

The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

The Second Sunday after Trinity

Proper 5 Year B



Jesus risked safety and security for us

All Age Mass for the Parish Family
with the Ministries of Healing

Sunday 9th June 2024

10.15 am

Welcome to St Matthew's Parish Church

In the First Reading from *Genesis*, we see the pathetic efforts of Adam and Eve to shift the blame for their sin from themselves onto the serpent, and even onto God himself. We also see the consequences of sin: loss of intimacy with God, and a breakdown between man and woman – the man betrays the woman. However, the sad scene ends with the promise of salvation. The gospel shows this promise as fulfilled in Jesus, who overthrows the kingdom of Satan and establishes the kingdom of God.

Jesus' relatives, worried about the direction his life had taken, wanted to bring him back home. Then there is an argument with the scribes concerning the source of Jesus' healing power. The gospel deals with the latter first.

The passage also seems to imply that Jesus had brothers and sisters. According to the traditional teaching of the Church that was not so. The confusion results from the fact that in Aramaic they used the same word to denote brother, sister, and cousin. Even to this day Africans in a group are called by familial names such as uncle, brother, sister, mama, and papa, even when not related by blood.

Prayer

I myself am a divided kingdom.
I am divided within myself.
The good that I want to do, I do not do;
the evil that I want to avoid, I find myself doing.
Who will save me from myself?
Who will keep my kingdom from falling down?
The Lord, who overpowered Satan,
will heal the division within me.
Then I shall be free, united, and at peace.

Setting

The Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne



Order of Service

Gathering to Worship God

All stand at the sound of the bell

Call to Worship

Priest Lord, you tell us that anyone who does your will
is part of your family. Help us to put aside our differences
and be united in you, ready to worship in spirit and in truth,

All **Amen.**

Hymn

The flags are presented

All **Our Father God in heaven
on whom our world depends,
to you let praise be given
for families and friends;
for parents, sisters, brothers,
a home where love belongs,
but on this day for mothers
we bring our thankful songs.**

**What wealth of God's bestowing
for all the world to share!
What strength of heart outgoing
to children everywhere!
Our deepest joys and sorrows
a mother's path must trace,
and earth's unknown tomorrows
are held in her embrace.**

How well we know the story
that tells of Jesus' birth,
the Lord of heaven's glory
become a child of earth;
a helpless infant sleeping,
yet King of realms above,
who finds in Mary's keeping
the warmth of human love.

Our Father God in heaven,
to you we lift our prayer,
that every child be given
such tenderness and care,
where life is all for others,
where love your love displays:
for God's good gift of mothers
let earth unite in praise!

Words Timothy Dudley-Smith b 1926

Music Ellacombe

All † In the name of God, Father, Son, and 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

Saying Sorry to God

Lord, trusting that you wish to forgive your family,
we wait for your loving kindness.
Hear our voice as we come to you
sorry for the wrong we have done,
and determined to do better.

We keep silence

Kyrie Confession

We are sorry for those times
when we do not put others before ourselves.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

We are sorry for those times
when we deny the bonds which make us your family on earth.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

We are sorry for those times
when we do not hear your voice and your word.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

God's forgiveness

Almighty God,
whose power can heal the sick and raise the dead,
have mercy on us and † forgive us our sins,
and raise us to new and eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Glory to God

All sing **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 Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

**Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All **Amen.**

¶ Hearing and Responding to the Word of God

First Reading

Reader A reading from the book *Genesis*.

The man and the woman heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.'

Genesis 3.8-15

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Acclamation

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

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

Choir Jesus said, whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.

All Alleluia.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Mark 3.20-25

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All



Hymn

The choir come and sit in the Nave

All

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no pride of birth;
the chosen family God has blessed
now spans the whole wide earth.**

**For God in Christ has made us one
from every land and race;
has reconciled us through the Son,
and met us all with grace.**

**It is by grace we are assured
that we belong to him:
the love we share in Christ our Lord,
the Spirit's work within.**

**So brothers, sisters, praise his name
who died to set us free
from sin, division, hate and shame,
from spite and enmity!**

**In Christ there is no east or west-
he breaks all barriers down:
by Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed,
in Christ we live as one.**

Words Michael Perry 1942-1996 Music Beatitudo

Talk / Presentation

All sit

The themes of the day are briefly explored

We Believe

All stand

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

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Our Prayers to God

All kneel

Priest Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
for you reveal your love to us through our families and friends.
We learn of your care and protection through the goodness
and grace of our loved ones.
Teach us to learn to love as you love us.

