

St Matthew's – All Together Worship

10.45am Sunday 3rd May 2026

Theme: “God’s two way street”

Welcome to St Matthew's. Please join us for tea or coffee after this service. Today's service is an All Together service, which means the children will be in church for the whole service. The service will last about an hour. If those with children would like to sit near the front, there are table activities for during the talk for the younger children.

Please place any financial gifts in the bags which will be passed around during the 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.



Welcome, Notices & Banns

Opening Words

Why are we here?

We are here to worship God.

Why are we here?

We are here to hear from God.

Why are we here?

We are here to pray to God.

Songs

Great is Your faithfulness

Great is Your faithfulness
You never change You never fail O God



True are Your promises
True are Your promises
You never change You never fail O God

So we raise up holy hands
To praise the Holy One
Who was and is and is to come
Yeah we raise up holy hands
To praise the Holy One
Who was and is and is to come

Wide is Your love and grace
Wide is Your love and grace
You never change You never fail O God

Bridge

You were You are You will always be
You were You are You will always be

In my wrestling and in my doubts

In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea



In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise.
You will carry me safe to shore
(oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Bridge

Fire before us. You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms [x4]

Introduction

Saying Sorry (Confession)

Father God,
we are sorry for the times when we don't listen to your voice
and don't recognise your presence with us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.



Lord Jesus,
we are sorry for the times when we fail to trust you
and doubt your promises.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,
we are sorry for the times when we don't obey you
and go our own way.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God,
please forgive us.
Help us to listen, trust and obey. **Amen.**

Forgiveness (Absolution)

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Offering Song

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth,
Pouring out the oil of love as my worship to You.
In surrender I must give my every part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.



Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a king?
Saviour what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?
Oh my words could not tell, not even in part,
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.



You deserve my every breath, for You've paid the great cost -
Giving up Your life to death, even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin,
Opened up the gates of heaven and beckoned me in.

Bridge

What can I give, what can I bring,
What can I sing as an offering, O Lord?

Offering Prayer



Dramatized Bible Reading

- **Genesis 28:10-22 (ERV)**



At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Talk (Rev Jim)

Sung Affirmation of Faith

Our Father everlasting the all creating One

God Almighty

Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son

Jesus our Saviour



I believe in God our Father

I believe in Christ the Son

I believe in the Holy Spirit

Our God is three in one

I believe in the resurrection

That we will rise again

For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender suffered and crucified

Forgiveness is in You

Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life

Forever seated high

I believe in You

I believe You rose again

I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal

I believe in the virgin birth

I believe in the saints' communion

And in Your holy Church

I believe in the resurrection

When Jesus comes again

For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Prayer Activity

Response:

Lord, hear our prayer.

And help us to listen to you.



At the end:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers,

for the sake of your son,

our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Collect

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ

have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us

you put into our minds good desires,

so by your continual help

we may bring them to good effect;

through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,

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.



Response and Take Home



Response Song

I love You Lord

Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Blessing

**God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**



And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

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