

The Parish Church of St Matthew  
Northampton

# The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 8 Year B



*Christ raising Jairus's Daughter*  
by William Blake 1757-1827

## The Parish Mass

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

10.15 am



## Welcome to St Matthew's Parish Church

The author of Wisdom lived in the middle of the first century BC. By that time belief in the immortality of the just with God beyond death had become accepted. Our reading says that the world as God created it was essentially good. Human beings were created to be immortal because they were created in God's image. Death came into the world as a consequence of sin. The full bitterness of death will be experienced by those who are in league with the devil. It's clear that the author is not speaking of physical death (as even the virtuous still have to die) but of moral and spiritual death. This reading serves as a backdrop to the story of the raising of the daughter of Jairus in the gospel.

In the Gospel reading we have two more miracles. In these we see Jesus' power over death, and over illness, often the forerunner of death. Mark stresses that both the woman with the haemorrhage and the daughter of Jairus were both beyond the help of any earthly power. He also stresses the great faith of the woman and of Jairus. Both believed that Jesus possessed a supernatural power to heal. Through faith in Jesus, the woman and the little girl are saved.

Both miracles are signs of God's power, restoring life and health through Jesus. The raising of the little girl is a foreshadowing of Jesus' gift of eternal life to all who believe in him.

*It is our custom to spend some time in quiet preparation before the liturgy begins, and save further conversation until we meet socially for refreshments afterwards. The following reflection, based on today's themes, may be found helpful:*

### Reflection

Each of us has the capacity to heal.  
A kind word can heal a wounded spirit;  
a kind deed can heal a wounded heart.  
But sometimes there is nothing we can do for the sufferer,  
and nothing we can say either.  
In that case our only ministry is that of simple presence,  
like that of Mary at the foot of the cross.  
Yet, just by being there, by standing alongside,  
we save the sufferer from feeling abandoned,  
and offer something very precious, namely, human comfort.

### Settings

Mass of the Quiet Hour (Gloria only)

George Oldroyd (1886-1951)

The Salisbury Service

Grayston Ives (born 1948)

# Order of Service

## ¶ The Gathering

§ *At the sound of the bell, all stand*

## Hymn

§ *The procession enters*

*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 Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Music Bishopthorpe (St Paul)  
Jeremiah Clarke (c1673-1707)

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

Jesus healed people by touching them.  
He touched people in various ways –  
with his words, with his hands, and with his love.

The Eucharist brings us very close to Jesus,  
and we too need his healing touch in our lives.  
Let us now turn to him in penitence and faith.

*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 bring pardon and peace to sinners:  
Lord, have mercy.  
*All*      **Lord, have mercy.**

You bind up hearts that are broken:  
Christ, have mercy.  
*All*      **Christ, have mercy.**

You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life:  
Lord, have mercy.  
*All*      **Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution

The Lord enrich you with his grace,  
and nourish you with his blessing;  
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;  
the Lord accept your prayers,  
and † absolve you from your offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.  
*All*      **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Choir*     Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art Most High,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*     **Amen.**

§ *Sit*

# ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

*Reader* A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

God did not make death,  
and he does not delight in the death of the living.  
For he created all things so that they might exist;  
the generative forces of the world are wholesome,  
and there is no destructive poison in them,  
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.  
For righteousness is immortal.

For God created us for incorruption,  
and made us in the image of his own eternity,  
but through the devil's envy death entered the world,  
and those who belong to his company experience it.

Wisdom 1.13-15 & 2.23-24

This is the word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm

Alan Rees

O Lord, my God, I will give you thanks for e - ver.

*Choir* I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have raised me up  
and have not let my foes triumph over me.  
O Lord my God, I cried out to you  
and you have healed me. **Response**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.  
Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;  
give thanks to his holy name. **Response**

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
his favour for a lifetime.  
Heaviness may endure for a night,  
but joy comes in the morning. **Response**

In my prosperity I said,  
'I shall never be moved.  
You, Lord, of your goodness,  
have made my hill so strong.' **Response**

Then you hid your face from me  
and I was utterly dismayed.  
To you, O Lord, I cried;  
to the Lord I made my supplication: **Response**

'What profit is there in my blood,  
if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?  
'Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;  
O Lord, be my helper.' **Response**

You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;  
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever. **Response**

Psalm 30

## Holy Gospel

§ Stand

Acclamation

1. Choir only  
2. Choir and Congregation



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

**Cantor** Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death:  
and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

**All** **Alleluia ...**

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



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

All



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Mark 5.21-43

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It starts with a quarter note D4, followed by quarter notes E4, F#4, G4, A4, and B4. The final note is a half note B4. The lyrics 'Praise to you, O Christ' are positioned below the staff, with 'O' and 'Christ' aligned under the final two notes.

