

**Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community**  
**Scattered Church: Worship at home on 31/08/25 Trinity 11**

**Hymn**

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 illumining.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;  
nor can we guess its grace,  
till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Bianca da Siena d.1434*  
*trans. Richard F Littledale 1833-1890*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

**Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

**O praise the name of the Lord!**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.  
Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins,  
seeking healing and salvation.

*cf Titus 2.11*

You made us to be one family,  
yet we have divided humanity.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You were born a Jew to reconcile all people,  
yet we have brought disharmony amongst races.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You rejoice in our differences,

yet we make them a cause of enmity.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

### ***The Collect***

God of glory, the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### ***Readings***

#### ***Proverbs 25:6-7***

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
for it is better to be told, 'Come up here',  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### ***Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16***

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Luke 14:1,7-14***

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Reflection***

*(Dial 01647 407047 to hear it again during the week)*

***Affirmation of faith***

Let us declare our faith in God who is Father, Son and 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.

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

He 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.**

### ***Intercessions***

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### ***The Peace***

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

*cf Galatians 3.28*

#### ***Notices***

We say together:

**God of our salvation,**

**you have restored us to life,**

**you have brought us back again into your love**

**by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.**

**Continue to heal us, as we go to live and work**

**in the power of your Spirit,**

**to your praise and glory. Amen.**

#### ***Blessing***

May Christ,

who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,

fill you with his new life;

and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Hymn**

Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee,  
yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary  
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided  
nothing can our peace destroy.

*James Edmeston 1791-1867*

## **Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community Services**

### **Telephone Services**

(Call 0333 0110 616; code 334 7721)

**Wednesdays at 6pm: Evening Prayer**

**Sundays at 9am: Sunday Worship – a half hour Service of the Word: hymns, readings and prayers**

### **Church Services**

<b>August 31 Trinity 11</b>	10.30am MC HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>Sept 7 Trinity 12</b>	11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving w/HC St James Christow 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>Sept 14 Holy Cross Day</b>	11.30am Harvest Thanksgiving St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford
<b>Sept 21 St Matthew</b>	10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock 10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
<b>Sept 28 Trinity 15</b>	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>Oct 5 Trinity 16</b>	10.30am HC St James Christow 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
<b>Oct 12 Trinity 17</b>	10.30am Harvest Family Service St Mary Dunsford 11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving w/HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving St Michael & All Angels

<b>Oct 19 Trinity 18</b>	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
<b>Oct 26 Bible Sunday</b>	10.30am MC HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford 4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
<b>Nov 2 All Saints/</b>	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am HC St James Christow 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>All Souls</b>	6.00pm All Souls Service of Remembering St Thomas Becket Bridford
<b>Oct 9 Remembrance Sunday</b>	10.50 St John the Baptist Ashton 10.50 St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.50 with HC St James Christow 10.45 St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.45 St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock 10.50 St Mary Dunsford

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