

St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood

St Christopher's Patronal Festival 2022

Welcome to our hybrid Sunday Service as celebrate our Patronal Festival and join in worship with some people in the church and others online. A Patronal Festival is a time for rededicating ourselves as a church family to the service of God in Hinchley Wood.

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
and also with you.

God is spirit,
and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

John 4.24

HYMN 88 Brother, sister, let me serve you

CONFESSION

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.

Psalm 127.1

Sisters and brothers, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins:

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you,
our God. Amen**

ABSOLUTION

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

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

Almighty God,
 to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:
 we praise you for the many blessings
 you have given to those who worship you here:
 and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
 and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
 may become a living temple acceptable to you;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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

HYMN 437 Make me a channel of your peace

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, we love the house of your habitation
and the place where your glory abides

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

TALK

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world?

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ,
who redeemed humankind?

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him

This is the faith of the Church

**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
hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers, we say

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

THE PEACE

Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father.
Peace to this house from his Son who is our peace.
Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you
and also with you

We share a sign of peace

HYMN 23 All that I am

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Lord, teach us how to repay you for your goodness towards us.
We will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name.
Blessed be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here

God's Spirit is with us

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

And now we give you thanks that,
though the heaven of heavens cannot contain you,
and your glory is in all the world,
yet you chose to hallow places for your worship,
and in them you pour forth gifts of grace
upon your faithful people.

And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St Christopher and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

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.

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

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.

If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please stand as you are able

The body and blood of Christ

Amen

Holy Communion is distributed to those in the Church

Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home:

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.

COMMUNION HYMN 944 The Lord is my light (Taizé)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NOTICES

HYMN 876 O when the saints go marching in

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you and those you love always.

Amen

Like living stones, precious in his sight,
go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.

Thanks be to God.