

Christ came in humility to share our
lives:

forgive our pride.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.



Christ came with good news for all
people:

forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of
suffering:

forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgiveness (Absolution)

May the God of all healing
and forgiveness

draw us to himself

and cleanse us from all our sins,
that we may behold the glory of
his Son,

the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



All Together Talk

All Together Song

- Our God is a great big God



[Children leave for their groups]

Song

- My Jesus, my Saviour



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

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life
of righteousness,
that we may seek those things
which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
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

- Jesus Christ, I think upon
Your sacrifice



**1st Bible Reading: Hebrews 2:
14-18 p.1202**



[At the end]

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

**2nd Bible Reading: John 1:
1-14 p.1062**



[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

- There is a redeemer



Offering Prayer



Blessing

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the
form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for
our salvation:
give us the courage to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

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.