

# St Matthew's Westminster



## The Sunday Mass

The Baptism  
of Christ  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021



A warm welcome to our church, particularly if you are here for the first time. Founded in 1851, St Matthew's has always been rooted in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England with worship at its centre, forming a faith that is worked out in daily life. We are an open and inclusive church, where all are welcome.

Please ensure mobile telephones are switched off for the duration of the service.

For those who are hard of hearing the church has an inductive loop system. Please set your hearing aid to the *T* position during the liturgy.

Gluten free hosts are available for those who are gluten intolerant. Please ask for this before the service begins.

If you are new to St Matthew's and would like to know more about our life, please see our website [www.stmw.org](http://www.stmw.org).

During the current period, Communion will continue to be in one kind i.e. just in bread form. It has always been the Church teaching the Communion is fully valid even in only one form, and we look forward to be able to extend the chalice to all once again.

**You are required to wear a face mask or covering for the duration of your time with us (removing your covering only to receive Holy Communion) and you are asked to cooperate with social distancing.**

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# THE GATHERING

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## **Mass Setting**

Mass in G

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

## **Organ Prelude**

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

J.S Bach (1685-1750)

*When the bell rings, please stand for the entry of servers and clergy.  
As the hymn is sung, the Altar and the Book of The Gospels  
are blessed with incense.*

## **Processional**

And the Glory of the Lord

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together:  
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (Isaiah 40. 5)*

*George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)*

## The Greeting

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

*Priest*     The Lord be with you

*All*         **and also with you.**

*The priest introduces the Mass, and invites the congregation to seek the grace and mercy of God, as we celebrate the mystery of redemption.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*to prepare ourselves to celebrate the holy mysteries,  
we acknowledge our need of God's grace and forgiveness.*

*Priest*     **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
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 pronounces Absolution.*

**Gloria in Excelsis Deo** *(please sit)*

*Please stand for*

**The Collect**

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**First Reading** Genesis 1. 1-5

*at the end of the readings -*

*Reader* The word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** They Brought Little Children

*Martin How (b 1931)*

*They bought little children for Jesus to touch.*

*The disciples rebuked them,*

*but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them:*

*Let the little children come to me:*

*Forbid them not, for the kingdom of God*

*belongs to such as these.*

*Whosoever does not accept*

*the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.*

*And he laid his hands upon them, and blest them.*

**Second Reading** Acts 19. 1-7

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia. **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

A hallowed day has dawned upon us:

Today the light of God shines upon the world

with healing for the nations.

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**The Holy Gospel** St Mark 1. 4-11

*when the Gospel is announced - Glory to you, O Lord.*

*at the end of the reading - Praise to you, O Christ.*

**The Nicene Creed** *(please stand)*

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.

**The Prayers of The People** *(please remain standing)*

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# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
*All*        **and also with you.**  
*Priest*    Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Offertory Hymn *(please sit)*

*Once prepared, the Altar, with the gifts of bread and wine upon it, is blessed with incense. The clergy & congregation are also censed. Please stand for the censuring, and sit for the remainder of the Offertory hymn.*

*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!*

*Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.*

*Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.*

*These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
He will accept for the name that is dear;  
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.*

*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!*

*Words: J.S.B. Monsell, (1811-75)*

*Music: Was lebet (CP 89), Melody from the Rheinhardt MS 1754*

**Orate Fratres** *(Please stand)*

*Priest* Pray, my brothers and sisters,  
that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

*All* **May the Lord accept the sacrifice we offer,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

*The priest says a prayer over the elements of bread and wine.*

**The Eucharistic Prayer** *(please stand)*

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.**

*We celebrate the work of God in creating,  
restoring and bringing to completion all that is his.*

**Sanctus & Benedictus** *Mass in G, Franz Schubert*

*We recall Jesus' institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

*We recall the work of Christ, and pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
praying as members of the Church for our whole life and mission.*

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## Breaking of The Bread

*The consecrated bread is broken in silence before it is shared.  
We who are many are one, for we all share in the one bread.*

## Holy Communion

*The Celebrant invites the congregation to receive Communion, and all respond*

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Members of other churches who receive Holy Communion are welcome to do so at this service. If for any reason you do not wish to receive Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

**Agnus Dei**                      *Mass in G, Franz Schubert*

*After Communion there is a time of silent prayer, which is followed by*  
**The Postcommunion Prayer** *(please stand).*

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## THE DISMISSAL

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### The Blessing

*Priest* The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

*The Celebrant pronounces God's blessing, which is followed by the Dismissal -*

*Priest* The Mass is ended. Go in the peace of Christ.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Liturgy concludes with the singing of the Angelus, which recalls the centrality of the Incarnation as we are sent out to live the faith we have proclaimed.*

### The Angelus

*Priest* The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.  
*All* **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*Priest* Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.  
*All* **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

*Hail Mary ...*

*Priest* And the word was made flesh.  
*All* **And dwelt among us.**

*Hail Mary ...*

*Priest* Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God:  
*All* **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

*Priest* Almighty God, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✕ Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Organ Postlude  
Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam  
J.S Bach (1685-1750)

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