

St Nicholas, Shepperton



PARISH EUCHARIST

7TH AUGUST 2022

Celebrant – The Rev Sue Wood

Preacher – Richard Ghail

**The Eighth Sunday After Trinity
7th August 2022**

*In the name of the Lord Jesus we welcome you to St Nicholas Shepperton today. It is wonderful that you have chosen to worship here today. For centuries, people have gathered on this site to support each other, to laugh and cry together, to sing and pray and to come before God and be nourished and sustained at the altar. It is our hope that you will leave here today having been given a glimpse of God's kingdom. **Please join in where indicated in bold.***

Opening Hymn No. 570

**Praise the Lord; ye heav'ns, adore him!
Praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him Lord, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws, which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he hath made.**

**Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail.
God hath made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation,
hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
heav'n and earth and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!**

**Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer to thy name;
young and old, thy praise expressing,
join their Saviour to proclaim.
As the saints in heav'n adore thee,
we would bow before thy throne;**

**as thine angels serve before thee,
so on earth thy will be done.**

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Words of Welcome and Introduction

My sisters and brothers to prepare ourselves to celebrate
these sacred mysteries let us call to mind our sins:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned
against you and against our neighbour in thought and
word and deed, through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and
repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and
grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the
glory of your name. Amen**

The priest pronounces God's forgiveness:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy
upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm
and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life
eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gloria

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Peace to his people on earth,
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.
Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Peace to his people on earth,
peace to his people on earth.**

**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, receive our
prayer, receive our prayer.**

**You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit, in the glory
the glory, the glory of God the Father
Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen, Amen, Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray:

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became
poor for our sake when we prosper save us from
pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may
trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading - Genesis 15 1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a
vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your
reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God,
what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of
my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You
have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house

is to be my heir.’ But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second reading - Hebrews 11 1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a

homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn No. 84

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that as you love so may I love,
and do what you would do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fulfill my heart's desire,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heav'nly fire.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.**

Gospel Reading

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hear the holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 12 32-40

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon – Richard Ghail

Affirmation of faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

We offer our prayers with and for the people of God in every place.

Lord hear us

Lord Graciously hear us

At the end of our prayers

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn No. 296

**How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O god most high:
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?
Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heav'n is but once begun
there alleluias be.**

**How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is ev'rywhere.**

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest prays the Eucharistic prayer and we join together to sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of pow'r and God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest;**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he, blessed is he,

Blessed is he who comes in the name,

He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna, hosanna,

Hosanna in the highest;

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Please sit or kneel

The priest recalls the Last Supper....

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is Risen

Christ will come again

The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of his kingdom, as our Saviour has taught us let us 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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

We all join together to sing:

**O lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us**

**O lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us**

**O lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world
Grant us thy peace**

Giving of Communion

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

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

*(A prayer for personal and silent use before receiving
communion)*

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

The president and people receive communion.

Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies **Amen.**

Anthem by Choir

Hymn No.299

**I am the bread of life,
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.**

***And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.***

**The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.**

**Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man,
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.**

**I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even thou you die,
You shall live for ever.**

**Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
Who has come
into the world.**

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

We join together to say

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

NOTICES BEFORE THE FINAL HYMN.

Hymn No. 695

To God be the glory!

great things he hath done!
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer
the promise of God;
the vilest offender
who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son:
but purer and higher
and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture,
when Jesus we see.

*Please remain standing for the final Blessing
And also with you.*

Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the Blessing of God Almighty, The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and with those who you love today and always. **Amen**

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

In the name of Christ Amen.

**You are invited to join us for coffee in the Parish
Centre after the 9.30am service.**