

The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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The Good Samaritan by Aimé Morot, 1880

The Parish Mass

with the Healing Ministries

Sunday 13 July 2025

10.15 am

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Our response to God’s generosity

We believe in a generous God, who longs for us to share his generosity with others. A generous life is therefore a hallmark of our faith and a testament to it, as the more generous we are, the more we reflect the generous God we believe in. Generosity is, therefore, at the heart of our faith, and our own generosity is a sure sign of our faith in action. Generosity is a spiritual gift, and we need to encourage people to seek this gift as they grow in their faith. The ministry and mission of St Matthew’s is largely funded through the incredible generosity of those who give to it.

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The morning's readings

Today we will hear again the great parable of the Good Samaritan. In this parable Jesus tells us that God wants us to care for one another. The priest and the Levite stand condemned for a sin, not of commission but of omission – they refused to help the man who got beaten up. Sins of omission may be among our worst sins, yet we don't always think of them as sins.

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/prayer, based on today's themes, may be found helpful:

Reflection

Beatitudes for carers

The good Samaritan was someone who cared.
Blessed are those who care:
they will let people know they are loved.
Blessed are those who are gentle:
they will help people to grow as the sun helps the buds to unfold.
Blessed are those who listen:
they will lighten many a burden.
Blessed are those who know how to let go:
they will have the joy of seeing people find themselves.
Blessed are those who, when nothing can be done or said,
do not walk away, but remain to provide a comforting
and supportive presence:
they will help the sufferer to bear the unbearable.
Blessed are those who recognise their own need to receive:
they will be able to give all the better.
And blessed are those who give without hope of return:
they will give people an experience of God.

Setting

Missa Sancti Johannis de Deo 'Little Organ Mass'

Joseph Haydn 1732-1808

Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

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

Hymn

§ *The procession enters*

All

**O GOD of earth and altar
Bow down and hear our cry,
Our earthly rulers falter,
Our people drift and die;
The walls of gold entomb us,
The swords of scorn divide,
Take not thy thunder from us,
But take away our pride.**

**From all that terror teaches,
From lies on tongue and pen,
From all the easy speeches
That comfort cruel men,
From sale and profanation
Of honour and the sword,
From sleep and from damnation,
Deliver us, good Lord!**

**Tie in a living tether
The prince and priest and thrall,
Bind all our lives together,
Smite us and save us all;
In ire and exultation
Aflame with faith, and free,
Lift up a living nation,
A single sword to thee.**

Words Gilbert Keith Chesterton 1874-1936

Music King's Lynn
English folk melody collected and arranged
by Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

† 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

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled against him.
Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy
by confessing our sins 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 have compassion for us in our sorrows and sufferings:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You heal in us the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring us to the inn of eternal life:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

Priest May the God of love and power forgive † you
and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The choir sings

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,

Deus Pater omnipotens,

Domine Filii unigenite, Jesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,

miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,

suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

miserere nobis.

Glory to God in the highest

and on earth peace to men of goodwill.

We praise you. We bless you.

We worship you. We glorify you.

We give thanks to you for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God the Father,

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

You take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us.

You take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*For you only are holy. You only are the Lord.
You only are the most high, Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect

Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

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

§ Sit

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Reader A reading from the book Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel: The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Deuteronomy 30.9-14

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Response

Stephen Moore



Choir

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. **Response**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long. **Response**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love. **Response**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
 therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
 He will guide the humble in doing right
 and teach his way to the lowly.
 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
 to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **Response**

Psalms 25.1-9

Holy Gospel

§ Stand

Acclamation



Choir The words you have spoken are spirit, Lord, and they are life.
 You have the message of eternal life.

All **Alleluia ...**

§ We turn to face the Book of the Gospels

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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



A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a

priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Luke 10:25-37

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All



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

Let us pray that we may learn the lesson of the parable of the Good Samaritan and put it into practice in our daily lives.

§ *Kneel*

After each petition

*Intercessor
All*

**Show us your ways, O Lord,
and teach us your paths.**

Lord, give us eyes that see the wounds of others;
give us a heart that feels compassion for them;
and give us the will to respond as best we can.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

§ *Stand*

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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.

