

17th October 2021 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

*In the name of the Lord Jesus we welcome you to St Nicholas Shepperton today. It is wonderful that you have chosen to worship with us. 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 rail. 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: - HON. No.70.

**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**

**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 my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I need not, nor world's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou, and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art!**

**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.**

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

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

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Invitation to confession

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

We hold a moment or two of silence

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we
confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not
loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy
forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we**

**are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

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.

The 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.**

Choir 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:*

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,

and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please sit

First Reading – Isaiah 53: 4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹ They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Hebrews 5: 1-10.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³ and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴ And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: - HON. No. 412.

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earth-born passions set me free,
and make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
with care and woe opprest;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me
amid the battle's strife;
in all my pain and misery
be thou my health and life;**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heav'nly way.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
when flows the tempest high:
when on doth rush the enemy,
O Saviour, be thou nigh.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may th'eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.**

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

(Mark 10: 35-45)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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, was 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 pray with and for the People of God in every place, and particularly the people of St. Joseph, Enghien and St. Simon of Cyrene, Milange, Mozambique.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace – *please stand if you are able*

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: HON. No. 114.

**Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

And so the yearning strong,

**with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

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...

Choir: 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**

Choir: 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.**

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us:

**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

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

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

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

The priest shows the consecrated host to the congregation and says:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

You are warmly invited to feast at the Lord's table. If you are baptised and regularly take communion in your own church you are welcome to receive here at St Nicholas. Due to current restrictions, please remain in your seats and the priest will bring Communion to you. If

*you don't receive communion, you are invited to receive a Blessing.
During the distribution an anthem or hymn may be sung.*

*(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*

Anthem by Choir: Holy, Holy, Holy.

Communion Hymn: HON: - No. 88.

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

The priest says "let us pray" and prays the post-communion prayer.

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Final Hymn: HON.105.

**Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
sun of righteousness arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
dayspring from on high, be near,
daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

Please remain standing after the hymn.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

FINAL BLESSING *from the Priest*

Dismissal

The Eucharist is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

We are currently unable to take a collection during the service. As you leave today there will be a collection plate at the back of church for your offerings today.

Thank you for your generosity.