

St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood

Service Appendix – 20th August 2023

Hymns

Gathering:	32	And Can It Be
Gradual:	185	For the Fruits of His Creation (tune: All Through the Night)
Offertory:	144	Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
Communion:	937	Nada Te Turbe
Post communion:	572	Praise to the Holiest in the Heights

Words of Introduction

God called the people of Israel and also calls each of us. We know that we will face difficulties, but we are challenged to live justly and do what is right.

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Reading: (Isaiah 56:1-3, 6-8)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah,

The Lord says to his people, "Do what is just and right, for soon I will save you. I will bless those who always observe the Sabbath and do not misuse it. I will bless those who do nothing evil."

A foreigner who has joined the Lord's people should not say, "The Lord will not let me worship with his people." And the Lord says to those foreigners who become part of his people, who love him and serve him, who observe the Sabbath and faithfully keep his covenant: "I will bring you to Zion, my sacred hill, give you joy in my house of prayer, and accept the sacrifices you offer on my altar. My Temple will be called a house of prayer for the people of all nations." The Sovereign Lord, who has brought his people Israel home from exile, has promised that he will bring still other people to join them.

Psalm: 67

God, be merciful to us and bless us; look on us with kindness,
so that the whole world may know your will; so that all nations may know your salvation.

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, because you judge the peoples with justice
and guide every nation on earth.

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!

The land has produced its harvest; God, our God, has blessed us.

God has blessed us; may all people everywhere honour him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the Kingdom,
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Alleluia!

Gospel: (Matthew 15:21-28)

Jesus left that place and went off to the territory near the cities of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman who lived in that region came to him. "Son of David!" she cried out. "Have mercy on me, sir! My daughter has a demon and is in a terrible condition."

But Jesus did not say a word to her. His disciples came to him and begged him, "Send her away! She is following us and making all this noise!" Then Jesus replied, "I have been sent only to the lost sheep of the people of Israel."

At this the woman came and fell at his feet. "Help me, sir!" she said. Jesus answered, "It isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." "That's true, sir," she answered, "but even the dogs eat the leftovers that fall from their masters' table."

So Jesus answered her, "You are a woman of great faith! What you want will be done for you." And at that very moment her daughter was healed.

Closing Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:

by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Blessing

May your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, come down upon
you and remain with you always. **Amen.**