

St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood

Service Appendix – 18th June 2023

Hymns

Gathering:	21	All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Gradual:	37	Angel Voices Ever Singing
Offertory:	755	Ye Holy Angels Bright
Communion:	921	Adoramus Te Domine
Post communion:	382	Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Words of Introduction

We come together in gratitude; grateful that our loving heavenly Father did not wait for us to be perfect before reaching out to us. Today we are reminded that God wants us to show that same compassion and reach out to others in grace and love.

Collect

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

Reading: (Exodus 19:2-8)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The people of Israel left Rephidim, and on the first day of the third month after they had left Egypt they came to the desert of Sinai. There they set up camp at the foot of Mount Sinai, and Moses went up the mountain to meet with God.

The Lord called to him from the mountain and told him to say to the Israelites, Jacob's descendants: "You saw what I, the Lord, did to the Egyptians and how I carried you as an eagle carries her young on her wings, and brought you here to me. Now, if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own people. The whole earth is mine, but you will be my chosen people, a people dedicated to me alone, and you will serve me as priests." So Moses went down and called the leaders of the people together and told them everything that the Lord had commanded him. Then all the people answered together, "We will do everything that the Lord has said," and Moses reported this to the Lord.

Psalm: 100

Sing to the Lord, all the world! Worship the Lord with joy; come before him with happy songs!

**Acknowledge that the Lord is God. He made us, and we belong to him;
we are his people, we are his flock.**

Enter the Temple gates with thanksgiving; go into its courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and praise him.

The Lord is good; his love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord
I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: (Matthew 9:35 – 10:8)

Jesus went around visiting all the towns and villages. He taught in the synagogues, preached the Good News about the Kingdom, and healed people with every kind of disease and sickness. As he saw the crowds, his heart was filled with pity for them, because they were worried and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. So he said to his disciples, "The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest."

Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James and his brother John, the sons of Zebedee; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew, the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Patriot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

These twelve men were sent out by Jesus with the following instructions: "Do not go to any Gentile territory or any Samaritan towns. Instead, you are to go to the lost sheep of the people of Israel. Go and preach, 'The Kingdom of heaven is near!' Heal the sick, bring the dead back to life, heal those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases, and drive out demons. You have received without paying, so give without being paid.

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.

The Blessing

As you go out into the world, may God's Spirit equip you
with the compassion of Christ and the strength you need to continue his mission.
May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.