



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



Sunday 15th November 2020
Second Sunday Before Advent

The recording of the accompanying online act of worship occurred when there was no congregation present, and it was done in compliance with Government regulations and was Covid-19 safe.

THE GREETING

Celebrant The Lord be with you
All and also with you

WORDS OF WELCOME

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

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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 Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So, let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew
that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us
from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All Amen.

The Gloria

**ALL 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:**

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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 Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Let us listen to the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel:

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

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

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

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

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 responses may be used:

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

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

and at the end of the prayers:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

We stand to share the peace:

The Peace

Celebrant To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you.

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

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 be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

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

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We sit 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, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. Therefore, with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, for ever praising you and saying:

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.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

All
Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Dying you destroyed

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 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.**

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

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

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sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds, in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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.

Be in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ

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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Service next Sunday: Said Eucharist Service on Facebook and the
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'ST MARGARET'S
CONGREGATION
CORNER'

To ensure that everyone continues to feel part of our church community during this second lockdown, here's your chance to 'chat to your friends'. Send us a funny story, your views or news, a poem a recipe, or simply a 'hello' and we'll run them here for the next few weeks

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson - he brought the house down!

'Out of the mouths of babes' Theology as explained by children:

"Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark."

Laughter lines: Berry funny!

*What happens to grapes when you step on them? They wine

*What do you call a sad strawberry? A blueberry

*Why did the orange stop? Because it ran out of juice

*Why was the tomato blushing? Because it saw the salad dressing

Prayer Corner

Prayer of St. Richard

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

Thanks be to you, my Lord, Jesus Christ, for all the benefits that you have given me; for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. O, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly; love you more dearly; and follow you more nearly. Amen

A prayer for when we feel lonely

Dear Gracious and Loving God help me to feel your presence.

My heart aches and I feel so alone.

I miss a human touch, someone to take my hand or give me a hug.

I long for someone to tell me everything will be alright.

Please send your Comforter to me and take this loneliness away.

Help me instead of feeling empty, to feel full of the love you have for me.

Help me to know in my heart and remember that according to your Word;

I am never alone because you are with me. Your love and peace is with me, right now, in this moment. I feel it and I am not alone. Amen



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