

Holy Trinity 10am
5th September 2021
Blessing of School Bags Service

THE GATHERING

Informal welcome

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on Two Folk Hymns Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr

*Lord God,
At the beginning of this new term
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,
so that you are honoured and glorified.
Amen.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Be thou my vision

1 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 and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2 Be Thou my Wisdom, and 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.

3 Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my whole Armor, be Thou my true Might;
Be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tow'r,
O raise Thou me heav'nward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Be Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,
O high King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

O High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

Representatives of the congregation bring their bags forward.

President We gather as one congregation, bringing ourselves before
God in worship.

A pre-schooler brings forward their bag

President All taking the first small steps in life.

All **May God bless them all**

A junior school pupil brings forward their bag

President All who teach and those who learn.

All **May God bless them all**

A secondary school pupil brings forward their bag

President All beginning new schools and people facing new
challenges.

All **May God bless them all**

An adult brings forward their work bag

President All those who work, serve and support others.
All **May God bless them all**

A retired person brings forward their personal bag

President 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.

As we ask forgiveness for our words and actions, you may wish to sign the response.

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.**

SONG OF PRIASE *(introduced by President)*

My lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore
Safe to shore
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

(You are my light)

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore
Safe to shore

Safe to shore

Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore
Safe to shore
Safe to shore

THE COLLECT

President Loving God, we thank you that you meet our every need.
You care about the smallest worry we have
and the biggest fear.
We hold all our worries and fears before you today
and ask that you will touch our hearts with your peace.

All **Amen.**

Remain standing for:

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

GOSPEL READING - Luke 12. 32-36

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON/TALK

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.'

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

Your hand, O God, has guided Thornbury

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!

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

All **Amen.**

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.**

President Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

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.**

President Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

All This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

President The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

All This is his story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

President Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

All This is our story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

President Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

All This is our story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

President Send your Spirit on us now and upon
these gifts that by them we may feed on Christ with opened
eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven

where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
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 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.**

Invitation to Communion

The President invites the people to receive Holy Communion

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.**

President The Body of Christ.

All **Amen.**

The president receives the host

President The Blood of Christ, shed for us all

All **Amen.**

The president consumes the chalice

Anthem

Give almes of thy goods

Christopher Tye

*Give almes of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man,
and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from 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

The notices

THE BLESSING OF BAGS

Please stand

Representatives of the congregation come

*forward to collect their bags.
Everyone who has brought a bag is invited to hold it up.*

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

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.

Be with each of us as we put aside worry
and embrace our loving Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty, †
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

HYMN

In heavenly love abiding (Wolvercote)

1 In heavenly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar without me,

my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?

2 Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack:
his wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.

3 Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where darkest clouds have been;
my hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.

Minister
All

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

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Toccata in Seven

John Rutter