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 and the altar is prepared*

Hymn

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

All

**GOD'S glory fills the universe,
The heavens proclaim his power;
But small and weak the Word made flesh,
And dark and brief his hour!
The myst'ry sought through ages past
Is born with human face;
The treasure of eternal love
Dwells with the human face.**

**His swords and signs of healing power
Are wonders to the poor;
Blind eyes, cold hearts, protest and scheme
Till love stands judged by law.
Let peace and mercy weep apart,
And justice, truth, take flight
When God's own Word to silence falls
And darkness veils the light.**

**Uplifted on the cross, Christ bears
Our shame in his disgrace,
His outstretched arms enfold us all,
And heaven and earth embrace.
For love will know the darkest depths,
And taste our bitterest pain
To prove himself their vanquisher,
And spring from buried grain.**

**The Lord ascends, and death bows down
To his triumphant name.
The Spirit stirs our sleeping faith
In wind and tongue and flame.
Christ strengthens us, calls us to live
As children of the day,
To shine where shadows still oppress,
To walk his risen way.**

Words Colin Peter Thompson b 1945

*Music Noel
English traditional melody
adapted by Arthur Seymour Sullivan 1842-1900*

Invitation to Prayer

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts

O God,
through these holy mysteries
you graciously accomplished the effects of your mysteries,
grant that the deeds by which we serve you
may be worthy of these sacred gifts.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give 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:

<i>Choir</i>	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>
	Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>

§ *If you are able, remain standing*

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



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 company with Mary the Virgin Mother of God,
Saint Matthew and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All



A- men.

The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung

§ Kneel

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Agnus Dei

<i>Choir</i>	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, Dona nobis pacem.	Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
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Invitation to Communion

All Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Giving of Communion

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young; at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house:
they will always be praising you.

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

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

Healing ministries

§ *The laying on of hands and the sacrament of anointing are available in the Lady Chapel. If you would like to receive these please make your way there having been to the communion rail.*

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

The Lord bless you and keep you

John Rutter b.1945

Hymn

All

**O JESU, King most wonderful,
Thou conqueror renowned,
Thou sweetness most ineffable,
In whom all joys are found!**

**When one thou visitest the heart,
Then truth begins to shine;
Then earthly vanities depart;
Then kindles love divine.**

**O Jesu, light of all below,
Thou fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
And all we can desire:**

**May every heart confess thy name,
And ever thee adore;
And, seeking thee, itself inflame
To seek thee more and more.**

**Thee may our tongues for ever bless,
Thee may we love alone;
And ever in our lives express
The image of thine own.**

Words Latin, c12th century
translated by Edward Caswell 1814-1878

Music Contemplation
Frederick Arthur Core Ouseley 1825-1889

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

§ *Stand*

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

**Lord, we have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn

All **GO forth for God; go forth to the world in peace:
Be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
In God's good Spirit daily to increase,
Till in his kingdom we behold his face.**

**Go forth for God; go forth to the world in strength;
Hold fast the good, be urgent for the right,
Render to no one evil; Christ at length
Shall overcome all darkness with his light.**

**Go forth for God; go forth to the world in love;
Strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak,
Help the afflicted; richly from above
His love supplies the grace and power we seek.**

**Go forth for God; go forth to the world in joy,
To serve his people every day and hour,
And serving Christ, his every gift employ,
Rejoicing in the Holy spirit's power.**

**Sing praise to him who brought us on our way;
Sing praise to him who bought us with his blood;
Sing praise to him who sanctifies each day;
Sing praise to him who reigns one Lord and God.**

Words John Raphael Peacey 1896-1971
and the Editors of *The New English Hymnal*, 1986

Music Magda
Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

Notices for the Community

§ Sit

¶ Sending Out

§ Stand

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

The Blessing

All Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
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

Toccata [Symphonie V, Finale]

Charles-Marie Widor 1844-1937

§ *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*

§ *Refreshments are being served in church. Do please join us.*

This evening at 5.30 pm

Congregational Evensong

Our thanks are due to Marva Grant
who has generously financed
the production of this week's service booklet.

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

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