

St Mary's Church, Walkley



The Church on the Road:
Inclusive, Eucharistic, a safe place to be with God

The Second Sunday before Advent

Eucharist

19th November 2023

Welcome to St Mary's Church, Walkley

President: The Revd Alison Wragg

Preacher: The Revd Alison Wragg

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 Christ calls us to share in the heavenly food of his love
with all the saints in earth and heaven.
Knowing we have sometimes done wrong,
we ask him for forgiveness.

We keep a time of silence.

Minister We confess to you our failure to follow Jesus:
fill us with your Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Minister We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President May God our Father forgive us our sins,
and bring us to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.

All **Amen.**

We remain standing and we sing.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Cantor Gloria! Gloria! *clap, clap*, In excelsis Deo!

All

Glo - ri-a! (clap, clap) Glo - ri-a! (clap, clap) In ex - cel - sis De - o!

Cantor Lord God heavenly King, peace you bring to us! We worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise!

All **Gloria! Gloria! *clap, clap*, In excelsis Deo!**
Gloria! Gloria! *clap, clap*, In excelsis Deo!

Cantor Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away our sins, oh Lord, have mercy on us all!

All **Gloria! Gloria! *clap, clap*, In excelsis Deo!**
Gloria! Gloria! *clap, clap*, In excelsis Deo!

Cantor At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One and you alone are Lord!

All **Gloria! Gloria! *clap, clap*, In excelsis Deo!**
Gloria! Gloria! *clap, clap*, In excelsis Deo!

Cantor Glory Father and Son, glory Holy Spirit! To you we raise our hands up high! We glorify your name!

All **Gloria! Gloria! *clap, clap*, In excelsis Deo!**
Gloria! Gloria! *clap, clap*, In excelsis Deo!
In excelsis Deo! In excelsis Deo!

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The Collect

President Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with all the saints

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

All **Amen.**

We sit.

The Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5. 1 - 11

Reader A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn

We stand and we sing:

**Come to us, creative Spirit,
in our Father's house,
every natural talent foster,
hidden skills arouse,
that, within your earthly temple
wise and simple
may rejoice.**

Angel Voices

Poet, painter, music-maker,
 all your treasures bring;
 artist, actor, graceful dancer,
 make your offering;
 join your hands in celebration!
 Let creation
 shout and sing!

Word from God eternal springing,
 fill our minds, we pray,
 and in all artistic vision
 give integrity.
 May the flame, within us burning,
 kindle yearning
 day by day.

In all places and for ever
 glory be expressed
 to the Son, with God the Father,
 and the Spirit blest.
 In our worship and our living,
 keep us striving
 towards the best.

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The Gospel Reading: Matthew 25. 14 - 30

The cantor sings and then we all sing.

Cantor Halle halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle,
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

All

The musical score is written for two staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: Hal-le hal-le, ha - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu-jah, hal - le - lu - jah -

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Minister You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

All **Halle halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

1 Peter 2.9

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Minister This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

The Sermon

We stand.

The Creed

President Let us declare our faith in God,

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

We sit or kneel.

The Prayers of Intercession

Intercessor God of love,
All **hear our prayer.**

The intercessors offers a closing prayer, to which we all respond.

All **for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

We stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Jesus said:
‘Love one another.
As I have loved you,
so you are to love one another.’

John 15.12

President 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. If you would like to support St Mary's, donations can be made after the service at the back of church using the collection plate or contactless card giving station.

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 Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You gave us Jesus,
and the saints who followed him,
so that we should have examples of holy lives.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your 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

All **In the name of the Lord most High**

Cantor Hosanna

All **Hosanna**

Cantor Hosanna

All **Hosanna**

Cantor Hosanna in the highest

All **Hosanna in the highest**

President We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

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
All **Lord Jesus come**
Cantor Come again in glory
All **Come again in glory**

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Mary, Mark John and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All **Amen.**

We sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

President With saints and martyrs through the ages,
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 I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All **Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

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.

During the distribution we sing and music is played.

The Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

All **Father of all, you gathered us here
around the table of your Son;
we have shared this meal with the saints
and the whole fellowship of the household of God.
In that new world
where the fullness of your peace will be revealed,
gather people of every race, language and way of life
to share in the one eternal banquet of
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Notices

We stand.

The Blessing

President May God, who has given us in the lives of the saints patterns of holy living, strengthen us to follow them in the way of holiness. and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among 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 Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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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