

St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood

Sunday 30th May 2021 – Trinity Sunday

Welcome to our "Hybrid" Sunday Service

We gather to worship the God who is beyond our understanding, yet as close to us as the air that we breathe. Let us rejoice that the creator of the universe is also the saviour of the world and the guiding Spirit of our lives.

Please join in with the words in **bold** print.

Gathering

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

Hymn: Make Way, Make Way (438)

**Make way, make way
For Christ the King
In splendour arrives
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
Into your lives**

***Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings (For the King of kings)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let His kingdom in***

**He comes the broken hearts to heal
The prisoners to free
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance
The blind shall see**

**And those who mourn with heavy hearts
Who weep and sigh
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify**

**We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all
To have no gods before Him
Their thrones must fall!**

Confession

Even though we have often let God down, we trust in the promise of forgiveness. Let us confess our wrongdoings and seek God's help to do better.

We have sometimes forgotten that all human beings are children of God.

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

We have sometimes judged others by their background or appearance.

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

We have sometimes envied other people's gifts, and belittled our own.

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

Absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria

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 sin 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.

Collect

Let us pray:

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Reading: (Ezekiel 17:22-24)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

This is what the Sovereign Lord says:

“I will take the top of a tall cedar
and break off a tender sprout;
I will plant it on a high mountain,
on Israel's highest mountain.
It will grow branches and bear seed
and become a magnificent cedar.
Birds of every kind will live there
and find shelter in its shade.
All the trees in the land will know
that I am the Lord.
I cut down the tall trees
and make small trees grow tall.
I wither up the green trees
and make the dry trees become green.

I, the Lord, have spoken. I will do what I have said I would do.”

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

Psalm 92

**How good it is to give thanks to you, O Lord,
to sing in your honour, O Most High God,
to proclaim your constant love every morning
and your faithfulness every night,
with the music of stringed instruments
and with melody on the harp.
Your mighty deeds, O Lord, make me glad;
because of what you have done, I sing for joy.**

**The righteous will flourish like palm trees;
they will grow like the cedars of Lebanon.
They are like trees planted in the house of the Lord,
that flourish in the Temple of our God,
that still bear fruit in old age
and are always green and strong.
This shows that the Lord is just,
that there is no wrong in my protector.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I call you friends, says the Lord
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father

All Alleluia.

Gospel: (Mark 4:26-34)

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

Jesus went on to say,

“The Kingdom of God is like this. A man scatters seed in his field. He sleeps at night, is up and about during the day, and all the while the seeds are sprouting and growing. Yet he does not know how it happens. The soil itself makes the plants grow and bear fruit; first the tender stalk appears, then the head, and finally the head full of grain. When the grain is ripe, the man starts cutting it with his sickle, because harvest time has come.

“What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like?” asked Jesus. “What parable shall we use to explain it? It is like this. A man takes a mustard seed, the smallest seed in the world, and plants it in the ground. After a while it grows up and becomes the biggest of all plants. It puts out such large branches that the birds come and make their nests in its shade.”

Jesus preached his message to the people, using many other parables like these; he told them as much as they could understand. He would not speak to them without using parables, but when he was alone with his disciples, he would explain everything to them.

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

Talk

Hymn: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart (202)

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, I am strong

Let the poor say, I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us (x2)

Give thanks

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All **Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Intercessions

Between the prayers we say

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayers we say

Merciful God, accept our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Peace

We are children of God, disciples of Christ, and guided by the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

We share a socially distanced sign of peace by turning and waving to those around us in church and to those on the screen

Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me (752)

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 prisoners 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?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound 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.

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Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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.

And now we give you thanks
because you are the source of light and life;
you made us in your image
and called us to new life in him.

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:

**All 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:

All 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 St. Christopher 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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.

Distribution of Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

If you wish to receive holy communion please stand

The body of Christ

All **Amen**

Holy Communion is distributed to those in the Church.

Hymn: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord (67)

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now, with reverence and fear
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight. Our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -
No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place.**

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. 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.

Closing Prayer

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Notices

Hymn: Jubilate Everybody (371)

Jubilate, everybody,
serve the Lord in all your ways,
and come before His presence singing;
enter now His courts with praise.
For the Lord our God is gracious,
and His mercy's everlasting.
Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

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The Blessing

May you sow the seeds of the kingdom.
May you nurture the tender plant of faith.
And may you reap the harvest of eternal life.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
come down upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

If you are in the church, please stay in your place until you are directed by a steward to leave the building.

*We are now permitted to gather outside the Church for a chat.
Please ensure you remain socially distanced (minimum of 2m)
from anyone not in your household.*

*You are also invited to join us online on Wednesday morning
at 11am for our 30 minute Zoom Coffee Break.*

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