Intercessor We rejoice in the family of the Church.
May all who come find love and fellowship.
May they find acceptance and friendship.
Lord, help your Church be an instrument of peace and healing in
the world.
As we come together, let us show the unity that is ours in Christ
Jesus; let us show one faith, one Church, one God.
We pray for unity among Christians, that they may show a unity
to the world.

All Father, in your mercy,
hear your children's prayer.

We praise you, O God, for the wonderful variety of people
and talents in the world.
We ask your blessing on all areas of growth in
goodness and grace.
We pray for schools, colleges and universities.
Lord, guide all who influence the minds of young people;
we pray for those who work with television
and in the pop-culture of today.

All Father, in your mercy,
hear your children's prayer.

We give thanks for all that enriches and encourages family life.
We pray for the social services and all who support any
families that are in difficulty.
We remember before you families where there is debt

or where love is absent.

Lord, bless our homes with your love and care.

Father, in your mercy,

All **hear your children's prayer.**

We give thanks that you are a God who heals and restores,
that you care for our whole being - body, mind and spirit.

(For the acutely ill ...).

We remember in your presence all who have been injured in
accidents or through acts of violence,

all who have taken ill suddenly

and those whose illness has no cure.

We pray for their well-being and the knowledge of your love.

Lord, bless all who share in healing.

We pray for our doctors and nurses and all who work in hospitals.

Father, in your mercy,

All **hear your children's prayer.**

Lord, in your power all are restored and renewed
in your heavenly kingdom.

We give thanks for all the saints

and we pray to you for our loved ones and friends

who are departed from us

(the recently parted, and anniversaries of death ...).

Father, in your mercy,

All **hear your children's prayer.**

Priest Merciful Father,

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

[Uniformed Organisations]

[All sit]

*Members of the uniformed organizations
may be invested or presented with awards etc.*

¶ Preparing to meet Jesus in Bread and Wine

Hymn

All stand

*The bread and wine are brought forward
A collection is taken. Please give as you are able.*

All

**This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.**

**This is my blood, poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.**

**Back to my Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.**

**Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.**

**Love one another; I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.**

Words and music vs 1 & 2 Jimmy Owens (born 1930); vs 3-5 Damian Lundy (1940-1997)

Offering the Bread and Wine

Look kindly, Lord, upon our worship,
and since you welcome us at Christ's table,
so by your Spirit, make us grow in love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Prayer over the Bread and Wine

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.

Children Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
Adults **Listen, and we will hear.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky,
everything that gives us light,
light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You give us friends and families
busy streets for young and old,
the life of an earthly city
fulfilled in your city to come.

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.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*Children
Adults*

Why do we share this bread and wine?
Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples,
saying:

'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Children How do we follow Jesus Christ?
Adults **Listen, and we will hear.**

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with Mary and Matthew and all the saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As the family of God let us pray together with confidence
to our Father in heaven:

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.**

Sign of Peace

We are God's children when we do his will.
Let the peace of Christ our Brother rule in your hearts,
and be thankful.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

The children and their leaders return to their seats

Kneel

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.**

Invitation to Communion

All God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The clergy and servers receive Holy Communion

Giving of Communion

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God,
and God in them.

Baptized persons who are communicant members of other Churches are warmly invited to receive Holy Communion, as shown below. Alternatively, if you wish to receive God's blessing, please bring this booklet with you.

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.

The choir sing Lamb of God

Motet

Choir Blessed angel spirits offer praise undying,
ever crying:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.
Saints and martyrs praise thy name,
Trinity life-giving,
earthborn sorrow leaving before thy throne.
Ever crying:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.
Father omnipotent,
mighty in glory,
Christ thy son our saviour,
who died that we might live,
Holy Spirit, mystic dove dwelling with us evermore;
we praise thee, blessed Trinity.
With the angels' sacred hymn all thy might proclaiming,
with the mystic cherubim in songs of praise we join.
Holy, holy, holy,
join we all in songs of praise for ever:
Hallelujah, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Music Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

All stand

All **God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn

The flags are returned to their bearers

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 Richard Gillard (born 1953)

Music Servant Song

Notices for the Community

All sit

¶ Going out to Serve God

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God's Blessing

May the message of Christ, in all its richness,
find a home with you.
May you bear with one another in complete selflessness,
gentleness and patience.
And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts
and in your homes.

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

All **Amen.**

Sending Out

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Music

Spitfire Prelude

William Walton (1902-1983)

The procession departs

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

Refreshments are served in church after Mass, please join us.

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 - £5, £10, or £20, 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.

Giving online - click the donate button on the parish website or Facebook page and follow the instructions.

Your generosity is gratefully received. Thank you.



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This evening at 5.30 pm
Congregational Evensong

Our next all age Mass

10.15 am on Sunday 7th July
The Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)

Jesus is rejected by the people of Nazareth

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

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