

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

LOWESTOFT



Holy Communion

First Sunday
of the Month



Sunday 7th June

Mass Setting: St. Thomas (D. Thorne)



Presiding Canon Simon
Supported by the young people
Preaching Rev Jim

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
(Please remain seated)

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.

HYMN 2 - Christ, whose glory fills the skies

***1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.***

***2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.***

***3 Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief
Fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.***

CHARLES WESLEY (1707-1788)

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

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen.

Please sit for the New Testament Reading

New Testament: Romans 4: 13-end - Read by the young people

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN 712 - Lord Jesus Christ

**1 Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
You are one with us,
Mary's Son.**

**Cleansing our souls from all their sin
pouring Your love and goodness in
Jesus our love for you we sing,
living Lord.**

**2 Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day
Teach us how to pray,
Son of God.**

**You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance Lord of you
Into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

**3 Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us
Born as one of us,
Mary's Son.**

**Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see,
You are Lord.**

**4 Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.**

**All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading

Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Rev Jim

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.**

Banns of Marriage

Notices and time of sharing

The Peace (If you are able, 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.

Anthem: Prayer of St. Teresa (Ogden)

HYMN 489 - From heaven you came

***1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life that we might live.
This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.***

***2 There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.
This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.***

***3 Come, see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.
This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.***

***4 So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.
This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.***

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 593 - At the name of Jesus

Omit Starred verses 2,4,& 6

***1 At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who, from the beginning,
was the mighty Word.***

***3 Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it,
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.***

***5 Name Him, Christians, name him,
with love as strong as death;
but with awe and wonder,
and with bated breath.
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.***

***7 Surely, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.***

CAROLINE MARIA NOEL (1817-1877)

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.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

