

The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 23



*Christ and the rich young man –
wisdom is better than riches*

The Parish Mass

Sunday 10th October 2021

10.15 am

¶ Let's keep protecting each other

We're so grateful for everything you've done to help keep each other safe. Every time you've sanitised your hands, worn a face covering and kept a safe distance, it's made a real difference. So from all of us, thank you. We all hope and pray brighter days are coming. But we want to reassure you that your safety is still our top priority.

The Government guidance, endorsed by the Church of England, 'expects and recommends' that we continue to:

Wear a face covering whilst in church *unless you belong to one of the medically exempted groups. This should cover your nose as well as your mouth. There is strong evidence that face coverings help to both reduce spread and provide protection from Covid and as such we would request that wherever possible you continue to use one.*

Maintain physical distancing *We ask you to respect one another's space, spread out, and avoid sitting directly behind or in front of others. As far as possible, we ask you to avoid physical contact with other people and surfaces.*

Sanitise your hands *on arrival - pick up an order of service (large print editions may be requested in advance via the parish office) – and sign in for 'Test and Trace' purposes.*

The church toilet facilities *are available for use.*

Holy Communion *will be administered in one 'kind' only, standing, at one or two 'stations' at the front of the nave. Please approach via the centre aisle and return via the side aisles. For mutual protection, we ask that you keep your face covering on until the words of administration have been spoken, and you have responded by saying 'Amen'.*

If you have difficulty being mobile please let us know, sit on the end of a row, and we will come to you.

After the service *Please depart via the main porch sanitising your hands as you leave. In fine weather, we invite you to join us for social interaction on the green at the east end.*



Before the service ...

Good morning, and welcome to St Matthew's Church.

Please use this precious time to prepare yourself spiritually for our worship, and gather together in your heart and mind those things you wish to bring to God.

The reflection offered below may be found helpful. It is based on the themes of today's mass, and may also help us to maintain a recollected and reverent silence before we begin.

Reflection

Entering the kingdom of love

Jesus invited the young man to follow him,
but riches got in the way.

Even though Jesus was sad to see him go,
nevertheless, he let him go.

There's no point in forcing people to make sacrifices.

If you take things from people, they are impoverished;
but if you can get them to give them up, they are enriched.

People are essentially good,

but this goodness has to be awakened and called forth,
if they are to enter the kingdom of love.

Settings

The Mass of St Thomas (Gloria only)

Thorne

The Mass of St Cedd (Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei)

Nardone

Our thanks are due to *Anonymous Donor No.3*
who has generously financed
the production of this week's service booklet.

Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

Please stand at the sound of the bell

The procession enters from the west end

Hymn

All may sing

**○ Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**○ let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
○ speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
○ speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.**

**○ Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
○ give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.**

**○ let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
○ guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.**

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

Music: Wolvercote
William Ferguson (1874-1950)

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

The Greeting

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

The service is introduced

Invitation to Confession

In the gospel we read how riches kept a young man from becoming a disciple of Jesus. We are disciples of Jesus. But we don't follow him as closely as we should. Let us reflect for a moment on what is preventing us.

Silence is kept

Confession

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Kyries

Lord Jesus, you help us to take care of our material needs
without neglecting our spiritual needs:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You help us to take care of others without neglecting ourselves:

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You help us to live joyfully in this world
without losing sight of the world to come:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive † you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All **Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest.
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, glory to God,
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, glory to God,
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, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4.12-16

This is the word of the Lord.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

***All* O Lord my God, I take refuge in you.**

Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay?
Have compassion on your servants.
Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

All **O Lord my God, I take refuge in you.**

Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us,
and for the years in which we have seen adversaries
Show your servants your works,
and let your glory be over their children.

All **O Lord my God, I take refuge in you.**

May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

All **O Lord my God, I take refuge in you.**

Psalms 90.12-17

Please stand

Holy Gospel

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Jesus said, I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent
and have revealed them to infants.

