

24th October 2021 Trinity 21 Last 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.310

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast:'
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live:'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright:'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;**

**and in that light of life I'll walk
till trave'ling days are done.**

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:*

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast

the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit

First Reading – Job 42: 1-6, 10-end

42 Then Job answered the LORD:

² “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³ ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,

things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ⁴ ‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.’

⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

⁶ therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

¹⁰ And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹² The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters.

¹⁴ He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵ In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died, old and full of days.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Hebrews 7: 23-end

²³ Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: - HON. No.222.

**God moves in a mysterious way
his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea,
and rides upon the storm.**

**Deep in unfathomable mines
of never-fading skill,
he treasures up his bright designs,
and works his sov'reign will.**

**Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
but trust him for his grace;**

**behind a frowning providence
he hides a shining face.**

**His purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding ev'ry hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flow'r.**

**Blind unbelief is sure to err,
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
and he will make it plain.**

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
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 10: 46 – end

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵² Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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. 174.

**Firmly I believe and truly
God is three and God is one;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.**

**And I trust and hope most fully
in the Saviour crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do death as he has died.**

**Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.**

**And I hold the veneration,
for the love of him alone,**

**holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.**

**Adoration may be given
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

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:

Communion Hymn: HON No. 144.

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise,
in deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,**

**where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm.**

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

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 No. 32

**And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
for me, who him to death pursued?
amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

*Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**'Tis myst'ry all! th'Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.**

**He left his Father's throne above
so free, so infinite his grace;
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me.**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

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.