



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



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

*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**

**Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled:**

**Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
prowling beasts about thy way;  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.**

**Shall not we thy sorrows share,  
and from earthly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
glad with thee to suffer pain?**

**And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint nor fail.**

**So shall we have peace divine;  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.**

**Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.**

GEORGE HUNT SMYTTAN (1822–1870)

and FRANCIS POTT (1832–1909)

Music: AUS DER TIEFE possibly by MARTIN HERBST (1654-1681) Melody by 'M.H.' in Nurnbergisches Gesangbuch, 1676

## **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, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us  
strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives.  
Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put  
our trust in you. **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**

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*Romans 10:8b-13*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

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

*Luke 4:1-13*

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

*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.**

**Father of heaven, whose love profound  
a ransom for our souls hath found,  
before thy throne we sinners bend,  
to us thy pardoning love extend.**

**Almighty Son, incarnate Word,  
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,  
before thy throne we sinners bend,  
to us thy saving grace extend.**

**Eternal Spirit, by whose breath  
the soul is raised from sin and death,  
before thy throne we sinners bend,  
to us thy quickening power extend.**

**Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son;  
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,  
before thy throne we sinners bend,  
grace, pardon, life to us extend.**

EDWARD COOPER (1770–1833)

Music: RIEVAULX. JOHN BACCHUS DYKES (1823-1876)

*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 music will be played**

**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**

**O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.**

Words: JOHN ERNEST BODE (1816–1874)

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## Notices

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**Service next Sunday:**  
*Second Sunday of Lent*

**Parish Communion (11am)**  
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