



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 21st September 2025



Please pray:

For The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

For The Warden of Readers and Archdeacons Wardens and the Reader's Committee.

For those who work to bring peace around the world.

For neighbours in Millers Road.

For Elias, Pauline Grimstone, Veronica Holden, Diane Howe, Jenny Smith, Paul Thompson, Trevor, Robin, Richard, Rols Ham-Riche

Anniversaries of death: Neil Kelly, Ron Grimstone, Stanley Theobald, Edith Rose, Kathleen Grant, Elsie Tudor,

Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd. This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the red italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.

Please stand when the bell rings and the altar party enters.

Processional Hymn

NEH 468

- 1 Through the night of doubt and sorrow
Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Singing songs of expectation,
Marching to the Promised Land.**
- 2 Clear before us through the darkness
Gleams and burns the guiding light;
Brother clasps the hand of brother,
Stepping fearless through the night.**
- 3 One the light of God's own presence
O'er his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Brightening all the path we tread;**
- 4 One the object of our journey,
One the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward,
One the hope our God inspires:**
- 5 One the strain that lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril,
One the march in God begun;**
- 6 One the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the One Almighty Father
Reigns in love for evermore.**

*Bernhardt Ingemann (1789-1862)
Tr. S. Baring-Gould (1834-1924)*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The priest introduces the celebration. We say the Prayer of Preparation.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Penitential Rite

The priest invites us to call to mind our sins.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!

**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.**

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!

**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.
Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

**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.**

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!

Mass of St Thomas, Thorne

The Collect

We remain standing for the Collect:

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

The Liturgy of the Word First Reading

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the

wheat.' The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

113 (Chant: Vann)

- 1 Praise the Lord, ye servants *
O praise the Name of the Lord.
- 2 Blessed be the Name of the Lord *
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The Lord's Name is praised *
from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.
- 4 The Lord is high above all heathen *
and his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like unto the Lord our God that hath his dwelling so high *
and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?
- 6 He taketh up the simple out of the dust *
and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
- 7 That he may set him with the princes *
even with the princes of his people.
- 8 He maketh the barren woman to keep house *
and to be a joyful mother of children.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,* and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,* world without end. Amen.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all— this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a

herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

We stand for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

And the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

We sit for the sermon.

The Creed

Please stand for the Creed.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

The Intercessions

In the intercessions, we make this or another response:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

Please remain standing as the celebrant introduces the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the Offertory Hymn, the Gifts of Bread and Wine are presented by the people. A collection is taken. There is also a Card machine at the back of the church. You are welcome to use it at the end of the service if you would like to make any donation.

Offertory Hymn NEH 271

- 1 Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 2 Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

**3 Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**4 Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.**

W. Chatterton-Dix (1837-98)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Invitation to Prayer is said:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

The priest then prays the Prayer over the Gifts to which we respond:

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:

...forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.**

Mass of St Thomas, Thorne

The priest prays the prayer of consecration, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which ends

... for ever and ever.

Amen.

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

Breaking of Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated host:

We break this bread, to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

We sing the Agnus Dei:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

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Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to
receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity, and are used to receiving communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Otherwise, you may like to come forward for a blessing. Please bring this sheet with you to indicate that you would like a blessing.

Choir

From the rising of the sun, Ouseley

Communion Hymn

NEH 341

- 1 Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God,
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.**
- 2 The Lord, who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King;**
- 3 Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.**

**4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for thee.**

John Keble (1792-1866)

Post Communion

We stand as the priest prays:

Lord God, the source of truth and love;
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray together:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Notices

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The priest asks God's blessing on us, which ends:

...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

NEH 394

**1 Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!**

**2 Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!**

George Herbert (1593-1632)

Organ Voluntary

Hymn-Prelude on Hyfrydol, Healey Willan

THIS WEEK

Monday 22 nd	
10.15am (Zoom opens 9.45am)	Bible Study
<i>Wednesday 24th Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	
11am	The Eucharist <i>at Chartwell Home</i>
Thursday 25 th	
10.30am 7pm	The Eucharist Deanery Synod <i>at St Michael and All Angels</i>
<i>Friday 26th Ss Cosmas and Damian</i>	
7.30pm	Book Group
Sunday 28 th The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am 10.15am 11.30am	The Eucharist Parish Eucharist Sunday Snippets

NOTICES

A reminder that our new series **Sunday Snippets** begins today at about 11.30am. We'll be exploring the items found on the altar during the Eucharist. Grab your coffee and gather at the High Altar!

Our **Harvest Supper** this year is on Saturday 4th October at 6pm. Tickets are available now and cost £10.

Thank you for all your generous **donations** for the Mission Aviation Fellowship which totalled £232.70 and for Good News for Everyone which came to £140.

Our new **Tea at the Good Shepherd** starts on Tuesday 14th October. It will meet each Tuesday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm, and is an informal gathering for conversation, gentle activities and friendship. Please help us to spread the word to those who you think might benefit. We're looking for a few more people to be part of a rota to lead each week, as well as cake bakers! Please speak to Pat Hunter if you can help.

Our **Autumn Course** starts on Thursday 9th October. We'll be exploring some early church history with our course "Heresies and How to Avoid Them." Meeting on Thursdays at 11am or 7.30pm - sign up available now!

The Chichester Diocesan **Walsingham Festival** is on Saturday 4th October at St Saviour's Eastbourne. For more information and booking, head to: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/85624>

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