

St Matthew's – Morning Praise

10.45am Sunday 27th 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



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

[Children leave for their groups]

- How great the chasm



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

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



1st Bible Reading: **James 2:14-19, 26**



[At the end]

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

2nd Bible Reading: Luke 17:5-10

[At the end]

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



Sermon



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]



Offertory Song

- Bless the Lord, O my soul

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.