

The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

The Second Sunday after Trinity

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Jesus said, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Parish Mass

Sunday 26th June 2022

10.15 am

Welcome to St Matthew's Parish Church

The cost of discipleship While all the synoptic Gospels record a sending out of the Twelve, only Luke records the sending out of the seventy-two disciples. This second sending out is explained by the size of the harvest, and the fact that time is short, and Jesus can't do it all by himself. It also foreshadows the preaching of the Gospel to the whole world, a favourite theme of Luke.

The mission of the disciples was an extension of Jesus' own mission. They were to be bearers of peace, healing, and the good news of salvation to others. In understanding his instructions to them, we must remember that this was only a temporary mission, of short duration and limited to the surrounding Jewish towns and villages. We must first possess these gifts before we can share them with others. Let us turn to the Lord from whom all good gifts come.

Reflection

Whose woods these are I hardly know,
his house is in the village though;
he will not see me stopping here
to watch his woods fill up with snow.
My little horse must think it queer
to stop without a farmhouse near,
between the woods and frozen lake
the darkest evening of the year.
He gives his harness bells a shake
to ask if there is some mistake;
the only other sound is the sweep
of east wind and downy flake.
The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
but I have promises to keep;
and miles to go before I sleep,
and miles to go before I sleep.

Robert Frost



Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

§ *Please stand at the sound of the bell*

Hymn

The procession enters

All **Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room
For thy holy nativity:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.**

**Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming thy royal degree;
But of lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
And in great humility:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.**

**Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
That should set thy people free;
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
They bore thee to Calvary:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.**

**When heaven's arches ring, and her choirs shall sing,
At thy coming to victory,
Let thy voice call me home, saying, Yet there is room,
There is room at my side for thee:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.**

Words: Emily Elliott (1836-1897)

Music: Margaret
Timothy Richard Matthews (1826-1910)

All † 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.
All **and also with you.**

The service is introduced

Invitation to Confession

My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

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 strengthen us when we are weak:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You give us courage when we are afraid:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You help us to be generous
when we are tempted to think only of ourselves:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

Priest 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.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

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

Let us pray.

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
now that we have prepared for this encounter with God
in the holy scriptures,
let us be seated to receive into our hearts and minds
the living word of the Lord as it is proclaimed to us.

§ *Please be seated*

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Reader A reading from the First Book of the Kings.

The Lord said to Elijah, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.’

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, ‘Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.’ Then Elijah said to him, ‘Go back again; for what have I done to you?’ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Response

Andrew Moore



In your pre-sence, O Lord, is the full-ness of joy.

Cantor

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, ‘You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.’
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart. **Response**

Though the idols are legion that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips. **Response**

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune.
My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage. **Response**

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.
I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall. **Response**

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure.
For you will not abandon my soul to Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit. **Response**

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **Response**

§ Please stand

Holy Gospel

Acclamation

1. *Choir only*
2. *Choir and Congregation*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening:
you have the words of eternal life.

All **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

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

All

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

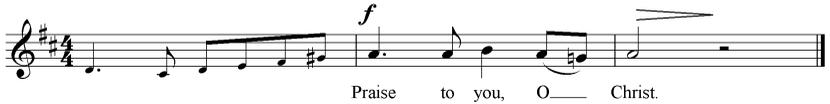
When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Luke 9.51-62

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All



Musical notation for the Gospel of the Lord. The notation is in 4/4 time, key of D major (one sharp), and begins with a treble clef. The melody consists of the following notes: quarter note D4, quarter note E4, quarter note F#4, quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4, quarter note F#4, quarter note E4, quarter note D4. The final note is a half note D4. The piece ends with a double bar line. A dynamic marking of *f* (forte) is placed above the first note. The lyrics 'Praise to you, O Christ.' are written below the notes, with 'O' and 'Christ.' on a longer note value.

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

In setting out for Jerusalem Jesus gave us an example of his fidelity to God and to us. Let us pray for the grace that we too may be faithful.

§ *Please kneel or sit*

After each petition

Intercessor

Lord, you have created us:

All

make us worthy of our calling.

Lord, grant that we who have committed ourselves to follow you, may not keep on looking back, but may go forward in faith, hope and love, and so be found worthy of your kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

§ *Please stand*

Sign of Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace.

