

St Matthew's Westminster



The Sunday Mass

The Second Sunday
of Epiphany

January 16th, 2022



Welcome! It is a privilege to welcome visitors and regular worshippers to St Matthew's, and it is our duty to be concerned for the safety of everyone.

During this time of heightened concern about possible infection, only the consecrated bread will be offered to the congregation at Mass. The Church teaches that Christ is fully present in each of the elements, and that receiving the Sacred Host alone constitutes a full Communion.

Hymn singing has now resumed in church, but if you are uncomfortable with that please sit in St Michael's Chapel, which is reserved for those wishing to maintain greater distance. Masks are no longer required, however please feel free to continue wearing one if you wish.

We are currently maintaining the practice of sharing the Peace with one another by offering a gesture of peace rather than the traditional handshake.

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 speak to one of the clergy.

The Mass is at the heart of our life together and the place where we encounter Christ in word and sacrament. Before the service begins we keep a time of silence, preparing quietly for the service.



Mass Setting

Mass in C

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Organ Prelude

Prelude in G

William Harris (1883-1973)

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

Introit Hymn

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 that 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 in place 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.

Words: Bryan Rees 1911-1983

Music: Hanover (CP 591) A Supplement to the New Version 1708

INTRODUCTORY RITE

The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The priest welcomes the people.

Prayers of Penitence

**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

The Collect of The Day

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 62. 1-5

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed *Forsaken*, and your land shall no more be termed *Desolate*; but you shall be called *My Delight Is in Her*, and your land *Married*; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36. 5-10

Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens, and thy faithfulness unto the clouds. Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains. thy judgements are like the great deep. Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; How excellent is thy mercy, O God, and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house, and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

For with thee is the well of life and in thy light shall we see light. O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12. 1-11

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Hail, thou Source of every blessing,
Sovereign Father of mankind!
Gentiles now, thy grace possessing,
In thy courts admission find.

Now revealed to eastern sages,
See the Star of mercy shine,
Mystery hid in former ages,
Mystery great of love divine.

Once, far off, but now invited,
We approach thy sacred throne;
In thy covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.

Hail, thou universal Saviour!
Gentiles now their offerings bring,
In thy temple seek thy favour,
Jesu Christ, our Lord and King.

Words: Basil Wood (1760-1831)

Music: Redhead (NEH 51), Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

The Acclamation of The Gospel (*stand*)

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

St John 2. 1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of The Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

**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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

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

We are invited to exchange a gesture of peace with our neighbour.

Offertory Hymn

During the hymn the Altar is prepared. Once prepared, the Altar, with the gifts of bread and wine upon it, is blessed with incense. The clergy & congregation are also censed.

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west wherever feet have trod,
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.'

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase
The love of God in all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world;
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

Words: A C Ainger (1841-1919)

Music: Benson (CP 444), Millicent Kingham (1866-94)

Orate Fratres

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 gifts of bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

... for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Priest Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died;**

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

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

A short time of silence is kept at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

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.**

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.**

A note for visitors - anyone who receives Holy Communion at their own church is 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.

At this point those joining us online are invited to make an Act of Spiritual Reception, saying the words of this prayer.

*My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things,
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul so that
I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.*

Prayer of St Alphonsus

Agnus Dei

Anthem The Three Kings
Peter Cornelius (1824-1874)

The Postcommunion Prayer

Announcements

Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper room of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

Words: F W Faber (1814-1863)
Music: Corvedale (CP 598), Maurice Bevan b 1921

THE DISMISSAL

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

the priest pronounces God's Blessing, which is followed by the Dismissal.

The Mass is ended. Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

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.

Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary ...

And the word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary ...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God:

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Collect

Organ Postlude

Rondo (from Abdelezar)

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS AT STMW

Monday January 17th *St Antony of Egypt, Ab*
12.30 Low Mass

Tuesday January 18th *The Confession of St Peter*
18.30 Plainsong Evensong

Wednesday January 19th *St Wulfstan, Bp*
12.30 Low Mass
18.30 Choral Evensong
Speaker: Fr Jonathan Aitken
Purcell in G minor, There a star from Jacob come forth (Mendelssohn)

Friday January 21st *St Agnes, Martyr*
12.30 Low Mass

Sunday January 23rd *Epiphany 3*
09.00 Low Mass
11.00 Solemn Mass
Preacher: Ted Smyth
Jackson in G, Brightest and best (S.S.Wesley),
Here is the little door (Howells)

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

After a two year break our annual visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk resumes this year, and it will be a *Pilgrimage of Thanksgiving*. The weekend captures the key elements of pilgrimage – spiritual encounter, prayer, healing and good fun. Note the dates now-May 6 – 8. For those who haven't been, it is a wonderful experience. Ask one of the clergy for more information.

Weekly Newsletter

If you would like to receive our E-Newsletter, which is sent out on Friday each week, please sign up via the website or give your name to Daniel.

Clergy

The clergy are available for the hearing of confessions and conversations about matters of faith and belief. If you would like to see a priest, in confidence, please ask one of them at the end of a service or email clergy@stmw.org.

Oremus

Our Oremus list is currently being refreshed. If you have someone you would like us to remember in prayer at Mass please email the details to the office, indicating whether the concerns are immediate or long term.

Sanctuary Light

If you would like to sponsor the light for a particular week in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, please contact the office. The name or intention will be included in the *Prayers of The People* if so desired. An optional donation of £10 is invited for each week's candle.

Lectionary & Kalendar

Copies of the current lectionary, the pattern of daily readings and intentions for prayer that we use here at St Matthew's, are now available. Also available are copies of our annual Kalendar, listing all the feast days and Sundays of the liturgical year.

Operations Director

Jon Siddall, who has contributed much to the life of our church over the past two years, stepped down from his post as Operations Director at the end of last year. Fr Peter Bradley has very generously offered to give freely of his time to take on Jon's role on an interim basis. We are hugely grateful to Jon and Fr Peter for their contribution to our common life at St Matthew's.

Giving to St Matthew's

Like virtually all other bodies, the church has taken a massive financial hit in the past year. Our current income at St Matthew's is considerably below what we need to run the church, and we pray that this will change in due course. We are inviting all members of the church to prayerfully consider increasing their giving on whatever way is most convenient for you.

We greatly welcome donations to support the life and ministry of St Matthew's.

Donations may be made by:

- ❖ Using the contactless machine located in the Narthex as you enter or exit the church.
- ❖ Scanning the QR code below with your mobile phone (providing payment card details).
- ❖ Placing cash or a cheque in the collection plate.

Please consider making a Gift Aid declaration, if eligible, so that we are able to reclaim the tax and increase the value of your donation by 25%. For contactless and mobile giving you will automatically be offered this option. For cash and cheque donations please complete a white Gift Aid envelope.

If you would like to make a regular donation the best way to do this is to set up a standing order with your bank and, where applicable, complete a Gift Aid declaration. We will be glad to give you have the church's bank account details for this purpose and a Gift Aid form.

Thank you for your support of St Matthew's.



Additionally there is another way you can financially support the life of St Matthew's at no cost to you! St Matthew's is part of the Giving Machine, a fundraising site that raises donations for charities whenever you shop online. Sign up at www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/st-matthews-westminster and whenever you shop at over 2,200 of your favourite retailers, including Waitrose, John Lewis, Sainsburys and M&S a small donation is made to St Matthew's at no cost to you (or us)!

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