## Homily

§ Sit

## The Nicene Creed

§ 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 is the one in whom our hope rests.  
Let us bring our needs before him with confidence.

§ *Kneel*

*The response to each petition*

*Intercessor*     Lord, through contact with you  
*All*                **help us to rise.**

*After the final petition*

*Priest*     Heavenly Father,  
you sent your Son into the world to heal our wounds  
              of body, mind, and spirit.  
Help us to have complete faith in his healing power  
and in your love for us.  
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

*All*                **Amen.**

§ *Stand*

# ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## Sign of Peace

Peace to you from God our Father, who hears our cry.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ, whose death brings healing.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, who gives us life and strength.

*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.

## Hymn

*All* **JERUSALEM** the golden,  
With milk and honey blessed,  
Beneath thy contemplation  
Sink heart and voice oppressed.  
I know not, O I know not,  
What social joys are there,  
What radiancy of glory,  
What light beyond compare.

**They stand, those halls of Sion,  
Conjubilant with song,  
And bright with many an angel  
And all the martyr throng;  
The Prince is ever with them,  
The daylight is serene;  
The pastures of the blessed  
Are decked in glorious sheen.**

**There is the throne of David,  
And there, from care released,  
The song of them that triumph,  
The shout of them that feast;  
And they who, with their leader,  
Have conquered in the fight,  
For ever and for ever  
Are clad in robes of white.**

**O sweet and blessed country,  
Shall I ever see thy face?  
O sweet and blessed country,  
Shall I ever win thy grace?  
Exult, O dust and ashes!  
The Lord shall be thy part;  
His only, his for ever,  
Thou shalt be, and thou art!**

Words Latin, Bernard of Cluny (c 1140)  
Tr John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Music Ewing  
Alexander Ewing (1830-1895)  
Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861

## 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, who graciously provided these your gifts,  
grant, we pray, 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 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

*mf* *cresc.* *f*

Christ has died: Christ is ris - en: Christ will come a - gain.

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,  
St 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 **Amen.**

*The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung*

§ *Kneel*

## The Lord's Prayer

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but may have eternal life.

Let us pray to the God of love as Jesus 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.

## 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.

## Motet

*Choir*

Oculi omnium

*Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

## Hymn

*All*

**JUST** as I am, without one plea  
**But** that thy blood was shed for me,  
**And** that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
**O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just** as I am, though tossed about  
**With** many a conflict, many a doubt,  
**Fightings** and fears within, without,  
**O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just** as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
**Sight,** riches, healing of the mind,  
**Yea** all I need, in thee to find,  
**O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just** as I am, thou wilt receive,  
**Wilt** welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
**Because** thy promise I believe,  
**O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am (thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down),  
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
Here for a season then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

*Words Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)*

*Music Saffron Walden  
Arthur Henry Brown (1830-1926)*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

§ *Stand*

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered  
by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**Fill us, good Lord, with your Spirit of love;  
and as you have fed us with the one bread of heaven,  
so make us one in heart and mind,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Hymn

*All* **HE who would valiant be  
'Gainst all disaster,  
Let him in constancy  
Follow the Master.  
There's no discouragement  
Shall make him once relent  
His first avowed intent  
To be a pilgrim.**

**Whoso beset him round  
With dismal stories,  
Do but themselves confound;  
His strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay his might,  
Though he with giants fight;  
He will make good his right  
To be a pilgrim.**

**Since, Lord, thou dost defend  
Us with thy Spirit,  
We know we at the end  
Shall life inherit.  
Then, fancies, flee away!  
I'll fear not what men say,  
I'll labour night and day  
To be a pilgrim.**

Words John Bunyan (1628-1688)  
adapted by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music Monks Gate  
adapted from an English folksong  
by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## Notices for the Community

§ Sit

## ¶ Sending Out

§ *Stand*

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

## Solemn Blessing

*All* May the Lord bless you with a faith that never falters.  
**Amen.**

*All* May he inspire you to lead others to Christ by the way you live.  
**Amen.**

*All* May the Eucharist bring you healing and lead you to eternal glory.  
**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

Tu es Petra

*Henri Mulet (1878-1967)*

*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 – our response to God’s generosity

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**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.

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Your generosity is gratefully received. Thank you.



*Our thanks are due to Anonymous Donor 16  
who has generously financed  
the production of this week’s service booklet.*

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*This evening at 5.30 pm*

## Congregational Evensong

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

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