

# **St Matthew's – Morning Praise**

## **10.45am Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

**Service Leader: Alyson Green**

**Preacher: Rev Jim Trood**

**Theme: Reflections on Stewardship 3: Faith and Duty**

**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 and Notices**

#### **Opening Words**

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**



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



**Come let us worship** our King  
Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done  
See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things  
He has done great things

### *Chorus*

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm  
You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is yes and amen  
You will do great things  
God You do great things

### *Bridge*

Hallelujah God above it all  
Hallelujah God unshakable  
Hallelujah You have done great things

### *[Repeat]*

You've done great things

### *Ending*

You have done great things  
O God You do great things

## **Saying Sorry (Confession)**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled against him.

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.



**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.**

**We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.**

**For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

## **Forgiveness (Absolution)**

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**Amen.**



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

## Sung Worship



**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]*

**How great the chasm** that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope



Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Saviour, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

### *Chorus*

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope  
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Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
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Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!  
Oh God You are my living hope

## **Intercessions** (Ben Butterfield)

*[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**

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our 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.**



## Song



**Speak O Lord** as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfil in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

## **1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading: James 2:14-19, 26** (Millie Barkley)



<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.'

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.

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<sup>26</sup> As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead

*[At the end]*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading: Luke 17:5-10** (Sue Webster)



<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

<sup>6</sup> He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? <sup>8</sup> Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

*[At the end]*

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## **Apostles Creed**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*[Prayer ministry is available in the side chapel]*

## Offertory Song

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,**  
O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.



The sun comes up it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come;  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

## Offering Prayer

### Blessing

Lord God,  
you hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.  
Let the design of your great love  
shine on the waste of our anger and sorrow,  
and give peace to your Church,  
peace among nations,  
peace in our homes,  
and peace in our hearts,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**

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