All

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

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Please respect the needs of those who prefer to do so without physical contact

Hymn

All

Immortal Love for ever full,
For ever flowing free,
For ever shared, for ever whole,
A never-ebbing sea!

Our outward lips confess the name,
All other names above;
Love only knoweth whence it came,
And comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
To bring the Lord Christ down;
In vain we search the lowest deeps,
For him no depths can drown;

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is he;
And faith has still its Olivet,
And love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said
Our lips of childhood frame;
The last low whispers of our dead
Are burdened with his name.

Alone, O Love ineffable,
Thy saving name is given;
To turn aside from thee is hell,
To walk with thee is heaven!

Words: John Whittier (1807-1892)

Music: Bishopthorpe (St Paul's)
Jeremiah Clarke (c.1673-1707)

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 God,
through these holy mysteries
you graciously accomplished the effects of your mysteries,
grant that the deeds by which we serve you
may be worthy of these sacred gifts.
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 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

The musical notation is a single line of music in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are: "Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again." The dynamics are marked as *mf* (mezzo-forte) for "Christ has died:", *cresc.* (crescendo) for "Christ is risen:", and *f* (forte) for "Christ will come again." The final note is a whole note.

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



A- men.

The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung

§ *Please kneel or sit*

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Saviour 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

My flesh is food indeed,
and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.
All **Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood
dwell in me and I in them.**

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches are warmly invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Blessed Sacrament is available in both kinds (bread and wine). If you prefer to receive the consecrated bread only, please feel free to do so.

Alternatively, if you wish to receive a blessing, please bring this booklet with you as a sign.

Spiritual Communion – for those at home

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.

Hymn

All

**Jesu, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.**

**No voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find,
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind!**

**O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!**

**But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but his loved ones know.**

**Jesu, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
Jesu, be thou our glory now,
And through eternity.**

Words: *Jesu dulcis memoria*
Bernard of Clairvaux (attributed) (1090-1153)
Anonymous Latin (12th century)
Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

Music: St Botolph
Gorgon Slater (1896-1979)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

§ *Please stand*

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

Hymn

All **My God, how wonderful thou art,
Thy majesty how bright,
How beautiful thy mercy-seat,
In depths of burning light!**

**How dread are thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
By prostrate spirits day and night
Incessantly adored!**

**How wonderful, how beautiful,
The sight of thee must be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power,
And awful purity!**

**O, how I fear thee, living God,
With deepest, tenderest fears,
And worship thee with trembling hope,
And penitential tears!**

**Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
Almighty as thou art,
For thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart.**

**No earthly father loves like thee,
No mother, e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears as thou hast done
With me thy sinful child.**

**Father of Jesus, love's reward,
What rapture will it be
Prostrate before thy throne to lie,
And gaze and gaze on thee.**

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863) Music: Westminster
James Turle (1802-1882)

Notices for the Community

§ *Please be seated*

¶ Sending Out

§ *Please stand*

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

Solemn Blessing

All May God the Father bring us to the home
 which his Son prepares for all who love him.
Amen.

All May God the Son give us the will
 to live for him each day in life eternal.
Amen.

All May God the Holy Spirit give us the assurance
 that our citizenship is in heaven
 with the blessed and the beloved,
 and the whole company of the redeemed.
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

All The Mass is ended, go in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Praeludium in A minor

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

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

Refreshments are being served in the parish centre, please do join us

If you are a newcomer to the parish, please introduce yourself to the clergy or speak to a member of our Welcome Team.

This evening at 5.30 pm Evening Prayer is said in Quire

Collection – responding to God’s generosity

We invite you to make a monetary offering towards the ministry and mission of St Matthew’s Church. You may do so using any of the following methods:

Cash, cheques, stewardship envelopes - using the receptacle provided at the back of church. If you are a taxpayer please use the envelopes in the chairs, and fill out the details in order that our parish may also benefit from the Gift Aid (an extra 25p for every pound given) associated with your giving.

Contactless giving - using the terminal provided. Just press the button for the amount you wish to give - £3, £5, or £10, and then hold your bank card over the reader.

Giving on your smart phone - using the QR code printed below. It gives you the option of any amount, Gift Aid, and making a regular payment.

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

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