

# **St Nicholas Church, Shepperton**



## **Parish Eucharist**

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*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 205**

**Glorious things of thee are spoken  
Zion, city of our God!  
He whose word cannot be broken,  
Formed thee for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.**

**See! The streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove;  
Who can faint, whilst such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,  
Never fails from age to age.**

**Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy name.  
Fading is the wordlings pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show,  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Zion's children know.**

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.**

*Words of Welcome and Introduction*

### **Invitation to confession**

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**

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 to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and 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 to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,**

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

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

### **The Collect**

*Let us pray:*

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **First Reading** - A Reading from 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Second reading - A Reading from 2 Corinthians 12: 2- 10**

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Hymn 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-failing skill**

**He treasures up his bright designs,**

**And works his sovereign will.**

**Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break  
In blessings on your head.**

**Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust him for his grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.**

**His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste  
But sweet will be the flower.**

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

### **Gospel Reading**

“If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet”

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hear the holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*Mark 6: 1-13*

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, ‘Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not

without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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 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**

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

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

*Let us offer one another a sign of peace.*

### **Offertory Hymn 716**

*A collection for the mission and ministry of the parish will be taken during this hymn. Many people give regularly by standing order so do not put a gift into the bag each Sunday, but we hope that everyone will contribute to the life of the church according to their own means. Thank you for your generosity.*

**We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem  
not in a royal house or hall.  
But in a stable dark and dim,  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the Cross,  
for all he loved his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn;  
empty the tomb, for he was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified:  
He sends his Spirit on his Church,  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King;  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

*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 power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes**

**in the name of the Lord**

**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:*

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world  
Grant us peace**

### **Giving of Communion**

This is the Risen Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are we who are called to his supper.  
**Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*(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.**

## **Choir Anthem**

### **Hymn 161**

**Father, hear the prayer we offer;  
Not for ease that prayer shall be,  
But for strength that we may ever  
Live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures  
Do we ask our way to be;  
But the steep and rugged pathway  
May we tread rejoicingly.**

**Not for ever by still waters  
Would we idly rest and stay;  
But would smite the living fountains  
From the rocks along our way.**

**Be our Strength in hours of weakness,  
In our wanderings be our Guide;  
Through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

God of our pilgrimage,  
You have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 231**

**God's spirit is in my heart.  
He has called me and set me apart.  
This is what I have to do,  
what I have to do.**

*He sent me to give Good News to the poor,  
tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,  
tell blind people that they can see,  
and set the downtrodden free,  
and go tell ev'ryone  
the news that the Kingdom of God has come,  
and go tell ev'ryone  
the news that God's kingdom has come.*

**Just as the Father sent me,  
so I'm sending you out to be  
my witnesses throughout the world,  
the whole of the world.**

**Don't carry a load in your pack,  
you don't need two shirts on your back.  
A workman can earn his own keep,  
can earn his own keep.**

**Don't worry what you have to say,  
don't worry because on that day  
God's spirit will speak in your heart,  
will speak in your heart.**

**By dying, I'm going away,  
but I'll be with you ev'ry day  
as the Spirit of love in your heart,  
the love in your heart.**

**Myself you will no longer see,  
but if you love as God has loved me  
then people will see me in you,  
will see me in you.**

*Please remain standing for the final Blessing*

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

**Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you 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.**

