



**Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield**  
*Loved as you are*

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
**Passion Sunday**



*Everyone is welcome at St Margaret's.*

**THE GATHERING**

*As we gather before the service, we speak to God.  
During the service, we let God speak to us.  
After the service, we speak to each other.*

*We stand and sing at the entrance of the clergy*

**Processional Hymn**

**The royal banners forward go,  
The cross shines forth in mystic glow;  
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,  
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.**

**There whilst he hung, his sacred side  
By soldier's spear was opened wide,  
To cleanse us in that precious flood,  
Where mingled water flowed, and blood.**

**Fulfilled is all that David told  
In true prophetic song of old,  
Amidst the nations, God, saith he,  
Hath reigned and triumphed from the tree.**

**O tree of beauty, tree most fair,  
Ordained those holy limbs to bear,  
How bright in purple robe it stood,  
The purple of a Saviour's blood!**

**Upon its arms, like balance true,  
He weighed the price for sinners due,  
The price which none but he could pay,  
And spoiled the spoiler of his prey.**

**To thee, eternal Three in One,  
Let homage meet by all be done:  
Whom by the cross thou dost restore,  
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.**

Words: Venantius Fortunatus (530 – 609) translated by John Mason Neale (1818 – 1866)

Tune GONFALON ROYAL Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947)

### **THE GREETING**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

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

### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

### **MEDITATION**

*ending with this prayer*

**Loving God, we open our hearts to you. We invite you into our inmost  
being, only to find you already there. Strengthen us in our quiet places  
and then lead us into the work of justice and peace. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*The priest introduces the prayer ending with*  
Let us confess our sins.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

*The priest offers absolution at the end please respond*  
**Amen.**

## THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

## THE COLLECT

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words, 'Let us pray.'*  
*The Collect is said, and all respond, Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please sit for the readings*

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 43:16-21

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

Philippians 3:4b - 14

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

### ***The Gospel Reading***

John 12:1-8

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please remain standing until the preacher has introduced the Sermon*

## THE SERMON

*We stand*

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
From there he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each petition the following response is used:*

Lord of Lent,  
**renew us by your Spirit**

*and at the end of the prayers:*

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*We stand to share the peace.*

### **The Peace**

*The priest introduces the Peace*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.  
*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.*

### **The Presentation of the Gifts**

*During the Offertory hymn the bread and wine and the collection are brought to the altar and the altar is prepared.*

**My song is love unknown—  
my Saviour's love to me;  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**He came from His blest throne  
salvation to bestow;  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed for Christ would know.  
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed,  
who at my need His life did spend!**

Sometimes they strew His way,  
and His sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
and for His death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run;  
He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
themselves displease,  
and 'gainst Him rise.

They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away.  
A murderer they save;  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He to suff'ring goes,  
that He His foes from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was His home;  
but mine the tomb wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing—  
no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like Thine.

**This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.**

Words: Samuel Crossman (1664)

Tue: LOVE UNKNOWN John Ireland (1879- 1962)

*At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts please respond*

**Blessed be God forever**

*We sit or stand*

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

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.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts and at the end we say,*

**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**

*The priest continues with the prayer which recalls the Last Supper, after the elevation the priest says, 'Great is the mystery of Faith'*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**



*The prayer continues and concludes with the doxology where we respond,*  
**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.**

### ***The Breaking of the Bread***

*The Priest breaks the consecrated 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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## ***The Giving of 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.**

*The priest invites everyone to come to Communion or for a blessing*

*Please sit and wait to be directed for Communion.*

During the distribution of Communion

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The Priest prays the post-communion prayer followed by*

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Please stand*

*The priest gives the blessing*  
**Amen.**

We go into the world to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love,  
and to reflect God's glory.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:**

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name***

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:**

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name***

**Let every race and every language tell  
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:**

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name***

**From farthest regions let them homage bring,  
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:**

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name***

**Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:**

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name***

**For thy blest cross which doth for all atone  
creation's praises rise before thy throne:**

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name***

GEORGE WILLIAM KITCHIN (1827–1912) and MICHAEL ROBERT NEWBOLT (1874–1956)

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**Notices**

**Service next Sunday:**  
*Palm Sunday*

**FiiSH (9.30)  
Parish Communion (11am)  
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