

# St Matthias Church



# Eucharist

during a time of Pandemic

## Ordinary Season

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## THE GATHERING

### Welcome and Notices

President: We come from our homes and join with those still in isolation to meet together to worship God in this holy place.  
Let us recognise God's continued faithful presence with us.

*~ Silence is kept ~*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father,  
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven: (Eph 1)

who knew you and chose you before the world began; (1 Pet 1, Eph 1)

who loves you so much that he calls you his own children; (1 Jn 3)

who has brought you from darkness into light and filled you  
with his glorious power; (Col 1)

who has prepared an inheritance for you that will never spoil or fade; (1 Pet 1)

who encourages and strengthens you in every good deed and word; (2 Thess 2)

who comforts you in your troubles so that you can comfort others. (2 Cor 1)

This is our God,  
the ultimate source of all things,  
and the One for whom we live and move and have our being. (1 Cor 8)

**All: Loving Lord, you invite us and welcome us  
whether we are singing joyfully or weeping mournfully.  
To you we bring ourselves, our community and our world.**

### PRAYER OF PENITENCE

President: The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.  
Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

God, be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face to shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
Who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
Forgive us our sins,  
Open our eyes to God's truth,  
Strengthen us to do God's will  
And give us the joy of his kingdom,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

**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,  
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

*The president offers the prayer for today, and all respond **Amen.***

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### READINGS

*We sit for the readings*

*Two readings may precede the Gospel reading. At the end of each:*

Reader:        This is the word of the Lord

**All:            Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*All stand*

President:      Alleluia, alleluia  
We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**All:            Alleluia.**

### GOSPEL READING

President:      Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**All:            Glory to you O Lord**

*At the end of the reading:*

President:      This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All:            Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

*We sit for the sermon.*

*A few moments for quiet reflection may follow.*

## THE CREED

**All:**           **We believe in One God  
the Father almighty  
maker of heaven and earth  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ  
the only Son of God  
eternally begotten of the Father  
God from God  
Light from Light  
true God from true God  
begotten not made  
of one Being with the Father  
through him all things were made.  
For us, and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake  
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We kneel or sit for the prayers.

*The following response may be used:*

**President:**   **Lord, in your mercy   or   Lord, hear us**  
**All:**           **Hear our prayer                    Lord, graciously hear us**

*At the end:*

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE PEACE

*We stand*

President: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

**All: If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.**

President: The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: And also with you**

### PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All: All things come from you  
and of your own do we give you.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*We remain standing*

President: The Lord is here

**All: His Spirit is with us**

President: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

President: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President: Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and,  
taking bread he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them saying:  
take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:  
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:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at last with St Matthias, St Mary Magdalen, St John the Divine,  
and all your saints to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and in heaven,  
we worship you Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:  
**blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

President: Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust we pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING OF BREAD

President: 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.**

#### AGNUS DEI

**All: Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace**

*Please come forward as directed, taking care to respect social distancing guidelines.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The president offers the post communion prayer and then we say together:*

**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.**

## THE DISMISSAL

**BLESSING**    *(please stand)*

**President:**    May God keep you in all your days,  
May Christ shield you in all your ways.  
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.  
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you  
and pour upon you blessing and light;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, be with you, and  
remain with you always.

**All:**           **Amen.**

**President:**    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:**           **In the name of Christ.  
Amen.**