St Matthew's – Holy Communion
10.45am Sunday 15th November 2026

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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

Opening Words



Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.
and also with you.

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.

Saying Sorry (Confession)



The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Forgiveness (Absolution)



May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All Together Talk (Rev Jim)

Sung Worship



Chorus
Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
And He holds us in His hands

He is higher than a skyscraper
He's deeper than a submarine
He is wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams
And He's known me
and He's loved me
Since before the world began
How wonderful to be a part
of God's amazing plan

[Children leave for their groups]

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



Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



1st Bible Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 p.691 (Millie Barkley)

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted,
seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. [2] Above him
were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their
faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.
[3]And they were calling to one another:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

[4] At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and
the temple was filled with smoke.

[5] 'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and
I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King,
the Lord Almighty.'

[6] Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which
he had taken with tongs from the altar. [7] With it he touched my mouth and
said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your
sin atoned for.'

[8] Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who
will go for us?'

And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'

[at the end]
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 1:35-51 p.1064 (Joan Cartridge)



At the beginning

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he
saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!'

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.
38 Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you
want?'

They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?'

39 'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.'

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with
him. It was about four in the afternoon.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what
John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did
was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah'
(that is, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be
called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter).

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said
to him, 'Follow me.'

44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip
found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote
about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of
Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'

46 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked.
'Come and see,' said Philip.

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, 'Here truly is
an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.'

48 'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, 'I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before
Philip called you.'

49 Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the
king of Israel.'

50 Jesus said, ‘You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree.
You will see greater things than that.’ 51 He then added, ‘Very truly I tell
you, you will see “heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and
descending on” the Son of Man.’

[at the end]
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sung Worship

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom,
shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout heaven’s eternal days.



On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God’s mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heaven’s peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

Sermon (Rev Canon Nick Smeeton)



Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
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









You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus
(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Bridge
Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

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, our duty and our joy,
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost, restores the sinner
and gives dignity to the despised.
In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your 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.

Christ is the bread of life:
When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

The Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Communion is distributed.

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

Prayer ministry is available.

Songs during Communion



Listen to the words
Of the risen Christ
Peace be with you
Come and see my hands
And the wound in my side
Peace be with you
With the eyes of faith
Are you ready to see
Peace be with you
Come with all your doubts
For it's time to believe
Peace be with you
Peace be with you

Chorus
Let the breath of God now fill me
Wholeness fullness life within me
Full forgiveness given freely
I receive as Jesus sends me



I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! How wonderful!
Is my Saviour's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden of Calvary,
And suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.

Prayer after Communion



Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Song



Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, Thou my true word
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my vict’ry won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, what-ever be-fall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Closing Words



The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
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.