

# St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our "Hybrid" Sunday Service

We serve a holy God who calls us to be a holy people. However, the Lord knows we cannot manage this in our own strength. God helps us in our weakness, gradually changing us from within through the Holy Spirit. So let us come together and rejoice in God's transforming grace.

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: Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks for the risen Lord (8)

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

1. **Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.      *Refrain.***
2. **Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen.      *Refrain.***
3. **We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever.      *Refrain.***
4. **God has proclaimed the just reward:  
Life for all men, alleluia!      *Refrain.***
5. **Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.      *Refrain.***

*Donald Fishel (b. 1950)*

## Confession

As Paul wrote to the Romans, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". Yet through Christ we can know forgiveness. Let us, then, confess our sins.

We are sorry when we fail to recognise the unconditional nature of your love.

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

We are sorry when we are content with simply appearing to be good people and are reluctant to deal with the sin that lies within.

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

We are sorry when we do not seek your help to change but try to become better through our own efforts.

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:

Almighty God, you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## Reading: (Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-9)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Then Moses said to the people, "Obey all the laws that I am teaching you, and you will live and occupy the land which the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Do not add anything to what I command you, and do not take anything away. Obey the commands of the Lord your God that I have given you.

Obey them faithfully, and this will show the people of other nations how wise you are. When they hear of all these laws, they will say, 'What wisdom and understanding this great nation has!' "No other nation, no matter how great, has a god who is so near when they need him as the Lord our God is to us. He answers us whenever we call for help. No other nation, no matter how great, has laws so just as those that I have taught you today. Be on your guard! Make certain that you do not forget, as long as you live, what you have seen with your own eyes. Tell your children and your grandchildren.

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

## Psalm 15

Lord, who may enter your Temple?  
Who may worship on Zion, your sacred hill?

**Those who obey God in everything  
and always do what is right,  
whose words are true and sincere,  
and who do not slander others.**

They do no wrong to their friends  
nor spread rumours about their neighbours.  
They despise those whom God rejects,  
but honour those who obey the Lord.

**They always do what they promise,  
no matter how much it may cost.  
They make loans without charging interest  
and cannot be bribed to testify against the innocent.  
Whoever does these things will always be secure.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

By his own choice the Father made us his children by the message of the truth, so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he created.

*All* Alleluia.

## **Gospel: (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)**

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

Some Pharisees and teachers of the Law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. They noticed that some of his disciples were eating their food with hands that were ritually unclean—that is, they had not washed them in the way the Pharisees said people should.

(For the Pharisees, as well as the rest of the Jews, follow the teaching they received from their ancestors: they do not eat unless they wash their hands in the proper way; nor do they eat anything that comes from the market unless they wash it first. And they follow many other rules which they have received, such as the proper way to wash cups, pots, copper bowls, and beds.)

So the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law asked Jesus, “Why is it that your disciples do not follow the teaching handed down by our ancestors, but instead eat with ritually unclean hands?”

Jesus answered them, “How right Isaiah was when he prophesied about you! You are hypocrites, just as he wrote:

‘These people, says God, honour me with their words,  
but their heart is really far away from me.

It is no use for them to worship me, because they teach human rules  
as though they were my laws!’

“You put aside God's command and obey human teachings.”

Then Jesus called the crowd to him once more and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand. There is nothing that goes into you from the outside which can make you ritually unclean. Rather, it is what comes out of you that makes you unclean.”

For from the inside, from your heart, come the evil ideas which lead you to do immoral things, to rob, kill, commit adultery, be greedy, and do all sorts of evil things; deceit, indecency, jealousy, slander, pride, and folly— all these evil things come from inside you and make you unclean.”

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

## **Talk**

### **Hymn: Amazing Grace (29)**

**Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found  
was blind but now I see**

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear  
and Grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come  
T'was Grace that brought me safe thus far  
and Grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

When we've been there a thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

### Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

*All* **This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
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.

*All*    **Amen**

### **The Peace**

Despite our sins and weaknesses, we can all know peace with God because of the forgiveness Jesus brings.

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 joining us from home*

### **Hymn: All my hope on God is founded (19)**

**All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.**

## 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, most gracious God, holy and undivided Trinity:  
because you have given us the light of the knowledge of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ, that we may grow into your likeness,  
and be changed from glory to glory.

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.*

### Chant

Our Chant is a paradox, for when we bless God, it is actually we who receive a blessing. Please join in our chant, "Bless the Lord, my soul"

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

### 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

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen**

### Notices

#### Hymn: Give Me Joy in My Heart (201)

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.**

**Give me joy in my heart, I pray.**

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.**

**Keep me praising till the end of day.**

*Refrain:*

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King of kings!**

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King!**

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.  
Give me peace in my heart, I pray.  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.  
Keep me resting till the end of day. *Refrain*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.  
Give me love in my heart, I pray.  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.  
Keep me serving till the end of day. *Refrain*

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.  
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.  
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.  
Keep me burning till the end of day. *Refrain*

### The Blessing

May the living Father clothe us with the breastplate of righteousness,  
defend us with the shield of faith, and feed us with bread of heaven.

*All Amen.*

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.*

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feel unwell during the week, please ring 07824 323815 so that we  
can contact others who were here today.***

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