

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

LOWESTOFT



Holy Communion



Sunday 3rd May
5th Sunday of Easter

Mass Setting: St. Thomas (D. Thorne)



**Deacon Sarah assisted by the young people
Preacher Sarah
Presiding Rev Jim**

(Please remain seated)

Welcome & Opening Prayer

We meet in the presence of God
who knows our needs, feels our pain,
and shares our joy.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN: 713 - Lord of all hopefulness

**1 Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.**

**2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts,
Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**3 Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.**

**4 Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.**

Saying sorry, being forgiven

Jesus says “I am the light of the world”. Those who follow me shall not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. Let us then bring to God our sins and in the glow of his light confess them with penitence and faith:

For things we should not have said:

Lord, have mercy:

Lord, have mercy.

For actions we regret:

Christ, have mercy:

Christ have mercy.

For not loving each other as you love us:

Lord, have mercy:

Lord have mercy.

May the Lord of love

Bring us back to himself

Forgive us our sins

And assure us of his eternal love

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Gloria- Sung to 'Ode to Joy' (please stand)

*Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love you well;
on the earth let all your people
speak your grace, your wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.*

*Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated -
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Savior, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!*

Collect – Prayer of the Week

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

*Please sit for the **New Testament Reading***

New Testament: Acts 7: 55-end

Stephen filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HYMN 802 - There is a higher throne.

1 There is a higher throne
than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue
will one day come.
Before our God we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace:
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing,
their thunderous anthem rings
through emerald courts and sapphire skies,
their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power,
strength, thanks and honour are
to God, our King who reigns on high
for evermore.*

2 And there we'll find our home,
our life before the throne;
we'll honour him in perfect song
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye,
as thirst and hunger die;
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd King:
we'll reign with him.

Keith Getty (b. 1974) and Kristyn Getty (b. 1980)

*Please remain standing for the **Gospel Reading: John 14: 1-14***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John
Glory to you, O Lord.

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Sarah

We stand to affirm our Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

Prayers of intercession

These responses may be used
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

at the end

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

Notices and time of sharing

The Peace (If you are able to please stand)

God has called us to live in light and peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you

Please offer one another the sign of peace

OFFERTORY HYMN 678 - In Christ alone

(During the offertory hymn the bread and wine and collection are brought to the Altar)

***1 In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.***

***2 In Christ alone! — who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.***

***3 There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine
bought with the precious blood of Christ.***

***4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!***

Stuart Townend (b. 1963) and Keith Getty (b. 1974)

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood, gifts from God to his table we
bring.
we shall remember Jesus.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please sit - The Choir may remain standing

The Lord be with you
and also with you

Lift up your hearts
we lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

Let us come together at the Lord's table.

Reader 1: Who is invited to the Lord's Table?

Reader 2: Listen, and we will hear.

All are invited;
the young and the old,
the rich and the poor,
the lowest and the least.

Reader 1: *Why do we give thanks at this table?*

Reader 2: *Listen, and we will hear.*

We give thanks because Jesus showed us the way;
we give thanks because Jesus is the Way.
Jesus is a gift from God for the world.

Reader 1: *Why do we eat and drink at this table?*

Reader 2: *Listen, and we will hear.*

We eat because on the night before Jesus died,
he ate with his friends.
He gave them bread and said,
“This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”



At that same meal he took a cup of wine and said,
“Drink this cup. This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”



Reader 1: *What do we remember at this table?*

Reader 2: *Listen, and we will hear.*

We remember Jesus' birth
and his presence as God with us.
We remember Jesus' life and his love.
We remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross.
We remember the resurrection and the promise of new life.
We remember that we are waiting in hope
to see Jesus again.

And now we give you thanks because Christ, Light of the World, has
dawned in our hearts.

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



As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 forever. Amen**

The breaking of the bread

We break the bread of life
And that life is the light of the world

**God here among us
Light in the midst of us
Bring us to light and life**

The Agnus Dei

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.***

Come to this table, because Jesus loved you
and gave himself for you.

Come and meet the risen Christ,
for we are his Body.

All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and the wine or
a blessing. It is helpful for us if you say your name when you come to
the front. The choir will receive Holy Communion first at the High Altar,
followed by the rest of the congregation who will receive Holy
Communion at the Chancel step.

An anthem is usually sung by the Choir and then a Hymn is also
sung during communion (please remain seated)

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Antem: Come, Holy Ghost (Attwood)

HYMN: 209 - Love's redeeming work is done

***1 Love's redeeming work is done,
fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!
Lo, he sets in blood no more!***

***2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal!
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.***

***3 Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?***

***4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
following out exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise,
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.***

***5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection thou!***

CHARLES WESLEY (1707-1788)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

HYMN 818 - To God be the glory

**1 To God be the glory,
great things He has done;
So loved He the world
that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life
an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate
that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory,
great things He hath done.**

**2 O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
To every believer
the promise of God;
The vilest offender
who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus
forgiveness receives.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory,
great things He hath done.**

**3 Great things He has taught us,
great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher,
and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture,
when Jesus we see.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory,
great things He hath done.**

FANNY CROSBY (FRANCES JANE VAN ALSTYNE) (1820-1915)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

May God the Father Who raised Jesus from the dead strengthen
you

May Jesus the son our constant companion lead you in paths of
peace

And may the Holy Spirit guide your way as you seek to lead lives
that recognise him in all things

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, be upon those you love,
pray for and care for now and for evermore. **Amen**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia

In the name of Christ
Alleluia, Alleluia

