

St. Mary Bromley

# Healing for Matthew



Family Service

10.30 a.m. – 11 June 2023

## Welcome

### Song – Seek ye first

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you;  
allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
allelu, alleluia.*

You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by ev'ry word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God;  
allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia...*

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and it shall be opened unto you;  
allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia...*

v. 1: Karen Lafferty (b. 1948) vs. 2 & 3: unknown, based on Matthew 6:33; 7:7  
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## Meet Matthew



## Opening Prayer

**Loving God,  
thank you for this new day:  
thank you for your love and care for us,  
thank you for making each of us special;  
help us today to be kind to each other. Amen.**

*confession*

**Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hosea 6

*absolution*

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself,  
that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh,  
and be cleansed from all our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Song – Will you come and follow me**

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know, and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer in you, and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free, and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you, and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you, and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

## **Birthdays**

Everyone who has had a birthday since our last Family Service is welcome to join us at the front and receive a candle.

We then sing the following:

**Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,  
may God bless you and keep you, happy birthday to you.**

## **Reading – Matthew 9.9-13**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

## **Something Spoilt**

Life can get broken and spoilt  
we give our youngsters  
a task to make it right

Jesus invitation to be made whole is just too big !

Our youngsters show us  
how it can be made right

## Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in Jesus' resurrection  
**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received, and this we believe.  
Amen.**

1 Corinthians 15.3-7

## Song – Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

Unknown, based on Psalm 46

## Prayers

*To the bidding*

Jesus, Lord of love

*Please respond*

**hear your children's prayer**

*Our prayers conclude*

Jesus, our saviour and healer

**accept our prayers**

**and be with us always. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us now pray with confidence to the Father  
in the words our saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Notices

### Song – Lord, the light of your love is shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the World, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.*

*Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness,  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus...*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.  
*Shine, Jesus...*

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## **Blessing**

You are called  
and loved by God the Father  
and kept safe by Jesus Christ.  
Mercy, peace, healing and love  
be yours in abundance,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

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