

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community
Scattered Church: Worship at home on 07/09/25 Trinity 12
(Call 0333 0110 616; code 334 7721)

Hymn

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.

'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

vs1-4 John Newton 1725-1807

vs 5 John Rees 1828-1900

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Psalms 51.17

Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you, as did your first disciples.
We ask for your mercy and your help.

Our selfishness betrays you:

Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:

Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

We run away from those who abuse you:

Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

We are afraid of being known to belong to you:

Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus 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 constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Deuteronomy 30:15-end

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land

that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Letter of Paul to Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier,
and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.
We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
for by his will they were created
and have their being.
We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

cf Revelation 4.8,11; 5.9; 22.17, 20

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

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

cf Ephesians 2.15,16

Notices

Let us say together:
**In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love,
to serve your purpose, and to praise your name;**

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

Hymn

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come, see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

Graham Kendrick b. 1950

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Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community Services

Telephone Services

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Wednesdays at 6pm: Evening Prayer

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

Church Services

Sept 7 Trinity 12

11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving w/HC St James Christow

10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh

	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Sept 14 Holy Cross Day	11.30am Harvest Thanksgiving St John the Baptist Ashton
	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
	10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford
Sept 21 St Matthew	10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
Sept 28 Trinity 15	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Oct 5 Trinity 16	10.30am HC St James Christow
	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
Oct 12 Trinity 17	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 Dunchideock
Oct 19 Trinity 18	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton
	10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
Oct 26 Bible Sunday	10.30am MC HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
	4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
Nov 2 All Saints/	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton
	10.30am HC St James Christow
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
All Souls	6.00pm All Souls Service of Remembering St Thomas Becket Bridford
Oct 9 Remembrance Sunday	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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