

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community
Scattered Church: Worship at home on 13/09/26 Trinity 15

Hymn

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of thy face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill thy Church with light divine;
and thy saving health extend,
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford,
God to man his blessings give,
we to God devoted live;
all below and all above
one in joy and light and love.

Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847
based on Ps 67

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

cf 1 Timothy 1.2

We meet in the presence of God
who knows our needs,
hears our cries, feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

cf Isaiah 6

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son
and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days. **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,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Genesis 50:15-21

Realising that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if

we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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 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 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

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

cf Matthew 5.19

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

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;

thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960)

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community Services

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

Church Services

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 HC 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 3.00pm Tea-time Service St Mary Dunsford 4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
Nov 1 All Saints	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 6pm All Souls' Service of Remembering St Thomas Becket Bridford
Nov 8 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 15 2 before Advent	10.30am HC St James Christow
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Nov 22 Christ the King	10.30am MC HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Nov 29 Advent Sunday	10.30am MC HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
	6.00pm Advent Carol Service St James Christow

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