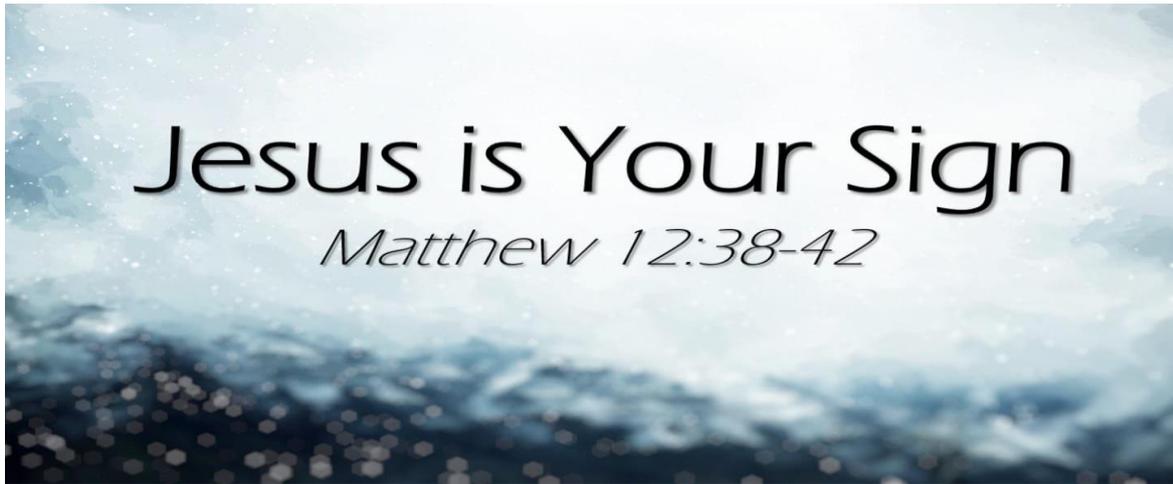


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Leader. The Lord be with you

R1, and also with you.

Leader. In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

L. O Lord, from whom all good things do come:
Grant to us thy humble servants,
that by thy holy inspiration,
we may think those things that be good,
and by **your** merciful guiding may perform the same;
through **our** Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

We come into the presence of the life-giving Spirit,
R1, we come into the presence of the Three-in-One.

L. We come to remember your glorious resurrection,
your appearances to your disciples and the hope and courage that filled their
hearts.

R1. Lord Jesus, as you came to them, so come to us. Amen

Reader 1. Gracious God,
We praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus.
We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts
today.

We pray that the Ever lasting light of life, hope and joy,
will live in us each day;
and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others. **Amen**

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Leader. we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned everyone to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Lord Have Mercy [Isaiah 53:6](#)

Reader 2. Lord have Mercy

Leader. the Son of man came not **to be served --but to serve,**
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Christ Have Mercy [Matthew 20:28](#)

Reader 2. christ have Mercy

Leader. A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another;
as I have loved you,
that you also love one another.

Lord have Mercy [John 13:34](#)

Reader 2. Lord have Mercy

Reader 2. Said Hymn *What a friend we have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer

Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen**

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R1, Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us

L. Seek the Lord while he may be found,

R1. call upon him while he is near.

L. Let the wicked abandon their ways

R1. and the unrighteous their thoughts.

L. Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;

R1. to our God who will richly pardon. [cf Isaiah 55](#)

Reader 2. Lord God,

we have sinned against you;

we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. [cf Psalm 51](#)

Amen.

Leader We pray that the Father of all mercies may cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

L. Blessed be the Lord, who has heard the voice of our prayer.

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

R1. and in our song will we praise our God. [Psalm 28.7,9](#)

R2 Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:

graft in our hearts the love of your name,

increase in us true religion, - nourish us with all goodness,

and of your great mercy keep us in the same;

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. **Amen**

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The Word of the Lord

R1. Psalm 22. 27-31

All the ends of the earth

will remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations

will bow down before him,
For dominion belongs to the LORD
and he rules over the nations.

All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
those who cannot keep themselves alive.

Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord.

