



Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield
Loved as you are



Sunday 25th April 2021
Easter 4

*All are welcome to St Margaret's and we encourage all to take part fully in this service. If you have **mobility issues** that make it difficult for you to come and receive communion, should you want to, then do please notify our sides-people, and we will come to you.*

Due to the Coronavirus please make your responses in a quiet voice in order to minimise the risk of infection

THE GATHERING

As we gather together:

Chorale Prelude: 'Christus, der ist mein Leben'

Christ, He is my Life.

Max Reger 1873-1916

We stand at the entrance of the clergy

Prelude, Voluntary, 'I Will Arise'

Revd. Richard Cecil 1748-1810

THE GREETING

Celebrant In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

Celebrant Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

WORDS OF WELCOME

'Accept one another, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.' (Romans 15:7)

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Celebrant: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: 'The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

All **Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and 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.
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;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the readings.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 4: 5-12

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-end

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel:

The Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please remain standing until the preacher has introduced the Sermon:

THE SERMON

'Accept one another, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.' (Romans 15:7)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each petition the following response is used:

All **Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer**

and at the end of the prayers:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Celebrant The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

'Accept one another, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.' (Romans 15:7)

All The peace of the Lord be always with you;
and also with you.

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace by looking at those around you and greeting them with a warm smile.

As the Body of Christ receives its life from God, and offers its life to God, so we, as members of that Body, greet each other in love.

The Preparation of the Table

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

During the Preparation of the Table: Pastorale

Arcangelo Corelli 1653 – 1713

Celebrant Heavenly Father accept these prayers, left this past week, on the fishing net. We pray that you will meet these people at their point of need.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. In your loving care you spread before us the table of life and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Blessed be God forever**

We sit or stand for:

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his Passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**
 God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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

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one cup, so that we, in the company of Saint Margaret 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.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread

 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

 Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

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He whom the universe could not contain is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

*The priest receives the sacrament in both kinds. **When the priest receives communion please join in with the responses below.**
This is a statement of identification with the communion you are about to receive.*

Celebrant The Body of Christ
All **Amen**

Celebrant The Blood of Christ
All **Amen**

*All who have been baptised are welcome to receive Communion.
Please follow the directions of the sidespeople who will guide you in a clockwise direction to ensure social distancing is maintained as you receive your Communion.
The sacrament will be administered to the congregation in one kind only, that is the bread. Please remain silent as the priest places the wafer in your hand without speaking.*

During the distribution of Communion: Aria BWV 590 *Third Movement*

Johann Sebastian Bach 1675-1750

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Merciful Father, you gave your Son, Jesus Christ to be the Good Shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All **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.**

NOTICES

BANNS READING

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory.

Celebrant Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Clergy will recess to the postlude:

Pastorale BWV 590 First Movement

Johann Sebastian Bach 1675-1750

The Pastorale was composed around 1720 in four movements. The third (Aria) and first (Pastorale) are being played as part of our liturgy this morning as each reflect the idea of the Good Shepherd. The Aria recalls the angels visiting the shepherds whilst the Pastorale uses a pipe motif over a drone base as if a shepherd's pipe being played in the fields, calling his sheep, as Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls each one of us into his fold.

Thank you for joining in our worship today.

A collection plate has been placed by the west door where you can leave your offering to support the work of St. Margaret's Church. You can also make a donation:

- via the home page of our website www.ifieldparish.org using the yellow 'DONATE NOW' button.
- by sending a cheque made payable to 'Ifield Parochial Church Council' to: Ifield Church Parish Office, 1 Lychgate, Ifield Street, Ifield, Crawley RH11 0NN.
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Please maintain social distancing of 2 metres as you now leave the church by the west door at the back of the church and avoid congregating.

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Notices

Service next Sunday:
Easter 5

First Sunday Service (11.00 am)
and on Facebook and the parish website www.ifieldparish.org
