St Mary's Church, Walkley



The Church on the Road:

Inclusive, Eucharistic, a safe place to be with God

The Eight Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist 30th July 2023

Welcome to St Mary's Church, Walkley

President: The Revd Canon Dr Alan Billings

Preacher: Joe, Reader at St Mary's Churchwarden on duty: Alexandra

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 Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,

and I will give you rest.
God shows his love for us

in that while we were still sinners. Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him

by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

We keep a time of silence.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have 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.

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

We sit.

The Reading: 1 Kings 3. 5 - 12

Reader A reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

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. 31 - 33, 44 - 52

Minister Alleluia, alleluia.

In returning and rest you shall be saved;

in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

All Alleluia.

Isaiah 30.15

Minister All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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 incornate from the Hely Spirit and the Virgin Mary

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

Intercessor Hear us, Lord of life:

All heal us, and give us rest.

Or another response is used.

Intercessor Merciful Father,

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

Amen.

We stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and as a pledge of what is to come

has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,

for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death

with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,

unfolds for us your word,

and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host,

we proclaim your glory

and join their unending song of praise:

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 In the name of the Lord most High

Cantor Hosanna
All Hosanna
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Cantor Hosanna in the highest

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President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

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.

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

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Cantor Come again in glory

Come again in glory

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,

his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,

and looking for his coming in glory,

we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,

we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Mary, Mark, John and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All 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.

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

All Amen.

All God our guide,
you have fed us with bread from heaven
as you fed your people Israel.
May we who have been spiritually nourished
be ready to follow you all our days;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Notices

The Blessing

President May God the holy and undivided Trinity preserve us in body, mind and spirit, and bring us safe to that heavenly country where peace and harmony reign; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us 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.

For more information: <u>stmaryswalkley.co.uk</u>