They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Reader 1 2 Corinthians 1:3-7,

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May the Lord be in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts as we hear the words of the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew All. Glory to you, O Lord.**

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Reader 2 Matthew 12:38-42 NIV

Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.” He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here. The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom, and now something greater than Solomon is here.

.This is the Gospel of the lord, Praise to you O Christ.

The Apostles creed

The Creed (*We join in with the words in bold*)

L. We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,

**R1. make of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

L. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

**R1. God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

L. Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

R1. Through him all things were made.

L. 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.

**R1. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

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L. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

R1. 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.

L. We believe in the Holy Spirit,

R1. the Lord, the giver of life,

L. who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

R1. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.

L. He has spoken through the prophets.

R1. We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

L. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

R1. We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

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Prayers of Intercession

Leader. On this day that the Lord has made,
let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross:

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

That those preparing to be born to new life in the waters of baptism and
becoming Confirmed may know the power of his resurrection:

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Reader2,

God of power and might we lift up before you our brothers and sister
throughout the World, who are struggling with the coronavirus.

We pray for your protection,

We pray for your provision,

We pray for the nations of earth to have compassion.

When people are in need, you are our refuge.

When people are scared, you are our refuge.

When people are mourning, you are our refuge.

Compassionate God, draw close to those who seek your refuge today.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

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Reader 2. We pray for the hundreds of thousands who have suffered in war-torn conflicts. We pray that Your Holy Spirit will minister healing and wholeness to them. Help us, as your people, to play our part in opening our hands in friendship and compassion to the wounded.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Reader 1 Lord of peace,
Teach us to follow the ways of justice
and walk with us the paths of truth.
Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Reader1. Grant to each one of us, your children, an awareness of your presence,
and give us perfect confidence in you.
In all pain and weariness and anxiety teach us to surrender ourselves to your never-failing care,
knowing that your love and power surround us,
trusting in your wisdom to give us health and strength and peace.
Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Reader1. That those who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ:
In a moment of quietness, we name in our hearts those we know or love who are ill at this time.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Leader, We pray for The Sick and Those in Need named on our parish news

May Christ bring Them wholeness of body, mind and spirit

Martin & Marilyn Wall, David & Anne Gadd, Charlie Rooke
John & Julie Hope, Sandra Brunt
Peter Conabeer, Vera Lines, Janye Middleton,
Joan Farr, Ruby Matthews, Shirley Woodley
Dorothy Lawrence, Dai & Lal Gravell, Doreen Coles, Joe Wood
Beryl Murray, Barbara Linley, Andrew & Gail Walker

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We pray for all who have departed this life, for past members of this community, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time. We pray that those left behind may find comfort through your grace.

**LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
AND RISE IN GLORY**

Father, we rejoice all our prayers in fellowship with St Matthew, all the saints, with those of our Blessed Mother.

In your unfailing love for us, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, as we honour his mother and say:

**Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

R1 Merciful Father

Please accept these prayers For the Sake of your Son
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

The Peace

L. The fruit of the Spirit is love,- joy, and peace.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R2.and also with you!

Take a moment- An act of Spiritual Communion

Leader. Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

R1 Blessed be God for ever.

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L. The Lord be with you
R1. and also with you.

L. The Lord is here.
R1. His Spirit is with us.

L. Lift up your hearts.
R1. We lift them to the Lord.

L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
R1. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Reader 1. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

Leader. Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as
our Saviour has taught us:

**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 them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' *John 6.35*

PRAYER OF Spiritual Communion

Leader Let us say together the prayer of the act of Spiritual communion.

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My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Moment of silent reflection.

Let us reflect for a moment in being in the presence of the Lord, having him in our lives ,

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Leader. Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesu, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from you.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

**In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you,
that with St Matthew and all your Saints O most merciful
redeemer, friend and brother,**

**may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day Amen.**

R2. Almighty God, through Your Blessed Sacrament, keep us united with all our brothers and sisters here at St Matthews and throughout the church.

Bind us together in Word, Sacrament and Love, until we are reunited again in Your church. . **Amen.**

Moment of Silence

Reader 2. Post Communion collect

Eternal God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:

grant us to walk in his way,

to rejoice in his truth,

and to share his risen life,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

Notices

