



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



Sunday 28th April 2024
 Easter 5

Everyone is welcome to St Margaret's. In this service of the Eucharist we remember with thanksgiving the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and his self-giving for the sins of the whole world. As the bread and wine are offered, symbols of that self-giving, so we offer ourselves to God and receive at communion the life of Christ. So nourished, we are enabled to go out into the world to live in the service of God.

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.

THE GATHERING

As we gather together

Chorale Prelude: 'Christus, der ist mein Leben' *Max Reger 1873-1916*
 Christ, He is my Life

Processional Hymn

**God is love: his the care, tending each, everywhere.
 God is love, all is there! Jesus came to show him,
 That we all might know him!
 Sing aloud, loud, loud! Sing aloud, loud, loud!
 God is good! God is truth! God is beauty! Praise him!**

**None can see God above; humankind we can love;
 Thus may we Godward move, finding him in others,
 Sisters all and brothers:
 Sing aloud, loud, loud! Sing aloud, loud, loud!
 God is good! God is truth! God is beauty! Praise him!**

**Jesus shared all our pain: strove and died, rose again,
 Rules our hearts now as then, for he came to save us
 By the truth he gave us.
 Sing aloud, loud, loud! Sing aloud, loud, loud!
 God is good! God is truth! God is beauty! Praise him!**

**To our Lord praise we sing, light and life, friend and King,
 Coming down love to bring, pattern for our duty,
 Showing God in beauty.
 Sing aloud, loud, loud! Sing aloud, loud, loud!
 God is good! God is truth! God is beauty! Praise him!**

Words: Percy DREAMER 1867-1936 Music: Piae Cantiones 1582 arr. Gustav HOLST 1874-1934

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.

Alleluia – Christ is risen
He is risen indeed – Alleluia!

WORDS OF WELCOME

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

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest offers the prayer of absolution and we respond,
Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those who love him well; on the earth let all his people speak his grace, his wonders tell. Lord, we praise you for your glory, Mighty Father, heaven's king; hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.	Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sins away, now with him in triumph seated for your mercy, Lord we pray. Jesus Christ, most high and holy, Saviour, you are God alone in the glory of the Father with the Spirit: Three in One!
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Words: Michael Perry b. 1942

Music: Adapted from 9th Symphony, Ludwig van Beethoven 1770-1827

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

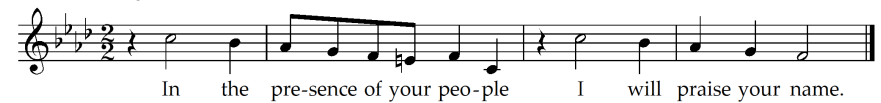
First Reading

Acts 8.26-40

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm Response



*From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!*

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
All the families of nations shall bow before God.
For dominion belongs to the Lord,
Who rules the nations.*

*Indeed all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
All who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.*

*Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
Who they shall proclaim to generations yet to come.
They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
Saying to them, 'The Lord has acted!'*

Second Reading

1 John 4.7-21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Chorale: 'Resurrexit Sicut Dixit, Alleluia' IV *Stephen C Horsman b. 1961*

The Gospel Reading

John 15.1-8

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

**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, 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

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

Please stand

The Peace

The priest introduces the sign of 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.*

**Bread is Blessed and Broken, wine is blessed and poured:
Take this and remember Christ the Lord.**

**Share the food of heaven earth cannot afford.
Here is grace in essence Christ the Lord.**

**Know yourself forgiven, find yourself restored,
Meet a friend for ever – Christ the Lord.**

**God has kept his promise sealed by sign and word:
Here, for those who want him – Christ the Lord.**

Words: John I Bell b. 1949 Music: John L Bell & Graham Maule b. 1958

At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts we 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 sing

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, —
10
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry; ho - san - na
17
in the high est. Blessed is he who comes in the name
26
of the Lord Ho - san - na in the high est.

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 ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

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

A - - - - - men.

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 a - way the sins____
6 of the world, have mer - cy on us.
12 Lamb of God you take a - way the
16 sins____ 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.**

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, feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Please sit and wait to be directed for Communion.

During the distribution of Communion:

Liebster Jesu, Wir sind hier BWV 730 *Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

Dear Jesus, we are here

Reflection

Adoramus Te Domine, We adore you, O Lord

Words: Taizé Community Music: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Priest prays the post-communion prayer followed by

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.

NOTICES

THE BLESSING

Please stand

The priest gives the blessing
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Final Hymn

**Immortal, Invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Words based on 1 Tim 1:17: Walter Chalmers Smith 1825-1908

Music: Melody from 'Caniadu y Cyssegr' 1839 John Roberts 1822-1877

Postlude

Preludium et Fuga BWV 558 *Johann Sebastian Bach 1675-1750*

Whilst the actual authorship of this prelude and fuga is disputed some have suggested it was composed by one of Bach's many students, the conventional formulaic cadences and simple one-bar sequences over a basso continuo show a composer creating a series of samples. The subject of the fuga is of three separate motifs and it has been suggested that the penultimate bar was inspired by Bach, if not written by him.

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Service next Sunday:	Parish Communion (9.30 am)
<i>Easter 6</i>	Sunday Celebration (11.00 am)
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