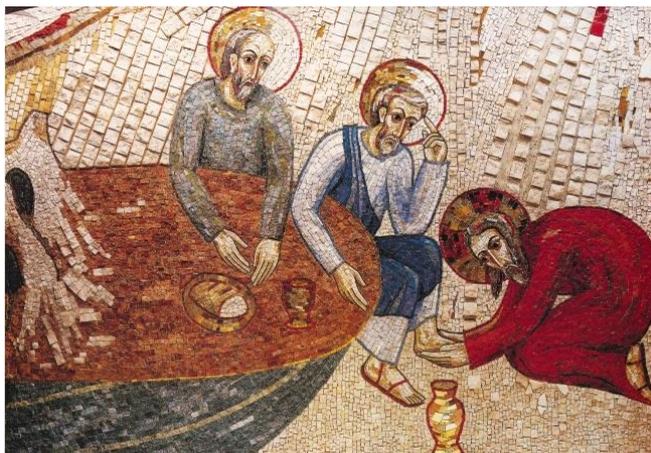


The Parish Church of St Matthew  
Northampton

# The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 24



*The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

## The Parish Mass

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 prayer or 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

The fruit of prayer is faith.  
The fruit of faith is love.  
The fruit of love is service.  
And the fruit of service is peace.

Lord, cleanse our hearts of greed and envy.  
Give us a spirit of willing service of our brothers and sisters,  
so that we may belong to your kingdom on earth,  
and come to share your glory in heaven,  
where you live and reign now and for ever.

## Settings

The Mass of St Thomas (Gloria only)	<i>Thorne</i>
Missa Secunda (Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei)	<i>Hassler</i>

Our thanks are due to *Anonymous Donor No. 4*  
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*

**We turn to Christ anew  
who hear his call today,  
his way to walk, his will pursue,  
his word obey.**

**To serve him as our King  
and of his kingdom learn,  
from sin and every evil thing  
to him we turn.**

**We trust in Christ to save;  
in him new life begins:  
who by his cross a ransom gave  
from all our sins.**

**Our spirits' strength and stay  
who when all flesh is dust  
will keep us in that final day,  
in him we trust.**

**We would be true to him  
till earthly journeys end,  
whose love no passing years can dim,  
our changeless friend.**

**May we who bear his name  
our faith and love renew,  
to follow Christ our single aim,  
and find him true.**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

Music: Leoni  
Hebrew melody notated by  
Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)

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

Jesus shared our humanity,  
and he was tempted in every way that we are, yet without sin.  
He understands our struggles and our need of help.

Let us reflect for a moment on our struggles with temptation.  
With the Lord's help to strengthen us  
there is nothing we cannot master.

*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 give us strength to purify our hearts  
and control our desires:

Lord, have mercy.

*All*     **Lord, have mercy.**

You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you,  
and of willing service of our neighbour:

Christ, have mercy.

*All*     **Christ, have mercy.**

You teach us how to live in this passing world  
with our hearts set on the world that will never end:

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.

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gift equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation  
    the joys of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son 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.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you’;

as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Hebrews 5.1-10*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Because you have made the Lord your refuge  
and the Most High your stronghold,  
There shall no evil happen to you,  
neither shall any plague come near your tent.  
For he shall give his angels charge over you,  
to keep you in all your ways.

**All Keep me as the apple of your eye.**

They shall bear you in their hands,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
You shall tread upon the lion and adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

*All* **Keep me as the apple of your eye.**

Because they have set their love upon me,  
therefore will I deliver them;  
I will lift them up, because they know my name.  
They will call upon me and I will answer them;  
I am with them in trouble,  
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.  
With long life will I satisfy them  
and show them my salvation.

*All* **Keep me as the apple of your eye.**

Psalms 91.9-16

***Please stand***

## Holy Gospel

### Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Choir* I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord:  
no one can come to the Father except through me.

*All* **Alleluia ...**

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

*All*

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

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism

with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

*Mark 10.35-45*

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* The Lord loves justice and right, and fills the earth with his love.  
Let us now with confidence bring our needs before him.

***Please be seated***

*After each petition*

*Intersessor* Lord, hear us,  
*All* **Lord, mercifully hear us.**

*Priest* Father, fill us with a spirit of humility and love  
so that we may imitate your Son  
who offered his life in the service of all.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

***Please stand***

### Sign of Peace

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.  
As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.

*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

**All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,  
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,  
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:  
*Alleluya.***

**Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;  
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,  
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:  
*Alleluya.***

**Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
who wast a servant that we might be free,  
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:  
*Alleluya.***

**Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou  
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:  
*Alleluya.***

**Let every tongue confess with one accord  
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;  
And God the Father be by all adored:  
*Alleluya.***

Words: Francis Bland Tucker (1895-1984),  
based on *Philippians 2:5-11*

Music: Engelberg  
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

## 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, grant us a sincere respect for your gifts,  
that, through the purifying action of your grace,  
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.  
We ask this 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:

Choir	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might. heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
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Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domine.  
Osanna in excelsis

*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 in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody starts with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics are: "When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry." The first staff has a dynamic marking of *mf* above it. The second staff has a dynamic marking of *cresc.* above it and a dynamic marking of *f* above it.

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 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

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

<i>Choir</i>	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</i>
	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</i>
	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.</i>

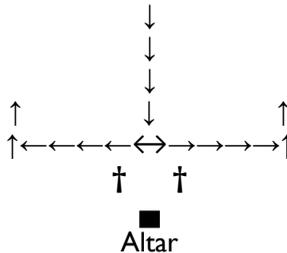
## Invitation to Communion

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

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,  
on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,  
to deliver their soul from death and to feed them in time of famine.

*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

Laudate nomen domini

Christopher Tye (1505-1572)

*Choir Praise the name of the Lord, ye servants of the Lord;  
from the rising of the sun until the same setting.  
The decrees of the Lord are just, and [their] heart is glad:  
Praise the Lord ye princes and all ye people.*

## Prayer after Communion

**Please stand**

Let us pray.

God our Father,  
whose Son, the light unfailing,  
has come from heaven to deliver the world  
from the darkness of ignorance:  
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding  
that we may know the way of life,  
and walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## Hymn

*All* **Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.**

Words & music: Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

Notices for the Community

***Please sit***

## ¶ Sending Out

*Please stand*

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

## Solemn Blessing

All      May the Lord bless you with a noble and generous heart.  
            **Amen.**

All      May he keep you joyful in his service.  
            **Amen.**

All      May he lead you through the darkness of this world  
            to the radiant glory of his kingdom.  
            **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 and Fantasia in E flat

*Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)*

*The procession departs*

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

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## 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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**Please take this booklet home  
as an aid to prayer and reflection during the week,  
and then re-cycle it.**

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