

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community
Scattered Church: Worship at home on 26/10/25 Bible Sunday (Last after Trinity)

Hymn

Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray
let there be light.

Saviour who came to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving, holy dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world, far and wide,
let there be light.

John Marriott 1780-1825

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

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.**

cf Psalm 51.15; 70.1

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May God our Father forgive us our sins
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion. **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

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Isaiah 45:22-end

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.
By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness
a word that shall not return:
'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.'
Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength;
all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed.

In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 15:1-6

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 4:16-24

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

cf Psalm 85.8; 1 Samuel 12.20

Notices

The Lord God almighty is our Father:
he loves us and tenderly cares for us.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:
he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.
The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:
he will lead us in God's holy way.
**To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory today and for ever. Amen.**

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

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like you his praise should sing?

Alleluia, alleluia!
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to blame and swift to bless;
Alleluia, alleluia!
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
All our hopes and fears he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia!
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
praise him all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
praise with us the God of grace.

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)
(adapted) Based on Psalm 103*

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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

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
Nov 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
Nov 16 2 before Advent	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock 10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford
Nov 23 Christ the King	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford 4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
Nov 30 Advent Sunday	10.30am MC HC St James Christow 6.00pm Advent Carol Service
Dec 7 Advent 2	10.30am MC HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Dec 14 Advent 3	10.30am MC HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford 3.30pm Christingle St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
Dec 17	4.00pm Doddiscombsleigh Community Christmas 6.30pm Carol Service St James Christow
Dec 21 Advent 4	10.30am MC HC St James Christow 5.00pm Carol Service St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 6.30pm Carol Service St Mary Dunsford
Christmas Eve	4.00pm Crib Service St Mary Dunsford 6.00pm Carol Service St Thomas Becket Bridford 9.00pm Christmas Night HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock 10.00pm Carol Service St John the Baptist Ashton 10.00pm Christmas Midnight HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.00pm Christmas Midnight HC St Mary Dunsford
Christmas Day	10.30am Christmas morning HC St James Christow 10.30am Christmas Family Service St Mary Dunsford
Dec 28 Christmas 1	10.30am MC HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford

