

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN
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STANTON-BY-BRIDGE & TICKNALL



**St Matthew
the Apostle**

Sunday 20th September 2020

10.30 am

Welcome!

As we celebrate St Matthew today, words from ‘Exciting Holiness’

‘Matthew appears in the list of the twelve apostles of Jesus and, according to the gospel written under his name, was a tax collector. Mark and Luke called the tax collector Levi, and it has been assumed that they are one and the same. This occupation was despised by his fellow Jews as a betrayal to the occupying Roman force but Christ showed that judging by outward appearance was not what he was about. He ate with Matthew and with his friends, scandalising those around him. Matthew affirmed that his life would now change because of following Jesus, and that he would make amends for any former wrongdoing. This was enough for Jesus, for he had drawn someone back to God. He was forgiven, therefore he was acceptable, therefore he was received.’

The worship today and for a while yet will be slightly different to pre-lockdown. Aside from social distancing, congregational singing is not yet permitted although a small choir is. We will be experimenting with what music is appropriate and when during the liturgy.

Holy Communion is to be received in one kind only - the bread, but this is still receiving Jesus spiritually and sacramentally. We are also being encouraged to keep acts of worship slightly shorter (as we have modelled with the online Eucharists) to lower the risk of transmission. There will be further instructions within our order of service (in italics) please do take note of them.

Jesus said to the disciples,

***‘Go into all the world
and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.’***

Mark 16.15

We Worship God Together

Introit Anthem

Please remain seated for the introit anthem 'Hail glorious spirits, heirs of light' by Christopher Tye (c.1505-72).

Notices

The notices are given and Banns of Marriage are read. After the notices a few moments of silence are kept.

Processional Hymn Improvisation

Please stand as the organ plays the music of the hymn. The words are provided in italics for prayer and praise as the ministers enter.

1. *Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2 *O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
Refrain.*

3 *Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
Refrain*

4 *O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Refrain.*

Words: ATHLESTON RILEY (1858-1945) Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The Invocation

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.

**God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.**

Please sit.

We say sorry

The deacon introduces the confession.

Jesus said to his apostles,

'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'

John 15.14

Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

A time of quiet is kept.

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your faithful witnesses:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The priest declares God's forgiveness and healing.

May God who loved the world so much

that he sent his Son to be our Saviour

✠forgive you your sins

and make us holy to serve him in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria

Please stand. A said responsive form of the Gloria is led by the deacon.

Glory to God in the highest,

Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Glory to God in the highest.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
Glory to God in the highest.

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,
Glory to God in the highest.

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.
Amen.

The Collect

The president leads the prayer appointed for today.

Let us pray.

O almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

Gospel Reading - Matthew 9.9-13

The deacon introduces the Gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the Lord,
for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.'**

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

Homily
Revd-to-be Alan Winfield

Please sit.

We Pray

After each prayer petition, the following response is used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

After a time of quiet,

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

We Share Holy Communion

Please stand.

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near. *cf Ephesians 2.17,19*
The peace of Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Preparation of the Altar-Choir Hymn

Please be seated for the laying of the altar. The choir group sing

1. *Glory to thee, O God,
for all thy saints in light,
who nobly strove and conquered
in the well fought fight.
Their praises sing,
who life outpoured
by fire and sword for Christ their King.*

2. *Thanks be to thee, O Lord,
for saints thy Spirit stirred
in humble paths to live thy life and
speak thy word.
Unnumbered they,
whose candles shine
to lead our footsteps after thine.*

3. *Lord God of truth and love,
"thy kingdom come", we pray;
give us thy grace to know thy truth and
walk thy way;
that here on earth
thy will be done,
till saints in earth and heav'n are one.*

Words: HOWARD C. A. GAUNT (1902-1983) Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN John Ireland (1879-1962)
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Prayer of Offering

God our Father,
keep us united in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread and the prayers,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

cf Acts 2.42

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand for the Eucharistic Prayer, the prayer of thanksgiving.

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and 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.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.

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 for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.



As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven (*saying*):
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit. After a few moments of quiet, the priest introduces the Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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 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.



Sharing of Communion

The priest invites us to share communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Owing to COVID regulations, no words are used when offering and receiving communion. The priest now offers the bread to be distributed and shared saying (to all those who wish to receive):

The body of Christ.

All who wish to receive respond

Amen.

Holy Communion is now offered. Please only move when directed by a steward. You will find instructions on which route to take on a laminated card on your pew. The bread is received standing and queuing at two metre intervals. Please remove your face mask just for the eating of the bread. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and the sign of the cross will be made over you in blessing. During the distribution of Holy Communion the choir sings the Agnus Dei by Healey Willan & Holy is the true light by William Harris.

We pray after Communion

The priest introduces the post communion prayer.

Let us pray

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We are sent out into God's world

The Blessing

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with Matthew and all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
and the ✠blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The deacon leads the dismissal.

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

Organ Voluntary

Now thank we all our God - Sigrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

During the playing of the voluntary, the president and deacon process to the font.

Please leave from the back pews first. The north aisle and south aisle pew section leave first before the central nave aisles followed by the balcony. Please also maintain social distancing.

South aisle - leave via the South Door (unless accessible exit is needed)

Central aisle south - leave via the South Door using the south aisle (unless accessible exit is needed)

North aisle - leave via the North Door

Central aisle north - leave via the North Door using the north aisle

Balcony - please leave via the South Door when other sections have exited.

Please sanitize hands when leaving.

Thank you so much for being here today.

Booking for next week's service opens 10 am on Monday.

Please take this order of service (and the bulletin) home with you
to minimise any transmission risk.

An Acclamation for prayer at home

The Lord is righteous and delights in righteous deeds;
the just shall see his face.

The Lord is righteous and delights in righteous deeds;
the just shall see his face.

When the foundations are being destroyed,
what can the righteous do?
The just shall see his face.

His eyes behold the inhabited world;
his piercing eye weighs our worth.
The just shall see his face.

The Lord weighs the righteous as well as the wicked,
but those that delight in violence he abhors.
The just shall see his face.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
The Lord is righteous and delights in righteous deeds;
the just shall see his face.