

# St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 23rd October 2022

Welcome to our "Hybrid" Sunday Service

When we are familiar with our pattern of worship, it is easy to allow our attentiveness to slide into assumption. So let us come to God today with the expectation that God will draw close and meet us afresh.

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.

## Gathering Hymn: Bind Us Together (72)

## Confession

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

*All* 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

## 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 Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord  
*All Amen.*

## Reading: (Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22)

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

My people cry out to me, 'Even though our sins accuse us, help us, Lord, as you have promised. We have turned away from you many times; we have sinned against you. You are Israel's only hope; you are the one who saves us from disaster. Why are you like a stranger in our land, like a traveller who stays for only one night? Why are you like someone taken by surprise, like a soldier powerless to help? Surely, Lord, you are with us! We are your people; do not abandon us.'

The Lord says about these people, "They love to run away from me, and they will not control themselves. So I am not pleased with them. I will remember the wrongs they have done and punish them because of their sins."

Lord, have you completely rejected Judah? Do you hate the people of Zion? Why have you hurt us so badly that we cannot be healed? We looked for peace, but nothing good happened; we hoped for healing, but terror came instead. We have sinned against you, Lord; we confess our own sins and the sins of our ancestors. Remember your promises and do not despise us; do not bring disgrace on Jerusalem, the place of your glorious throne. Do not break the covenant you made with us. None of the idols of the nations can send rain; the sky by itself cannot make showers fall. We have put our hope in you, O Lord our God, because you are the one who does these things.

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

## Psalm: 84

How I love your Temple, Lord Almighty!  
How I want to be there! I long to be in the Lord's Temple.  
With my whole being I sing for joy to the living God.

**Even the sparrows have built a nest, and the swallows have their own home;  
they keep their young near your altars, Lord Almighty, my king and my God.  
How happy are those who live in your Temple, always singing praise to you.**

How happy are those whose strength comes from you,  
who are eager to make the pilgrimage to Mount Zion.  
As they pass through the dry valley of Baca, it becomes a place of springs;  
the autumn rain fills it with pools.

**They grow stronger as they go; they will see the God of gods on Zion.  
Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty. Listen, O God of Jacob!  
Bless our king, O God, the king you have chosen.**

One day spent in your Temple is better than a thousand anywhere else;  
I would rather stand at the gate of the house of my God  
than live in the homes of the wicked.

**The Lord is our protector and glorious king,  
blessing us with kindness and honour.  
He does not refuse any good thing to those who do what is right.  
Lord Almighty, how happy are those who trust in you!**

### Gradual Hymn: Amazing Grace (29)

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.  
*All Alleluia.*

### Gospel: (Luke 18:9-14)

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

Jesus also told this parable to people who were sure of their own goodness and despised everybody else. "Once there were two men who went up to the Temple to pray: one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood apart by himself and prayed, 'I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, or an adulterer, like everybody else. I thank you that I am not like that tax collector over there. I fast two days a week, and I give you one tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even raise his face to heaven, but beat on his breast and said, 'God, have pity on me, a sinner!' I tell you," said Jesus, "the tax collector, and not the Pharisee, was in the right with God when he went home. For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great."

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

### Talk

## 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

Christ endured hostility to open up the hospitality of heaven, that we might live at one with him and with each other.

Let us express this spirit of unity as we share the peace.

*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*

## Offertory Hymn: As the Deer Pants for the Water (45)

## 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.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

*All* **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*If you wish to receive holy communion please stand*

The body of Christ

**All Amen**

*Holy Communion is distributed to those in the Church.*

### **Communion Hymn: All That I Am (23)**

### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion (For Private Prayer)**

**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**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit:

may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen**

### **Notices**

### **Post Communion Hymn: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (819)**

### **The Blessing**

May the Father uphold you in strength.

May the Son fill you with grace.

May the Spirit unite you in love,

and may almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

***Refreshments will be served, and you are invited to sit in small groups.  
Please respect that others may not be comfortable with close contact.***

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