

St Matthew's – Holy Communion

10.45am Sunday 20th September 2026

Reflections on Stewardship 2: The Shrewd Manager or Farsighted Wisdom?

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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 and Banns

Opening Words

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Let us bring our gifts to the Lord
that they may be used for his glory.
May the Spirit of God fill our hearts
as we come to meet him in this place.

Song

- Praise is rising



Saying Sorry (Confession)

As those who know the generosity of God, let us confess our sins, especially the ways in which we take his good gifts for granted.

Father, in all things you are generous towards us, yet we have sown sparingly;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you show us the way of humility, yet we have given reluctantly;
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.



Holy Spirit, you show us the gift of grace, yet we have loved grudgingly;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgiveness (Absolution)

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All Together Talk

Sung Worship

- My lighthouse



[Children leave for their groups]

- You chose the cross

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

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1st Bible Reading:



- 1 Timothy 6:6–10, 17–19 p.1194

[at the end]

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Reading:

- Luke 16:1-13 p.1049

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[at the end]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



Nicene 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.

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.



Offertory Song

- I will offer up my life



Offertory Prayer

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.



Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.
Amen.

Communion is distributed.

Please note – dipping the wafer in the wine is not allowed.

Prayer ministry is available.

Songs during Communion

- **I my life Lord**
- **Spirit of the living God**
- **Thank you for saving me**



Prayer after Communion

Loving and righteous God, here at your table we have tasted your goodness and generosity which exceeds all that we can desire or deserve; liberate us from all jealousy and greed, that we may respond cheerfully by offering ourselves, and love and serve others to witness to your glory, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song

- **All my days**



Closing Words

The God of hope fill us with every blessing, that we may share in every good work; 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.