

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH
LOWESTOFT



Service of Holy Communion

(Alternative Service)



Sunday 30th August
Week 6

Summer Sermon Series on the Beatitudes

Deacon & Preaching: Sarah

Presiding: Rev Jim



“Blessed Are the Pure in Heart” Matthew 5:8

Theme:

Purity of heart is undivided devotion to God from the inside out.

Sermon focus:

The promise of seeing God is given to those whose hearts are being cleansed, reordered and made whole.

WELCOME & Introduction (please remain seated)

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

HYMN 595 Be thou my vision

**1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me and I with thee Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou, and thou only, the first in my heart;
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art!**

**5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright son,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

(Irish 8th century)

Translated by MARY ELIZABETH BYRNE (1880-1931)

Versified by ELEANOR HENRIETTA HULL (1860-1935)

Prayers of Penitence

We are invited to confess what we have done wrong

We come to God from whom no secrets are hidden,
and ask for forgiveness and peace.

Therefore, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Confession (please sit or kneel)

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Restore us when we are lost.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Forgive us when our lives don't reflect your love.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Free us from the turmoil of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon us,

pardon and deliver us from all our sins,

confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,

and keep us in life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PERUVIAN GLORIA (please stand)

This may be omitted or another version used

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

To Him be glory for ever!
To Him be glory for ever!

Alleluia. Amen.
Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus...
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus...

To Him be glory for ever!
To Him be glory for ever!

Alleluia. Amen.
Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit...
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit...

To Him be glory for ever!
To Him be glory for ever!

Alleluia. Amen.
Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (please sit)

Introduction to the readings

BIBLE READING

New Testament: James 4: 7-10 (Read by Rachel)

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 700 King of kings

***1 King of kings, Majesty
God of Heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne***

***Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty.***

***2 Earth and Heaven worship You
Love eternal, Faithful and True
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise.***

***Your majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty
I live to serve Your Majesty.***

JARROD COOPER

GOSPEL READING (please remain standing)

Matthew 5: 1 – 12 read by Delphine

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Sarah

Sermon focus: The promise of seeing God is given to those whose hearts are being cleansed, reordered and made whole.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (please stand)

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 Led by Captain John
(please sit or kneel)

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 (please stand)

Deep peace be in your hearts,
Deep peace with God's good earth,
Deep peace with friend and stranger,
Deep peace with God - Creator, Redeemer and life-giving Spirit.
The deep peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN 236 Breathe on me, breath of God

A reminder about the hymn Blessed assurance sung through the eucharistic prayer (During the hymn the altar is prepared)

- 1 *Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*
- 2 *Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.*
- 3 *Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.*
- 4 *Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die;
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.*

Edwin Hatch (1835- 1889)

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (please sit or kneel)

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

Sing

***Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation purchase of God;
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:***

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour, all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour, all the day long.***

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food.
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Do this in remembrance of me.



Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
He took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.



Sing

***Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.***

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour, all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour, all the day long.***

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Sing

***Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love***

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour, all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour, all the day long.***



THE LORD'S PRAYER

United as one body we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in heaven and on earth, using the words our Saviour taught us:

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is sung:

***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.***

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.

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.

HYMN 373 Purify my heart - (please remain seated)

***1 Purify my heart,
let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold.
Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you, my Master,
ready to do your will.***

***2 Purify my heart,
cleanse me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart
cleanse me from my sin, deep within.
Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you, my Master,
ready to do your will.***

Brian Doerksen (b. 1965)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Lord, we have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit,
keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

HYMN 598 Before the throne of God above

***1 Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.***

***2 When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.***

***3 Behold him there! the risen Lamb!
my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.***

CHARITIE LEES DE CHENEZ (1841–1923)

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and grant us peace.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon us and remain with us,
be upon those we 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.

or

By the power of the Spirit, we take into our community the peace
and love of God.

In the name of Christ. Amen.