

St Nicholas Church, Shepperton



**Parish Eucharist
at 10.00am
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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 551

O worship the King

All glorious above;

O gratefully sing

His power and his love:

Our Shield and Defender,

The Ancient of days,

Pavilioned in splendour,

And girded with praise.

O tell of his might,

O sing of his grace,

Whose robe is the light,

Whose canopy space.

His chariots of wrath

The deep thunder-clouds form.

And dark is his path

On the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store

of wonders untold,

Almighty! Thy power

hath founded of old;

Established it fast

by a changeless decree,

And round it hath cast,

like a mantle, the sea.

**O measureless Might,
Ineffable Love,
While Angels delight
To hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to thy praise.**

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:

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels
and mortals in a wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,
so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading - A Reading from Genesis 28. 10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second reading from Revelation 12. 7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
'Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!'.
This is the word of the Lord

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Thanks be to God

Hymn 120

Come, let us join our cheerful songs

With angels round the throne;

Ten thousand, thousand are their tongues,

But all their joys are one.

Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,

'to be exalted thus;'

'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,

'For he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive

Honour and power divine;

And blessings, more than we can give,

Be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all creation join in one

To bless the sacred name

Of him that sits upon the throne,

and to adore the Lamb.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia! Alleluia!

“Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels
of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Glory to you, O Lord

John 1: 47-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Richard Ghail, Licensed Lay Minister

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

Hear again the song of the angels:

‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.’

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn 37

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.

**Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day or night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.**

**Lord, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure all combine.**

**In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily;
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity!
Of the best which thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.**

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

God of glory,
as you have appointed angels to minister in your presence,
so may all our worship bring you worthy praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 411

Lord Jesus Christ

You have come to us,

You are one with us, Mary's son.

Cleansing our souls from all their sin,

Pouring Your love and goodness in;

Jesus, our love for You we sing,

Living Lord.

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Now and every day
Teach us how to pray
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of you:
Into our lives your power breaks through,
Living Lord**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
Born as one of us,
Mary's son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
We would come to You,
Live our lives for You,
Son of God.
All Your commands we know are true,
Your many gifts will make us new,
Into our lives Your power breaks through,
Living Lord.**

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to their joy in heaven;
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 762

**You are the King of Glory,
You are the Prince of Peace,
You are the Lord of heav'n and earth,
You're the sun of righteousness.
Angels bow down before you,
Worship and adore, for
You have the words of eternal life;
You are Jesus Christ, the Lord.**

**Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna to the King of kings!
Glory in the highest heaven,
For Jesus the Messiah reigns.**

Repeat again from the beginning

If you are able to, please remain standing for the final Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Blessing

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints;
Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels;
the Spirit make you holy in God's service;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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

CHANGE OF SERVICE TIME

From Sunday 1st September

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

