

# **St Nicholas Church, Shepperton**



## **Parish Eucharist**

**4<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**The Tenth Sunday  
after Trinity**

**Celebrant: Rev Sue Wood**



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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 19**

**All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.**

**Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.**

**God unknown, he alone\_  
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call - one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.**

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:*

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **First Reading** - A Reading from 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.'

Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the LORD.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die. This is the word of the Lord

### **Thanks be to God**

#### **Second reading - A Reading from Ephesians 4: 1-16**

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that

some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn 45**

**As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after You.**

**You alone are my heart's desire**

**And I long to worship You.**

*Chorus*

*You alone are my strength, my shield,*

*To You alone may my spirit yield.*

*You alone are my heart's desire*

*and I long to worship You.*

**I want You more than gold or silver,**

**Only You can satisfy.**

**You alone are the real joy-giver**

**And the apple of my eye.**

*Chorus*

**You're my Friend and You are my Brother,  
even though you are a King.**

**I love You more than any other,  
so much more than anything.**

*Chorus*

## **Gospel Reading**

'Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life'

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*John 6: 24-35*

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:** Rev Elizabeth Greenwood

**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 12**

*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.*

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluia, bread of Angels,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
come to you from day to day;  
intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth his footstool, heaven his throne;  
he within the veil has entered  
robed in flesh, our great High priest;**

**he on earth both priest and victim  
in the Eucharistic Feast.**

*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 299**

**I am the bread of life,  
He who comes to Me shall not hunger,  
He who believes in Me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw him.**

#### ***Chorus***

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

**The bread that I will give  
Is My flesh for the life of the world,  
And he who eats of this bread,  
He shall live for ever,  
He shall live for ever.**

#### ***Chorus***

**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.**

*Chorus*

**I am the resurrection,  
I am the life,  
He who believes in Me  
Even if he die,  
He shall live for ever.**

*Chorus*

**Yes, Lord, we believe  
That You are the Christ,  
The Son of God  
Who has come  
into the world.**

*Chorus*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through 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 252**

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, Songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee.**

*If you are able to, 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.**

## **CHANGE OF SERVICE TIME**

**From Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**Our 9.30am service will be taking place at the new time of 10.00am each Sunday.**