

I will Praise you O Lord. 20th October 2026



I will Praise you O Lord,
with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful
deeds.
I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing the praises of your
name, O Most High. *Psalm 9:1-2*

Greeting, The lord be with you. **All. And also with you.**

O Lord, open our lips.

All. and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All. who made heaven and earth

Lord Jesus Christ,

you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.

Be with us this evening, as we offer ourselves to you.

Hear our prayers for others and for ourselves,

and keep us in your care. **Amen.**

Loving God, we give thanks for calling us to come together in worship,
reflection, and celebration as one fellowship.

Although we are in our separate homes your Spirit holds us firmly
together,

Jesus said "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with
them".

Come among us Lord Jesus

Be with us as we come together,

In our Words, our thoughts and our silence

Come among us

And dwell in us this evening and all our meetings. **Amen.**

Leader, You Lord are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the
End, and it is **by** Your grace and faithfulness that we travel our path in
fellowship.

Thank You, Lord, for being our firm foundation, our refuge, and our
guide. **Amen**

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Lighting of Worship Candles.

Leader, Lord, as we prepare to light our candles, may they be a small flame of hope shining in the darkness, removing our fears and doubts, lighting our path, reminding us of our Blessings, **Amen**.



Dear Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
As we light our candles,
We thank you for your love and kindness, for Your coming and Your sacrifice, and we celebrate Your resurrection and the gifts of Your Word and the Spirit.

We pray that Your light enlightens our minds and spirit,
and that it overwhelms and cleanses the darkness of sin in our lives.

We pray that Your light will help us to see what You want us to see,
and lead us to do what is pleasing in Your sight.

We give thanks for Your promise that when we leave this darkened world,
we will enter into the eternal and glorious presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Leader. Lord, have mercy. **All**. Lord, have mercy.

Reader , Christ, have mercy. **All**. Christ, have mercy.

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Reader, Most merciful God, we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.

All. We Pray that you will forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. **Amen**.

Leader O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

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Gloria Leader Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth, Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father.

All. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Reader. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
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;

All. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

Reader For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,

All. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Collect. Of Thanksgiving, Lets us Pray

Leader. Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise for all that you have done for us.

We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen**

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Reader Said Hymn .

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.

**All. 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.**

The Word of the Lord,

Leader. 1 Thessalonians 5.

16 Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Do not quench the Spirit.

Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good,
reject every kind of evil.

Jesus Christ. **All Thanks be to God.**

Reader. *Psalms 100*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

3 Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**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**

Leader. Gospel according to Mark

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 *Mark*

All. Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 4. 1-20 *The Parable of the Sower*

1. Again he began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land.

He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them:

‘Listen! A Sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil.

And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away.

Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain.

Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.’

And he said, ‘Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’

10. When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables.

And he said to them, ‘To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that

“they may indeed look, but not perceive,
and may indeed listen, but not understand;
so that they may not turn again and be forgiven.” ’

And he said to them, ‘Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables?

The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.

And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy.

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But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.’
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All Praise to you, O Christ.**

.O God, my Strength,
we believe that We can do all things through you who strengthens us.
We ask that You have Your divine way in our lives so that we can grow into this divine promotion that You have called us to.

Leader. God of creation we give thanks For Mother Earth that sustains us, gives us life and beauty
and who now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted upon her. .

Lord God, we lift up our broken world to You. So many places are torn by violence, unrest, and fear.

We ask for Your peace to reign where chaos seems to rule. Pour out Your Spirit in troubled regions, calming hearts and silencing weapons.

Protect the innocent, comfort the grieving, and bring resolution to every conflict.

May the nations see Your light and be drawn to Your truth.

Lord, in your mercy **All hear our prayer.**

Reader. All powerful God, we come together this evening to give thanks for our calling to follow our Lord Jesus Christ along what ever path that You have chosen for us,
we have been Blessed to be individually called by you,

But there are so many hurting and needy people.

We lift them up to You and ask that You bless them, help them, heal them.

May Your Grace bring peace to them and fulfil their needs according to Your will..

Lord please Open our eyes and make us aware of the opportunities we have to help and Bless others.

Lord, in your mercy **All hear our prayer**

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Leader, Ever caring God, Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body and mind, those that will be given bad news during the coming week, the sick; those caring for others; those finding it hard to care for themselves, for the dying and those who wait with them; give them courage in their troubles;

In a moment of quietness, we name in our hearts those we know who are in need at this time.....

Moment of Quiet

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Any names given for Prayers Names .

May the spirit of Christs healing hand rest upon them,
and give Them wholeness of body, mind and spirit

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 the lords Grace.

✝ Rest eternal grant upon to them Lord

Let light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace

AND RISE IN GLORY

Father, we rejoice all out 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

Merciful Farther ,please accept these prayers For the Sake of your Son
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

The Peace

Leader God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All. and also with you.

Prayers of Spiritual Union

Father, we Pray that You accept all we bring before you this evening.

And that you guide us with your love and feed our spirit as you nourish the faith of the Church by the preaching of your apostles.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader, Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died: Christ is risen:

All. Christ will come again.

Leader Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
The Light of God surrounds us;
The Love of God enfolds us;
The Power of God protects us;
The Presence of God watches over us;

All. Wherever we are, --God is----

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 those that trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil;

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen.

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Jesus said, “And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

.Leader. My Jesus,
We believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
We love You above all things,
and desire to receive You into our souls.
Since we cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into our hearts.
all. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself
wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Leader. Come, Holy Spirit. **All.** Blessed be God,

Leader We Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of our soul
As we say,
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.**
all. In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you.

Leader And that with St Matthew, and all your Saints
all. 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.

Almighty God, through Your Blessed Grace, keep us united with all our
brothers and sisters here at St Matthews and throughout the church.
Bind us together in Word, Love and Service.. **Amen.**

Notices

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The Conclusion

Leader. In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Reader. Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

Leader. As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ. AMEN.

Leader. Prayer for God's Blessing

The God of all grace, who with St Matthew, and all the saints, called us to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle us in the faith;

and we pray **That the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
will be among us and remain with us always. Amen.**

Leader. Let us go in peace.
**We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. Amen.**

Leader. Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Loud Response by All. I come to Christ.

Let us bless the Lord. **All** Thanks be to God.

And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.