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Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Leader.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The lord be with you, **All. And also with you**

O God, make speed to save us.
All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.
By the light of Christ, your living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
that we may walk as children of light
and sing your praise throughout the world.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
All. Blessed be God for ever.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.
All.Amen.

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Leader, 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 whether it be remotely or together in Church. **Amen**.

Lighting of Candle to symbolise Christs, the light of the world, presence among us



May this candle be a light for you to enlighten me. May it be a fire for you to burn out of me all pride, selfishness and impurity. May it be a flame for you to bring warmth into my heart; warmth towards my family, my neighbours and all whom I meet.

Call to worship (Psalm 24:7-10)
Leader. Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the King of glory may come in.
All. We lift our hearts in worship, Come O eternal King.

Reader. Who is the King of glory?
All. The Lord, strong and mighty,

Reader. The Lord, mighty in battle.
We lift our hearts in worship,
All. Come O empowering King

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Reader, Who is this King of glory?
All. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Reader. We lift our hearts in worship,
All. Come O Christ our King

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

Leader. The confession
Jesus Said "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
So let us turn away from Sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

L. The kingdom is yours,
But we turn away from your rule;
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

Reader. The power is yours,
But we turn in our power and truths;
Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy,**

Leader. The glory is yours,
But we fall short of the glory of God
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

Prayer for forgiveness
leader. Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
All. **we pray that you have mercy upon *us*,**
pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins,
confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness,
and keep *us* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Said Hymn ; ***Crown Him with many crowns***

Reader1. Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon the throne
Hark How the heavenly anthems drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul And sing Of Him Who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown him the Virgin's Son!
The God Incarnate born,--
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn!
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem:
The Root, whence mercy ever flows,--
The Babe of Bethlehem!

Crown him the Lord of peace!
Whose power a sceptre sways,
From pole to pole,--that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise: his reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

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 Collect

Leader. Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son,
the King of kings and Lord of lords:
Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth,
divided and enslaved by sin may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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The Word of the Lord,

Leader. 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.**

Gospel according to Matthew 20. 20-28

20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favour of him.
"What is it you want?" he asked.
She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."
"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"
"We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.
Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—
just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
This is the Gospel of the Lord. All **Praise to you, O Christ**.

Glory to God, glory to the Father.
All. **Glory to God, glory to the Father.**

- To him be glory forever. All. **To him be glory forever.**
  Alleluia, amen. All. **Alleluia, amen.**

- Glory to God, son of the Father.
  All. **Glory to God, son of the Father.**

- To him be glory forever. All. **To him be glory forever.**
- Alleluia, amen. **All. Alleluia, amen.**

- Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
  All. **Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**

- To him be glory forever. All. **To him be glory forever.**
- Alleluia, amen. **All. Alleluia, amen.**

Let us Pray

Prayer of thanksgiving and intercession

Leader. Gracious God,
We thank You for the gift of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ
In whom we live and move and have our being
For the gift of life, of family, of friends
For our church community
And the many ways we connect with one another, We give You thanks.
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**,

Reader. Father, We pray for ourselves,
Give us a heart that trusts You completely
Grant us grace to do what is right, to fight for justice, and to speak up for those who cannot do so for themselves. Give us thankful hearts
Heart that would see You in everyone, and welcome all as we would welcome You. Lord, help us to mirror You.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**,

Leader. We pray for all who continue to live with injustice
Whose lives are filled with violence and abuse
Those who face discrimination and are treated unfairly
Those who ask, how long before there is relief?
Those who are asked ‘what did you do?' instead of ‘how can we help!'
Lord, please grant that Your Spirit will move us to collective actions of love and care.
Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Reader . We pray for all who suffer
For the sick and for those who care for the sick.
For those whose jobs are affected
And who worry about the next meal or how to be safe
For those battling with loneliness and isolation.
Lord, be our healer, our provider, and our abiding presence.

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**
.Leader. Lord we bring before you the named sick
Leader Lord, we bring before you the named sick
Any names given for Prayers on the day
May Christs healing hand rest upon them and grant them wholeness of body, mind and spirit and also give their families peace and comfort
Almighty god may your peace be with #### in all he/she does

Leader. We pray for all who have departed this life with the past week, for former members of this community, for those who remain within our hearts and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

+ Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord
And LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM
May they rest in Peace
AND RISE IN GLORY Amen

Merciful God, we pray for those who are bereaved.
May the light of Christ which eternally shines,
bring hope to their dark places
Father, we rejoice all our prayers in fellowship with St Matthew, and all the saints,
And Join our Blessed Mother in Her eternal Intercessions on our behalf ,
As we 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 Savour Jesus Christ. AMEN

The Peace

Leader. Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Prayer for Spiritual Unity

L. The Lord be with you **all. and also with you.**
L. The Lord is here. **all. His Spirit is with us**.
L. Lift up your hearts. **all. We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Leader Father, accept all we bring before you this evening.
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.

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,
the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Moment of silent reflection.

Leader We Thank you Lord 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.
all. From the malicious enemy defend me.
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.

Leader 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.**

NOTICES .

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.

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

Leader .In your mercy, Lord,
dispel the darkness of this night.
Let your household so sleep in peace that at the dawn of a new day
they may,
with joy,
waken in your name.
Through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Notices and Goodbyes

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

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

As the night watch looks for the morning,
All. So do we look for you, O Christ.

Leader. Prayer for Blessing

Christ our exalted King pour upon us your abundant gifts
and bring us to reign with you in glory;
All. 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. 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 t**he grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**