

St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood

3rd Sunday after Trinity – Sunday 25th June 2023

Welcome to our “Hybrid” Sunday Service

“All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.” Let us hold the psalmist’s words in our hearts, praying for vision and courage to proclaim through our words and actions Jesus’ loving message to all creation.

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: Will You Come and Follow Me (752)

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:

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Reading: (Jeremiah 20:7-13)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived. You are stronger than I am, and you have overpowered me. Everyone makes fun of me; they laugh at me all day long. Whenever I speak, I have to cry out and shout, "Violence! Destruction!"

Lord, I am ridiculed and scorned all the time because I proclaim your message.

But when I say, "I will forget the Lord and no longer speak in his name," then your message is like a fire burning deep within me. I try my best to hold it in, but can no longer keep it back. I hear everybody whispering, "Terror is everywhere! So let's report him to the authorities!"

Even my close friends wait for my downfall. "Perhaps he can be tricked," they say; "then we can catch him and get revenge."

But you, Lord, are on my side, strong and mighty, and those who persecute me will fail. They will be disgraced forever, because they cannot succeed. Their disgrace will never be forgotten.

But, Almighty Lord, you test people justly; you know what is in their hearts and minds. So let me see you take revenge on my enemies, for I have placed my cause in your hands.

Sing to the Lord! Praise the Lord! He rescues the oppressed from the power of evil people.

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

Psalm: 69

I am like a stranger to my relatives, like a foreigner to my family.
My devotion to your Temple burns in me like a fire;
the insults which are hurled at you fall on me.

**I humble myself by fasting, and people insult me;
I dress myself in clothes of mourning, and they laugh at me.**

They talk about me in the streets, and drunkards make up songs about me.
But as for me, I will pray to you, Lord; answer me, God, at a time you choose.

**Answer me because of your great love,
because you keep your promise to save.
Save me from sinking in the mud;
keep me safe from my enemies, safe from the deep water.**

Don't let the flood come over me;
don't let me drown in the depths or sink into the grave.
Answer me, Lord, in the goodness of your constant love;
in your great compassion turn to me!

**Don't hide yourself from your servant;
I am in great trouble—answer me now!
Come to me and save me; rescue me from my enemies.**

You know how I am insulted, how I am disgraced and dishonoured;
you see all my enemies.
Insults have broken my heart, and I am in despair.
I had hoped for sympathy, but there was none; for comfort, but I found none.

Gradual Hymn: Meekness and Majesty (448)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia
The Spirit of truth will be my witness; and you too will be my witness
All Alleluia.

Gospel: (Matthew 10:24-39)

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

“No pupil is greater than his teacher; no slave is greater than his master. So a pupil should be satisfied to become like his teacher, and a slave like his master. If the head of the family is called Beelzebul, the members of the family will be called even worse names!

“So do not be afraid of people. Whatever is now covered up will be uncovered, and every secret will be made known. What I am telling you in the dark you must repeat in broad daylight, and what you have heard in private you must announce from the housetops. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather be afraid of God, who can destroy both body and soul in hell. For only a penny you can buy two sparrows, yet not one sparrow falls to the ground without your Father's consent. As for you, even the hairs of your head have all been counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth much more than many sparrows!

“Those who declare publicly that they belong to me, I will do the same for them before my Father in heaven. But those who reject me publicly, I will reject before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the world. No, I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. I came to set sons against their fathers, daughters against their mothers, daughters-in-law against their mothers-in-law; your worst enemies will be the members of your own family.

“Those who love their father or mother more than me are not fit to be my disciples; those who love their son or daughter more than me are not fit to be my disciples. Those who do not take up their cross and follow in my steps are not fit to be my disciples. Those who try to gain their own life will lose it; but those who lose their life for my sake will gain it.

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

By baptism we have become one with Christ, sharing in his death and resurrection.

May his eternal love bind us together in one body.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of peace

We share a sign of peace with each other

Offertory Hymn: All My Hope on God is Founded (19)

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.**

Holy Communion is distributed to those in the Church.

Communion Hymn: O Lord Hear My Prayer (938)

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

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot
comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from
knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through
Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Notices

Post Communion Hymn: Jubilate Everybody (371)

The Blessing

May the God of wisdom guide your words.
May Christ the incarnate one walk with you in the world.
May the Spirit, who is God's breath, fill you with courage.
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 are served after the service.

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