

St Matthew's Westminster



The Sunday Mass
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 6th, 2020



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.

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.

THE GATHERING



Mass Setting

Mass in G

Francis Jackson (b 1917)

Organ Prelude

Wachet auf!

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

Wake, O wake

Words: Tr F.C. Burkitt (1864-1935)

Music: Wachet Auf, Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

*Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling
The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying.
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright!
Alleluia!*

*The wedding song swells loud and strong:
Go forth and join the festal throng.*

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.**

Kyrie Eleison

The priest pronounces Absolution.

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40. 1-11

at the end of the readings –

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85

Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people: and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure: and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

Turn us then, O God our Saviour: and let thine anger cease from us.

Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever: and wilt thou stretch out thy

wrath from one generation to another?

Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation.

New Testament Reading 2 Peter 3. 8-15

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel St Mark 1. 1-8

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

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

The Sermon

Mthr Helena Bickley-Percival

Curate, St Stephen's Rochester Row

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)*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Peace

Priest In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

The congregation is invited to share a non-contact sign of peace

Offertory

Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Words: 1 Peter 1

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for evermore. Amen.

During the singing of the anthem 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 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 elements of bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer *(please stand)*

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**

to the setting by John Rutter (b 1945)

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

A note for visitors - anyone who receives Holy Communion at their own church is welcome to do so at this service. Please remain seated until a steward directs you forward.

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.**

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Communion Anthem

The truth from above
English traditional carol

The Postcommunion Prayers *(please stand)*.

Priest We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ
comes again we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

**Heavenly Father, your steadfast purpose
is the completion of all things in your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom,
live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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 Salve Regina, which recalls the centrality of the Incarnation as we are sent out to live the faith we have proclaimed.

Salve Regina

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiæ,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ,
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

*O, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children
of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us;
And after this our exile, show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

There will be a retiring collection for the life & ministry of St Matthew's.

Organ Postlude

Wachet auf!

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