

Holy Trinity 10am Parish Eucharist

8th September 2024

Blessing of School and Work Bags Service

The 5pm Service today is Choral Evensong in celebration of the work of the Friends of Shakespeare's church.

VOLUNTARY

Prayer on screen during Voluntary:

*Lord God,
teach us to be your hands and feet where we are,
teach us to love as you love us,
teach us to pray for those in need,
Let your light shine through us to all we meet.
Amen.*

THE GATHERING

Informal welcome

*During Procession, those with bags invited to join the back of the procession and lay them in front of altar
(Choir can leave bags as they pass the altar)*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Thornbury

HON 689

1 Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
your faithfulness is written
on history's open page.
Succeeding generations
your faithfulness record,
and all to this bear witness:
one Church, one faith, one Lord!

2 Your heralds brought the gospel
to greatest and the least;
they summoned men and women
to share the great King's feast.

And this was all their teaching
in ev'ry deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming:
one Church, one faith, one Lord!

3 Your mercy will not fail us
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us
the trophy shall be won.
And then by earth and heaven
your name shall be adored;
and this shall be our anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord!

THE GREETING

President In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

President The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

All sit. The President introduces the service and theme

President We gather as one congregation, bringing ourselves before
God in worship. As a new school year begins:

President We pray for all taking the first small steps in life.

All **May God bless them all**

President We pray for all who teach and those who learn.

All **May God bless them all**

President We pray for all beginning new schools
and people facing new challenges.

All **May God bless them all**

President We pray for all those who work, serve and support others.

All **May God bless them all**

President We pray for each of us, in all that we do.
All **May God bless us all**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

President God shows us a way to live, but we do not always live our lives that way; we think of the wrong things we have done, thought or said.

In a few moments of stillness we call to mind our sins.

President Loving God, we seek your forgiveness:
for not living as examples of your love;
All **Forgive us, God.**

President for hurting others through our words or actions;
All **Forgive us, God.**

President for falling silent when we should have spoken out;
All **Forgive us, God.**

President for not trusting in you;
All **Forgive us, God.**

President May almighty God have mercy on you,
+ forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.
All **Amen.**

THE COLLECT with BLESSING OF BAGS

President God of knowledge and wisdom,
we pray to you for all schools
that they may be lively centres for learning,
new discovery, and the pursuit of goodness.
We pray also for our places of work,
that our time labouring may be fruitful and enriching.

We thank you for the gift of learning,

and for bodies and minds to learn with and create things,
to make mistakes and to try again.

Thank you for teachers, teaching assistants,
and all who work in our schools.

We bring to you all the work these bags will carry.

We bring you the days when they will feel light and easy and
the days when they will feel heavy and hard.

Bless these bags, + the children and adults who carry them,
and the knowledge they will contain,

we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

GRADUAL HYMN/SONG OF GLORY

I am a city on a hill,

I am a light in the darkness.

Jesus living in me can change the world.

I am a city on a hill,

I am a light in the darkness.

Jesus living in me can change the world.

Let my light shine, let my light shine,

let my light shine. (Let it shine.)

Let my light shine, let my light shine,

let my light shine.

If God is for me, who can stand against me?

Let my light shine, let my light shine,

let my light shine.

If God is for me, who can stand against me?

Let my light shine, let my light shine,

let my light shine.

We are a city on a hill,

We are a light in the darkness.

Jesus living in us can change the world.

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Let your light shine, let your light shine,
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If God is for us, who can stand against us?
Let your light shine, let your light shine,
let your light shine.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

GOSPEL READING – *Phil Harper*

Matthew 7. 7-11

Phil The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

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

All (sung) This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

TALK *Phil Harper*

PRAYERS

The following response is used after each section

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the following:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

President Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be
afraid.'
 The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

President Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1 I will offer up my life
In spirit and truth,
Pouring out the oil of love
As my worship to You
In surrender I must give my every part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice
Of a broken heart

Chorus:

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said? what can be sung
As a praise of Your name
For the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part
Of the debt of love that is owed
By this thankful heart*

2 You deserve my every breath
For You've paid the great cost;
Giving up Your life to death,
Even death on a cross
You took all my shame away,
There defeated my sin
Opened up the gates of heaven
And have beckoned me in (Chorus)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President With this bread that we bring
All **We shall remember Jesus.**

President With this wine that we bring
All **We shall remember Jesus.**

President Bread for his body and wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
All **We shall remember Jesus.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You open our hearts to know your love,
and are always with us

in the new challenges we face.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

arr. Anne Harrison

All

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God almighty!
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God almighty!
Who was and is, and is to come;
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

**Blessed, blessed, blest is he who comes,
Blest is he who comes in the Lord's name.
Blessed, blessed, blest is he who comes,
Blest is he who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the heights of heaven.
Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord.**

Please kneel or sit

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The President introduces the Lord's Prayer

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The President breaks the consecrated bread

President We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Invitation to Communion

The President invites the people to receive Holy Communion

President God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father**

AGNUS DEI

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All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
In your mercy, come and heal us; Lord, hear our prayer.
Take away our sins, forgive us,
Lamb of God, restore, redeem us,
grant us peace, Lord in your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer. (Repeat)**

*The President and people receive Communion or a blessing.
Please come to a communion station when indicated by a Warden.*

ANTHEM

Be Thou my Vision

Bob Chilcott

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art*

*Be Thou my best Thought, in the day or by night,
Both waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Be Thou, and Thou only, the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art;
O Sovereign of heaven, be Thou my Vision;
Be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

COMMUNION SONG

HON 625

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Lord,
we have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Notices

Christening Welcome

President God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world
to the Glory of God the Father**

President There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

BLESSING

President The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

President Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to take up your cross and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty, †

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

*Those who have brought bags forward are invited to collect them
and process out behind the choir.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Woodlands

HON238

1. Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Savior, Lord, and King,
That all the world His worthy praise may sing.
2. Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call;
How shall they call if they have never heard
The gracious invitation of His Word!
3. Go forth and tell! Where still the darkness lies;
In wealth or want, the sinner surely dies;
Give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
A love like Yours which cares for all mankind.
4. Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide;
Share God's good gifts--let no one be denied;
Live out your life as Christ, your Lord, shall choose,
Your ransomed pow'rs for His sole glory use.
5. Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ, your Lord, supplies;
Go till all nations His great name adore
And serve Him, Lord and King, forevermore.

President Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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