

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community
Scattered Church: Worship at home on 26/07/26 Trinity 8

Hymn

Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
in light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.

To all, life thou givest,
to both great and small;
in all life thou livest,
the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish,
but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory;
pure Father of light;
thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render:
O help us to see
'tis only the splendour
of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love
in 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

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows

what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Affirmation of faith

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.
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 declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**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

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

cf Galatians 5.22,23

Notices

**God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,**

may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you
now and always.

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

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)

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

July 26 Trinity 8/

St James the Apostle

10.30am MC HC St James Christow

10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford

4.00pm Forest Church Ashton

Aug 2 Trinity 9

10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford

10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh

10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford

Aug 9 Trinity 10

10.30am HC St James Christow

10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock

10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford

Aug 16 Trinity 11	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton
Aug 23 Trinity 12	10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
Aug 30 Trinity 13	10.30am MC HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
Sept 6 Trinity 14	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
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	10.30am HC St James Christow
	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Sept 13 Trinity 15	10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving St John the Baptist Ashton
	10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Sept 20 Trinity 16	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Sept 27 Trinity 17	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
	10.30am HC St James Christow
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
	4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
Oct 4 Trinity 18	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton
	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Oct 11 Trinity 19	10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving St Thomas Becket Bridford
	10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving St Mary Dunsford
	11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
Oct 18 Luke the Evangelist	10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
	11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving St James Christow
	16.30am Harvest Thanksgiving St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
Oct 25 Last after Trinity	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
	4.00pm Forest Church Ashton

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