

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



Sunday 26th January 2025 Epiphany 3

Everyone is welcome to St Margaret's

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

Processional Hymn

Ye that know the Lord is gracious, ye for whom a corner-stone stands, of God elect and precious, laid that ye may build thereon, see that on that sure foundation ye a living temple raise, towers that may tell forth salvation, walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones, by God appointed each to his allotted place, kings and priests, by God anointed, shall ye not declare his grace? Ye, a royal generation, tell the tidings of your birth, tidings of a new creation to an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of him who called you out of darkness into light, broke the fetters that enthralled you, gave you freedom, peace and sight:

tell the tale of sins forgiven, strength renewed and hope restored, till the earth, in tune with heaven, praise and magnify the Lord.

Words: CYRIL ARGENTINE ALINGTON (1872–1955)
Tune: HYFRYDOL Melody by ROWLAND HUW PRICHARD (1811-1887) harmonised by Compilers of The English Hymnal 1906

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

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.

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 absolution at the end please respond....

Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **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

Please 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, holy, 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

The Peace

Please stand

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.

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

During the Preparation of the Table

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free: his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive, the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Saviour come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim and spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.

CHARLES WESLEY (1707–1788)
Music: RICHMOND Melody by THOMAS HAWEIS (1733-1820)
harmonised by SAMUEL WEBBE , the elder (1740-1816)

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 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.

(Said)

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.

The kingdom of God is justice and joy, for Jesus restores what sin would destroy; God's power and glory in Jesus we know, and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace, the captives are freed, the sinners find place, the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share, and hope is awakened instead of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice, believe the good news, repent and rejoice! His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross, our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole; the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call, and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

BRYN REES (1911-1983)*

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

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

Final Hymn

The people that in darkness sat a glorious light have seen; the light has shined on them who long in shades of death have been.

To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness, the gathering nations come; they joy as when the reapers bear their harvest treasures home. For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and on his shoulder ever rests all power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the everlasting Lord, the Wonderful, the Counsellor, the God by all adored.

His righteous government and power shall over all extend; on judgement and on justice based, his reign shall have no end.

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, and make us thine alone, who with the Father ever art and Holy Spirit One.

Scottish Paraphrases, 1781 JOHN MORRISON (1750–1798)* based on Isaiah 9.2-7

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Service next Sunday: *Presentation of Christ*

Sunday Celebration (9.30 am) Parish Communion (11.00 am)

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