St Mary's Church, Walkley



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

Michael and All Angels

Eucharist 28th September 2025

Welcome to St Mary's Church, Walkley

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

Team Warden on duty: David

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 We have come to Mount Zion,

the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels, to God, the judge of all,

and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

Hebrews 12.22-24

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

We keep a time of silence.

Minister Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Minister Woe is me, for I am lost;

I am a person of unclean lips.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy,

Minister Our guilt is taken away,

and our sin is forgiven.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

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.

Everlasting God,

you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:

grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command,

they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

We sit.

The Reading: Revelation 12.7 - 12

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation.

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah,*

for the accuser of our comrades* has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony,

for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea.

for the devil has come down to you

with great wrath,

because he knows that his time is short!'

Reader

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

We stand and we sing. During the hymn we turn to face the processional cross as the book of the Gospels moves to the middle of the people.

The Gospel Reading: John 1. 47 - end

Minister Alleluia, alleluia.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.

All Alleluia.

Psalm 103.21

Minister

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Minister

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ΑII

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

We stand.

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

Intercessor Lord, hear us,

All Lord, graciously hear us.

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 Hear again the song of the angels:

'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.'

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 exchange the peace through smiles, waves and handshakes with those around us, as you feel comfortable.

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. If you would like to give regularly to St Mary's please speak to the Treasurer, or one of the Team Wardens.

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, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

You reveal your wise purpose

for the salvation of the human race

by assigning to the angels and archangels

the ministry of your steadfast love and protection.

While they contemplate your glory,

standing before you and singing your praise,

they keep a faithful vigil for us,

guarding us along the way that leads to life,

and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light.

In joyful gladness we unite our voices with theirs and sing the ageless hymn of your praise:

and sing the ageless hymn or your

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
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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

Lord Jesus come

Lord Jesus come

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 and wine or a blessing. If you would like a blessing please keep your arms folded across your chest at you approach the front.

We are now able to receive the wine as well as the bread. The president will dip the wafer in the wine before giving it to you. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask at the altar.

During the distribution we sing.

The Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

The Notices

We stand.

The Blessing

President God keep us in the fellowship of his saints;

Christ protect us by the ministry of the angels;

the Spirit make us holy in God's service;

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 robed 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, all are welcome.

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

