WORSHIP - LAST AFTER TRINITY - 24 OCTOBER 2021

Today we have services in both churches at 10 am, and Evensong at St Mathew's at 6 pm. Julie is leading the Zoom service, Peter should arrive back in time to preach.

Hymn - All for Jesus - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2M1f_34veo

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. And also with you.

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.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. 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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria - Mass of St Thomas, David Thorne - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHEm0Dbzizs

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.
Glory to God in the highest.
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.
Glory to God in the highest.
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. Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

New Testament lesson - 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 - is printed on the blue noticesheet

Hymn - God in his wisdom - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c65BgXS-WAQ

Gospel - John 5.36b-47 - is printed on the blue noticesheet

Address - a sermon from Peter is on the website

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the 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.

Anthem - How lovely are the messengers - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zg0J44pUo1s</u> Words: Isaiah 52.7 Music: Felix Mendelssohn sung by St Martin's Voices

How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words. Throughout all the lands their glad tidings. How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace.

Prayers of Intercession, written by Louise Whittaker

Lord Jesus we call to you today in prayer and ask that each and every one of us who have faith in you can stay strong and resilient through difficult times. Help us to persevere as your trusted and true disciples and to hold onto our faith as we look primarily to you and your teachings for guidance rather than to the earthly comforts, desires and unhealthy ways that can so often lead us to temptation. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord we pray for all countries within your world, many of which are war torn and desperate. We think of the many dangers, including the consequences of war that are being faced by your people and we think too of those who are facing or escaping persecution. Be with them all we pray and help us to remember them regularly in our prayers. We pray indeed for all individuals who are victims of abuse, whether racial, sexual, emotional, violent or fraudulent. We pray for the poor and the vulnerable and we ask forgiveness for all who have put aside the needs of others and used their power and their wealth for personal greed and gratification. Lord comfort and heal everyone in your world who calls out to you in suffering; enable them to persevere through troublesome times. Help them to be sustained by your spirit, your love, your grace and your hope. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We ask Lord that nations can stand together and work in unison and trust with one another. We pray for a true desire to move towards a common good and we ask therefore that a hunger for personal or national gain

can be put aside as we look to protecting our planet. Lord be with our leaders at the COP26 climate change conference in November, may they all be open to accepting the pain of change and may they be of like mind to take meaningful global action to bring about meaningful results for a safer and more protected world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As we, your Christian disciples, look to you our heavenly Father, we give our grateful thanks for your presence in our lives. Help us Lord to persist in patient prayer with you when times are hard, help us to walk gladly alongside you and bring us your wisdom we pray. Give us too dear Lord the joy and enthusiasm we require to sow the seeds of your love whilst going about our daily lives. We pray that the power of your holy spirit within us will keep us from harm, as together we carry out your ministry within our families and communities on earth. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Finally we pray for those of us who are sick in body mind and spirit. We ask again for your grace in our lives and for the love and support of your holy spirit in our hearts to help us through our times of trial. Keep us strong Lord as we endure all that is causing us pain or anxiety and bring us the comfort of your caring arms as they hold us and protect us in your love. Bring comfort too dear Lord to those who mourn. Bring them your light and hope as they feel the deep loss of someone they miss so dearly and look to you for support. We give our thanks for the lives of those in our Parishes who have recently departed and ask that they are now at peace and rejoicing with you in your eternal kingdom.

We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.

Hymn - We have a gospel to proclaim - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2FX0-kS7wA

The Blessing

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.**

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final music - "The Mission" by Ennio Morricone - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cY65Cfr0sYo

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