All **Alleluia ...**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what

you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Mark 10.17-31

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

Please be seated

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **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.**

*All may
bow* ***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 the Faithful

Priest Let us turn to God for the wisdom and grace we need to use the things of this world in a way that will help us to gain eternal life.

Please be seated

After each petition

Intercessor Lord, we give you thanks:
All **hear us and have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lord, help us to see you more clearly,
to follow you more nearly,
and to love you more dearly,
so that under your gentle urging
we may make steady progress along the road
that leads to your kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

Sign of Peace

Jesus said to his disciples,
'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.'

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

With an appropriate gesture,
let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Hymn

*(As a precautionary measure, no collection will be taken during the service.
A monetary offering may be made at the end of the service)*

All

**Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown,
in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

Words: John L Bell (born 1949)
and Graham Maule (1958-2019)

Music: Scottish traditional melody
arranged by Lionel Dakers (1924-2003)

Invitation to Prayer

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts

O Lord, accept the prayers
of your faithful children with these sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotion,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

All

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Christ is the bread of life:

All

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody, with a time signature change to 3/4 at the end. Dynamics include *mf*, *cresc.*, and *f*.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world,
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary the Virgin Mother of God,
Saint Matthew and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains the melody for the text 'A- men.'.

A- men.

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus says that nothing is impossible to God.
So let us with confidence pray to our heavenly Father
in the words he taught us.

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 the Bread

All 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.**

Agnus Dei

All **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.**

Invitation to Communion

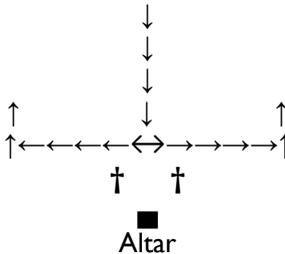
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Giving of Communion

The rich may want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Holy Communion, alternatively God's blessing, is administered standing at a 'station', as indicated. Please approach the priest via the centre aisle and return to your seat via the side aisles whilst maintaining physical distancing.



Spiritual Communion – for those at home

It is an ancient practice of the Church that, when you are prevented from attending the Holy Eucharist, people are invited to express, in the words of St Thomas Aquinas, “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Therefore, during this time you are invited to pray this prayer, which may be said as often as you desire:

Act of Reception

All In union, blessed Jesus,
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,

(and remembering particularly my own parish ...)

I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,
for creation and all the blessings of this life,
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,
and resurrection,
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,
I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,
my soul, and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.
Amen.

Motet

View me, Lord

Richard Hey Lloyd (1922-2021)

*View me, Lord, a work of thine!
Shall I then lie downed in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.*

*Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At thine altar pure and white;
They at once thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earth's delight.*

*Worldly joys like shadows fade
When the heavenly light appears;
But the covenants Thou hast made,
Endless, know not days nor years.*

*In thy word, Lord, is my trust,
To thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet thy grace can lift me high.*

Words: Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

Let us pray.

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

All **Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**

**God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh, his presence we have;
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our king.**

**Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Paderborn
Paderborn Gesangbuch 1765

Notices for the Community

Please sit

Sending Out

Please stand

All The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Solemn Blessing

All May you know the shortness of life that you may gain wisdom of heart.
Amen.

All May you never forget that we are but pilgrims on the earth,
and that our true home is in heaven.
Amen.

All May you walk before the Lord with blameless hearts.
Amen.

All And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son †, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

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

Organ Voluntary

Postlude no 6 op 105

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The procession departs

Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary

Collection

We invite you to make a monetary offering towards the ministry and mission of St Matthew's Church using the receptacle provided at the back of church.

If you are a tax payer, please use the envelopes in the chairs, and fill out the details in order that our parish may in addition benefit from the Gift Aid associated with your giving.

Your generosity is gratefully received. Thank you.

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as an aid to prayer and reflection during the week,
and then re-cycle it.**

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