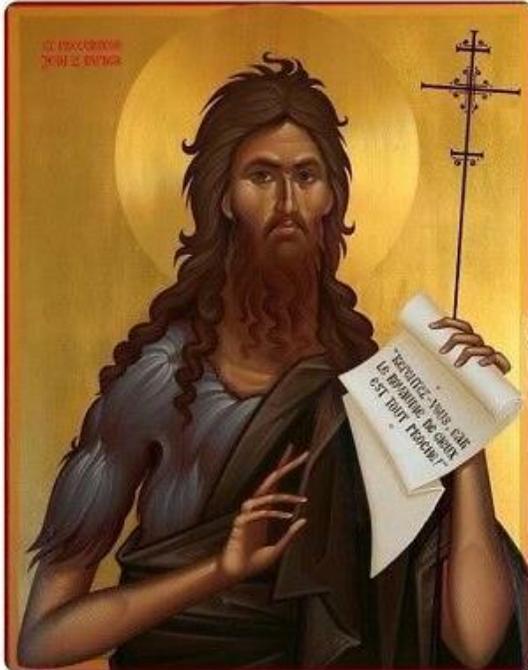


# St Matthew's Westminster



## The Sunday Mass

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 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](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

Riverside Mass

*Anthony Caesar (1924 – 2018)*

## Organ Prelude

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

*Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

*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

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Come then and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings from the King of kings.*

*Then cleansed be every Christian breast,  
And furnished for so great a guest!  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.*

*For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without thy grace our souls must fade,  
And wither like a flower decayed.*

*Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,  
And make us rise, to fall no more;  
Once more upon thy people shine,  
And fill the world with love divine.*

*All praise, eternal Son to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom with the Father, we adore,  
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.*

*Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749, tr John Chandler (1808-76*

*Music: Winchester New (CP 34), Adapted from Musiclisches Hand-Buch (1690)*

## 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

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

*at the end of the readings –*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 126**

*When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion: then were we like unto them that dream.*

*Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with joy.*

*Then said they among the heathen: The Lord hath done great things for them.*

*Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already: whereof we rejoice.*

*Turn our captivity, O Lord: as the rivers in the south.*

*They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy.*

*He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed:  
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.*

**New Testament Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24

### **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 John 1. 6-8, 19-28

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

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

The Sermon

The Revd Judith Brooks  
Curate, St Matthew's, Redhill

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

*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 gesture of peace*

## Offertory

This is the record of John  
*Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

*This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord.*

*Words: St John 1. 19-23*

*Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), Organist of Westminster Abbey (1623-25)*

*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**

*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

Ave Maria

*Gabriel Fauré (1845 – 1924)*

## 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

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# THE DISMISSAL

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## 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 -*

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

*All* **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.*

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### **Organ Postlude**

Toccata on Veni Emmanuel  
*Andrew Carter (b1939)*

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