



*“And remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age!”*

A Celebration of the Ministry of
St Michael & All Angels Smawthorne
(1929-2024)

10am Sunday 11th August 2024

President and Preacher: Fr Keith Freeman, Rector.

The Gathering

After some reflective music a brief period of silence precedes the service. A bell will ring and the following Call to Worship is then led by a reader from the back of the Church:

As we wait in silence

Fill us with your Spirit

As we listen to your Word

Fill us with your Spirit

As we worship you in Majesty

Fill us with your Spirit

As we long for your renewing

Fill us with your Spirit

As we long for your equipping

Fill us with your Spirit

As we long for your empowering

Fill us with your Spirit

Introit Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee. *Walter C Smith (1824-1908).*

The Greeting

The President greets the people and introduces the service.

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our
Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a
people as his own. Let us therefore confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
+ pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

People of God, as today we mark the closing of this church of
St Michael & All Angels Smawthorne, we remember with
thanksgiving the many ways in which God has blessed ministry
and the lives of many in this place over the last 95 years. And
so, we praise God as we say together:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
Almighty God and Father.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus Christ,
your name is blessed in all the earth,
receive our prayers and thanksgiving this day
for the blessings and comfort that
you have bestowed on your people in this house of prayer.
Continue your mercies to your church
that we may know your unchanging love in our lives.
Now and always. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Philippians 3: 7-16

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians:

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

At the end the reader says:

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

Gradual Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

John Marriott (1780-1825).

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28: 16-20

Alleluia, alleluia.

‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life’. **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

At the end of the Gospel the Priest says:

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

Sermon

Prayers & Creed

Each petition is said at the place in the church that is the subject of the prayer.

At the front of the nave:

Almighty God, here in this place you have gathered us as your church and have filled our hearts with your love through our songs and praises. You have heard our sorrows and made us glad in our celebrations. And so we praise you now for our fellowship in Christ, for our mission and ministry and for all that you have given us in our life together in this church.

For these and all your gifts **we praise and thank you.**

At the font:

Loving God, at this font you have received us and have made us one with your Son Jesus Christ. Through baptism you have given to us your Holy Spirit that faith, hope, wisdom and love might abide in all your people. So now we praise and thank you for the holy waters that have flowed from this font onto your disciples. We pray, too, that this river of life may continue to flow through us into your world.

For these and all your gifts **we praise and thank you.**

At the lectern:

Lord of love, from this lectern we have heard your powerful Word to us, the Word of Life. Here we have been built up by the Scriptures and here we have been taught, and challenged, and guided in your way. So now we praise and thank you for your powerful Word to us and we pray that it will continue to be for us a light to our path and a guide for our lives.

For these and all your gifts **we praise and thank you.**

At the altar:

God of our past, present and future at this table you have welcomed us into fellowship with you. Here you have strengthened us for our mission and for our daily lives and have sent us out to share Christ's love to the world. So now we praise and thank you for the grace and favour you have shown to us at this table as we look forward to sharing with you also in the heavenly banquet.

For these and all your gifts **we praise and thank you.**

For all these things and for so many more we now give to you God our thanks and praise.

As we seek your presence for our lives we affirm that faith this day in the words that have been taught us:

**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.
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.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid!"

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

John S B Monsell (1811-1875).

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
+Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

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:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Michael
and All Angels, 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. **Amen.**

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

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 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

The President breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The President and people receive communion.

Communion Anthems

Anthems will be played during the receiving of communion.

Post Communion Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided:

great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *[Chorus]*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *[Chorus]*

Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960).

Anima Christi & Post Communion Prayer

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 Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.
Let me not 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 your saints I may praise you
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Commission

As God's church in this benefice I call upon you to renew your
commitment to live out what you proclaim:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit will you walk into God's future,
trusting him to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power we will.

Will you share your riches in common
and minister to each other in need?

By the Spirit's power we will.

Will you pray for each other
until your hearts beat with longing for God?

By the Spirit's power we will.

Will you carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

By the Spirit's power we will.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Now and for ever.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *[Chorus]*

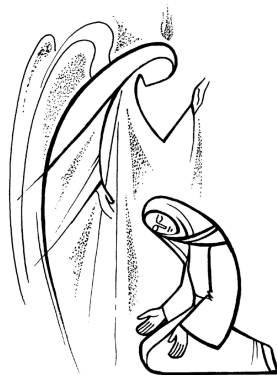
And when I think how God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: *[Chorus]*

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,
to take me home, what joy will fill my heart!
then I will bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! *[Chorus]*

Karl Boberg (1859-1940).

The Dismissal

The Mass has ended, go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



Thank you for attending today. Please hold in your prayers the future ministry of God's church here in Castleford. In addition, if you are able, please stay for refreshments after the service for a further chance to share your memories of the past and your hopes for the future.

May God bless you, and those you love and pray for, as you journey on.