

The Parish Church of St Matthew  
Northampton

# The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Proper 24 Year B



*Power and honour. Prepared for whom?*

## The Parish Mass

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

10.15 am

## Welcome to St Matthew's Parish Church

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**In this morning's Gospel** we see how far the apostles are from the spirit of self-sacrifice. James and John want the top places in Jesus' kingdom. Obviously, they thought that his kingdom would be modelled on worldly kingdoms, where those in high places enjoy honour, power, and glory.

But Jesus tells them that his disciples are not to imitate the Gentiles, whose rulers lord it over people. In his kingdom service is what makes one great. Authority in his Church must wear the unmistakable livery of service.

He set the example himself. He came 'not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many' (a reference to his saving death).

In Jesus we have a high priest who can sympathise with us in all our trials and sufferings. We can approach him with confidence because he knows our weaknesses and was like us in all things except sin.

*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. You may find the following reflection/prayer, based on today's themes, helpful:*

## 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 for 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 for ever and ever.

## Setting

The Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

## Order of Service

### ¶ The Gathering

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

### Hymn

§ *The procession enters*

*All*

**AWAKE, my soul, and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.**

**Redeem thy misspent time that's past,  
And live this day as if thy last:  
Improve thy talent with due care;  
For the great day thyself prepare.**

**Let all thy converse be sincere,  
Thy conscience as the noontide clear;  
Think how all-seeing God thy ways  
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.**

**Awake, awake, ye heavenly choir,  
May your devotion me inspire,  
That I like you my age may spend,  
Like you may on my God attend.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Words Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music Morning Hymn  
François Hippolyte Barthélémon (1741-1808)

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

## The Greeting

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

*The service is introduced*

## Invitation to Confession

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

Let us reflect for a moment on our struggles with temptation.  
There is nothing we cannot overcome  
with the help of the One who strengthens us.

*Silence is kept*

## Confession

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

## Kyries

Lord Jesus, you 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,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon † and peace,  
now and for ever.

*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.

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,  
to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
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.**

§ *Sit*

## ¶ 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

Response Rosalie Bonighton

You are my God \_\_\_\_\_ in whom I trust.

*Cantor* 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. **Response**

For he shall give his angels charge over you,  
to keep you in all your ways.  
They shall bear you in their hands,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Response**



You shall tread upon the lion and adder;  
 the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.  
 Because they have set their love upon me,  
 therefore will I deliver them;  
 I will lift them up, because they know my name. **Response**

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. **Response**

Psalm 91.9-16

## Holy Gospel

§ Stand

Acclamation

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

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

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

**All Alleluia ...**

§ Please turn to face the Book of the Gospels

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

**All**

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

**All**

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus 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



*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 then with confidence bring our needs before him.

§ *Kneel*

*The response to each petition*

*Intercessor*     Lord, our Saviour and Redeemer,  
*All*     **hear us and save us.**

*After the final petition*

*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 Christ our Lord.

*All*            **Amen.**

§ *Stand*

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### Sign of Peace

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his 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.

### The Offertory

§ *The bread and wine are presented to the presiding priest at the dais step*

### Hymn

§ *A monetary collection is taken. Please give as you are able  
using any of the methods indicated at the end of this booklet.  
Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.*

*All*            **THE Church's one foundation  
              Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
              She is his new creation  
              By water and the word:  
              From heaven he came and sought her  
              To be his holy bride;  
              With his own blood he bought her  
              And for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed;  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.**

**'Mid toil, and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blessed,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the three in one,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee.**

Words Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

Music Aurelia  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

## 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

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 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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:



So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary the Virgin Mother of God,  
Matthew, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

All



*The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung*

§ *Kneel*

## The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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

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.

## 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

**MAY the grace of Christ our Saviour,  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favour,  
Rest upon us from above.**

**Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess in sweet communion,  
Joys which earth cannot afford.**

**To the God whose wisdom made us,  
To the Son who sets us free,  
To the sanctifying Spirit,  
Glory, endless glory, be! Amen.**

Words vv 1-2 John Newton (1725-1807)  
v 3 Editors of *English Praise*, 1975

Music Gott des Himmels  
Melody by Heinrich Albert (1604-1651)  
Harmony by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

§ *All sit for a period of silent reflection and thanksgiving*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

§ *Stand*

Father of light,  
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,  
you give us every good and perfect gift  
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:  
may we be a living sign of that kingdom  
where your whole creation will be made perfect  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**Merciful God,**  
**you have called us to your table**  
**and fed us with the bread of life.**  
**Draw us and all people to serve your Son,**  
**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

## Hymn

*All* **HOW shall I sing that majesty**  
**Which angels do admire?**  
**Let dust in dust and silence lie;**  
**Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.**  
**Thousands of thousands stand around**  
**Thy throne, O God most high;**  
**Ten thousand times ten thousand sound**  
**Thy praise; but who am I?**

**Thy brightness unto them appears,**  
**Whilst I thy footsteps trace;**  
**A sound of God comes to my ears,**  
**But they behold thy face.**  
**They sing because thou art their sun;**  
**Lord, send a beam on me;**  
**For where heaven is but once begun**  
**There alleluyas be.**

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
Inflame it with love's fire;  
Then shall I sing and bear a part  
With that celestial choir.  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
With all my fire and light;  
Yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being Lord, is thine,  
Which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
To sound so vast a deep.  
Thou art a sea without a shore,  
A sun without a sphere;  
Thy time is now and evermore,  
Thy place is everywhere.

Words John Mason (c.1645-1694)

Music Coe Fen  
Kenneth Nicholson Naylor (1931-1991)

## 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 noble and generous heart.  
**Amen.**

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

And may he lead you through the darkness of this world  
to the radiant glory of his kingdom.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ.**

## Organ Voluntary

Toccata in F

*Johann Pachelbel (1652-1706)*

§ *Please remain standing until the procession has departed*

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

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## Collection – ‘Building a Generous Church’

### Our response 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.

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Your generosity is gratefully received. Thank you.



*Our thanks are due to Christine Bentley  
who has generously financed  
the production of this week's service booklet.*

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*This evening at 5.30 pm*  
**Congregational Evensong and Benediction**  
in Quire

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

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