

St Matthew's
Westminster



The Sunday Mass

23rd Sunday After Trinity

November 15th, 2020

Welcome to St Matthew's Westminster

During the current national lockdown churches are not allowed to offer public worship, however we are permitted to stream the Mass with necessary participants and without a congregation.

This means that many people who would have received Holy Communion each Sunday, and some of them every day, are not able to receive the comfort and benefits of the sacrament.

This is a huge loss. However, it is not the first time that the Church has been in such a position. Throughout Christian history some Christian people have found themselves isolated from the sacramental life of the Church for all sorts of reasons, and particularly in times of plague, famine and warfare.

At such times the Church has encouraged people to make what is called a Spiritual Communion. It is a way of uniting yourself with Jesus and entering into communion with him even though you are not able to receive the sacrament itself.



THE GATHERING

Mass Setting

Mass in F

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Organ Prelude

Larghetto in F sharp minor

S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)

Processional Hymn

Be thou my guardian and my guide
And hear me when I call;
Let not my slippery footsteps slide,
And hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
Around the path I tread;
O, save me from the snares of hell,
Thou quickener of the dead.

Words: Isaac Williams (1802-65)

Music: Abridge, Isaac Smith (d 1805)

And if I tempted am to sin,
And outward things are strong,
Do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
And save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,
And feel that I am frail;
That if the tempter cross my way,
Yet he may not prevail.

The Greeting

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

Priest Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ 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

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

The Collect of the Day

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
revive us from inaction,
restrain us from excess
and stir in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading Zephaniah 1. 7, 12-end

at the end of the readings –

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory.
The Lord declared his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in
the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp: sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms: O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world,
and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together
before the Lord: for he is come to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world: and the people with equity.

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Open our eyes to your truth, O Lord:
that we may know your mercy and love.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel St Matthew 25. 14-30
when the Gospel is announced - **Glory to you, O Lord.**
at the end of the reading - **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon Fr Philip Chester

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 EUCHARIST

The Peace

Priest Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles
peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you:
regard not our sins but the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Offertory Anthem

How lovely are thy dwellings
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897), from Ein Deutsches Requiem

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts.
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.
O blest are they that dwell within thy house,
they praise thy name evermore.

Psalm 84. 1-2, 4

The Altar is prepared. Once prepared, the Altar, with the gifts of bread and wine upon it, is blessed with incense. The clergy & participants are also censured.

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.**

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

... for ever praising you and saying:

Solo **Sanctus & Benedictus**

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

Priest Great is the mystery of faith:
All **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.*

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.**

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.*

Agnus Dei

Holy Communion

Priest Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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.**

Spiritual Communion

The prayer that follows draws on the story of the woman who comes to Jesus but only touches the hem of his garment. She still receives healing and blessing (See St Mark 5. 25-34). In a way, spiritual communion is like this. We are not able to receive the sacramental bread and wine. But in a spiritual communion we still come to Jesus and he still receives us.

Act of Spiritual Reception

O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son, I offer you praise and thanksgiving.

Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.

Communion Anthem

Ave verum corpus
William Byrd (1543-1623)

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine
vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine,
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born of the blessed Virgin,
which to redeem us suffered in anguish upon the cross:
from whose side, when pierced by the spear, there came forth both
water and blood: be to us at our last hour the source of consolation.
O sweet, O loving, thou Son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest 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 in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

THE DISMISSAL

The Blessing

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

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

All 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

Priest The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

All **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary ...

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.

Organ Postlude

Jubilate

William Mathias (1934-1992)

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