St Mary's Church, Walkley



The Church on the Road:

Inclusive, Eucharistic, a safe place to be with God

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist 16th July 2023

Welcome to St Mary's Church, Walkley

President: The Revd Canon Dr Matthew Rhodes Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Matthew Rhodes

Churchwarden on duty: Vicky

The Gathering and Opening Hymn

We stand and we sing the opening hymn.

President In the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Greeting

President Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you.

All and also with you.

The Confession and Absolution

Minister St Paul says, 'Be imitators of God;

love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit;

put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.' So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ.

Ephesians 4.30-5.1

We keep a time of silence.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you

we nave sinned against you and against our neighbour

in thought and word and deed,

through negligence, through weakness,

through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry

and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

who died for us,

forgive us all that is past

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life

to the glory of your name.

Amen.

President May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

A/I Amen.

We remain standing and we sing.

The Gloria in Excelsis

All Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth, Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth,

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth, Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth,

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive, receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth, Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth,

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. In the glory of God the Father, Amen.

The Collect

President Let us pray.

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

We sit.

The Reading: Isaiah 55. 10 - 13

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

We stand and we sing.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 13. 1 - 9, 18 - 23

Minister Alleluia, alleluia.

Go out into the whole world

and make disciples of all the nations.

All Alleluia.

Matthew 28.19

Minister All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Minister All This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

The Sermon

The Creed

President Let us declare our faith in God,

All 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.

We sit or kneel.

The Prayers of Intercession

ΑII

Intercessor Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Or another response is used.

Intercessor Merciful Father,

ΑII

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

We stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

and also with you. ΑII

Minister Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

> We remain in our seats, sharing the peace through waves to those around us.

The Offertory Hymn

We stand and we sing as the altar is prepared.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

President Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President It is indeed right and good,

our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise

through your servant, Jesus Christ our Lord.

At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son.

Coming among us as one who serves,

he taught us that the greatest in your kingdom

are those who make themselves least and the servants of all.

Although he was their teacher and their Lord,

he washed the feet of his disciples and commanded us to do the same,

that we might reveal the power of your love,

made perfect in our human weakness.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and singing:

Cantor Holy Holy Holy Lord

All Holy Holy Holy Lord

Cantor God of power and God of might

All God of power and God of might

Cantor Heaven and earth are full of your glory

All Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Cantor Hosanna in the highest

All Hosanna in the highest

Cantor Blessed is he who comes

All Blessed is he who comes

Cantor In the name of the Lord most High

All In the name of the Lord most High

Cantor Hosanna
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President Accept our praises, heavenly Father,

through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,

and as we follow his example and obey his command,

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit

these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

In the same way, after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father,

we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross;

we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;

we look for the coming of your kingdom,

and with this bread and this cup

we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Minister Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Cantor Dying you destroyed our death

All Dying you destroyed our death

Cantor Rising you restored our life

All Rising you restored our life

Cantor Lord Jesus come

All Lord Jesus come

Cantor Lord Jesus come

Lord Jesus come

Lord Jesus come

Cantor Come again in glory

Come again in glory

President Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

We sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The Giving of Communion

President God's holy gifts

for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The president will give instructions on how to come forward for communion and on returning to our seats. All are welcome to come to front for the bread or a blessing. If you would like a blessing please keep your arms folded across your chest at you approach the front. Sanitising stations are available at the front of church to use before receiving.

During the distribution we sing and music is played.

The Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Merciful God,
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people to serve your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Notices

The Blessing

President God who has called you is faithful.

All Amen.

President May the Father, whose glory fills the heavens,

cleanse you by his holiness

and send you to proclaim his word.

All Amen.

President May Christ, who has ascended to the heights,

pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All Amen.

President May the Holy Spirit, the comforter,

equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

All Amen.

President And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Closing Hymn

We remain standing and we sing during which we turn to face the back of church as the ministers process.

The Dismissal

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Coffee and tea are served after the service please move to the hall through the door at the back of the church.

Please be mindful of those who prefer to keep their distance from others at the moment.

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